International Conference

Towards Prioritizing Women, Peace, and Security on the Arab Agenda

August 8-10, 2016
It is now beyond dispute that wars have an enormous impact on women, particularly in light of the critical role women play in conflict management, conflict resolution, conflict transformation, and sustainable peace. The United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) calls for women to participate in peace-building, be better protected from human rights violations, and have access to justice and services to eliminate discrimination. There is a need for the Arab world to engage more strongly in global discourses on women, peace and security. Given the magnitude of conflicts in the region Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Libya, and so on it is important that women are engaged in efforts for peace. The international conference will address UNSCR 1325 and the importance of its adoption and applicability in the Arab world. The conference will host around 40 participants who are experts on issues related to peace and security and the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in their respective countries. The conference presentations and discussions will enrich the discussion on women, peace and security in the Arab world. The conference is organized by the Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World at the Lebanese American University in partnership with UN ESCWA Center for Women and the Danish Center for Research on Women and Gender (KVINFO).
Inaugural Session

The opening session for the conference will take place at:

Adnan Kassar School of Business
Lebanese American University
Room 903

Conference Sessions

All other conference sessions will be held at:

Le Commodore Hotel
Commodore Street
Beirut, Lebanon
Tel: +961-1-734734/700
PROGRAM
Monday August 8

Women, Peace, and Security in Context

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00-10:00 a.m. Opening (LAU)

Welcome Words
LAU
IWSAW
ESCWA
KVINFO
(move to Commodore Hotel)

10:00-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
ESCWA video on UN SCR 1325

10:30-12:00 p.m. Panel I
Introducing Women, Peace, and Security

Moderator: Dr. Samira Aghacy, LAU - Lebanon

Speakers:
• Nicola Pratt, University of Warwick - UK
• Mehrinaz El Awady, ESCWA Centre for Women - Lebanon
• Enas Mekkawy, League of Arab States - Egypt

Discussion

12:00-12:15 p.m. Working Coffee Break

12:15-2:00 p.m. Panel II
The Role of Institutions

Moderator: Raidan Al-Saqqaf, ESCWA Centre for Women - Lebanon

Speakers:
• Mervat Rishmawi, Expert on Women, Peace, and Security - UK
• Salma Al-Nims, Jordanian Commission for Women’s Affairs - Jordan
• Ziad Kaed Bey, Internal Security Forces - Lebanon
• Hibaaq Osman, Karama NGO - Egypt

Discussion

2:00-3:00 p.m. Lunch Break

3:00-5:00 p.m. Panel III
Regional Experiences on the Role of Institutions

Moderator: Joumana Merhi,
Arab Institute for Human Rights - Lebanon

Speakers:
• Reema Nazzal, Palestinian Women Union - Palestine
• Wafa Makki, Parliamentarian - Sudan
• Ilham Hammadi, Al-Amal NGO - Iraq
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Discussion
**Tuesday August 9**

**Towards a New Paradigm on Women, Peace, and Security**

**9:00-9:15 a.m. Via Satellite**
- Janet Benshoof, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom - USA

**9:15-11:00 a.m. Panel IV**

**The Role of UN SCR 1325 in Responding to WPS in Times of Peace**

*Moderator: Rania Al-Jazairi, ESCWA - Lebanon*

Speakers:
- Elie Al-Asmar, Internal Security Forces - Lebanon
- Nada Darwazeh, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights - Lebanon
- Connie Christiansen, The Danish Center for Research on Women and Gender (KVINFO) - Denmark
- Mavic Cabrera-Balleza, Global Network of Women Peace-Builders - USA

Discussion

**11:00-11:15 a.m. Coffee Break**

**11:15-1:30 p.m. Panel V**

**The Role of UN SCR 1325 in Responding to WPS Issues in Times of Conflict**

*Moderator: Connie Christiansen, KVINFO - Denmark*

Speakers:
- Rangeen Shokri, Yazidi Activist - Iraq
- Rana Khalaf, Chatham House - UK
- Ghida Anani, ABAAD Resource Center for Gender Equality - Lebanon
- Sarah Abdelgellil, Cairo Centre for Conflict Prevention - Egypt

Discussion

**1:30-2:30 p.m. Lunch Break**

**2:30-4:30 p.m. Panel VI**

**Current Peace Processes and the Role of Women**

*Moderator: Dr. Vida Hamd, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands - Lebanon*

Speakers:
- Asma Khalifa, Women Movement - Libya
- Sabah Al-Hallak, Syria Special Advisory Board - Syria
- Wameedh Shakir, Yemeni Women Pact - Yemen

Discussion

**7:30 p.m. Dinner - Karam Restaurant, Downtown**
Wednesday August 10

Women’s Voice in Peace Processes

9:00-9:15 a.m. Via Satellite
Mozn Hassan, Nazra for Feminist Studies - Egypt

9:15-11:00 a.m. Panel VII
Towards Expanding Women's Participation in Peace Processes

   Moderator: Mohamed Naciri, UN Women Regional Office of Arab States - Egypt

Speakers:
• Emna Jeblaoui, Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research (CAWTAR) - Tunisia
• Afrah Al-Zouba - Yemen
• Magda El-Sanousi, United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) - Libya
• Lina Al-Qudwa, UNDP Regional Hub - Jordan

Discussion

11:00-11:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:30-1:30 p.m. Panel VIII
The Need for a New Paradigm on WPS in the Arab World

   Moderator: Mehrnaz El Awady, ESCWA Centre for Women - Lebanon

Speakers:
• Enas Mekkawy, League of Arab States - Egypt
• Mohamed Naciri, UN women ROAS - Egypt
• Raidan Al-Saqqaf, ESCWA Centre for Women - Lebanon

Discussion

1:30-2:30 p.m. Lunch Break

2:30-4:00 p.m.
Recap, recommendations, and closing