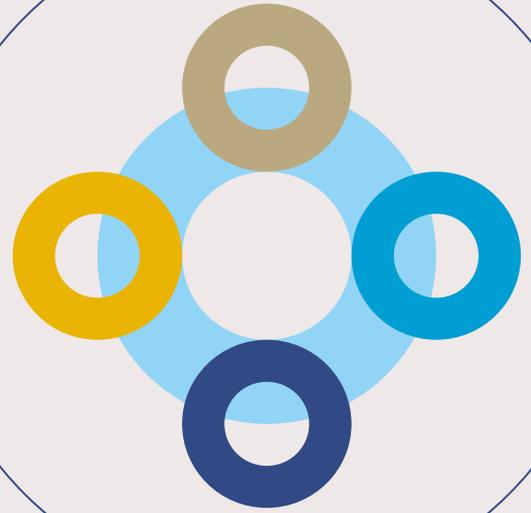




## RECLAIMING THE UNITED NATIONS AS A PEACE ORGANISATION

ENSURING WOMEN'S MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION FOR  
PEACE AND STRENGTHENING MULTILATERALISM

26-28 APRIL 2017



*„Women's meaningful participation in international decision-making is the most overlooked ingredient essential to ensure that the UN fulfills its purpose.“ - WILPF*

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### ADDRESSES

#### Day 1 & 2

United Nations Office at Geneva  
Palais des Nations,  
1211 Genève  
Room XIX

Palais Eynard  
Rue de la Croix-Rouge 4,  
1204 Genève  
(By invitation only)

#### Day 3

Ground Floor Conference Room  
Rue de Varembe 1,  
1211 Genève

## DAY 1

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2017

Palais des Nations, Room XIX

10:00-11:00

### REFRAMING THE CONVERSATION TO PUT WOMEN CIVIL SOCIETY AT THE CENTRE

Setting the framing, this session will explore how local women's voices for peace are central to meaningful participation in today's context of shrinking spaces. How can we (collectively) tackle hegemonic power to reclaim the principles of the UN Charter?

**Madeleine Rees**, Secretary General, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

**Hajer Sharif**, Libyan Women Activist, cofounder of the 1325 Network in Libya, Expert for the Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security

Bridging to the next session, a brief summary of how women from Middle East and North Africa (MENA) view the situation in their region, the actors, the responses and the need for a new approach to bringing peace based on a regional meeting held on 25 April 2017.

**Laila Alodaat**, Crisis Response Programme Manager, WILPF

Summary from "Re-envisioning women's effective participation in the MENA region."

11:00-13:00

### SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES TO RECLAIM THE UN AS A PEACE ORGANISATION

We all have responsibilities to ensure women's analysis and voices are at the centre to build sustainable peace and gender justice. Where do responsibilities lie inside and around the UN system? This session will address the roles played and connection between key actors, from the local and national activists to the UN secretariat and agencies. Addressing strategies to ensure that systems and processes for peace are driven by effective and inclusive ways of working together.

Moderator: **Sanam Anderlini**, co-founder, International Civil Society Action Network

**Rasha Jarhum**, Yemeni Social Researcher and Activist

**Lisa Davis**, Human Rights Advocacy Director, MADRE

**Katharina Samara-Wickrama**, Programme Officer, Oak Foundation

**Lopa Banerjee**, Chief of the Civil Society Section, UN Women

13:00-14:00

LUNCH

14:00-15:30

### THEMATIC ENGAGEMENT CONVERSATIONS

Thematic engagement session will be a space for participants to have deeper conversations envisioning what is needed for meaningful participation, surfacing local perspectives and analysis on how to engage, and identify roles and responsibility for stakeholders.

Participants can participate in conversations based on their expertise and preferences.

- > DISARMAMENT
- > PEACE PROCESS
- > DEVELOPMENT/SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
- > GENDER
- > POLITICAL ECONOMY
- > HUMANITARIAN
- > HUMAN RIGHTS
- > PEACE AND SECURITY
- > OTHER AREAS CAN BE IDENTIFIED IN THE ROOM

15:30-16:00

BREAK

16:00-17:30

### SHARING LESSONS FOR PROMOTING AN INTEGRATED APPROACH AND MODALITIES FOR PARTICIPATION

This session will be looking at different contexts where women engage with UN (peacekeeping, country team, technical cooperation and international/intergovernmental forum). It will provide lessons on current modalities including obstacles, concrete proposals to overcome them, and identify what has been effective and recommendation for new ways of working.

Moderator: **Vanessa Farr**, Independent Consultant and Researcher and member of WILPF Academic Network

**Julienne Lusenge**, Director, Fund for Congolese Women (FFC) and President of SOFEPADI in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

**Ariana Qosaj Mustafa**, Senior Researcher at Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development, Kosovo

**Sascha Gabizon**, Executive Director WECF International and Women's Major Group

**Dean Peacock**, Co-founder and Co-Executive Director, Sonke Gender Justice

**Randa Siniora**, General Director of Women Center for Legal Aid and Consulting, Palestine

17:30-18:00

WRAP UP OF THE DAY

## DAY 2

THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017

Palais des Nations, Room XIX

10:00-11:30

### ENSURING WOMEN'S AGENCY AND PARTICIPATION IN HUMANITARIAN SPACES

There is compelling evidence that the recognition of women's agency and their continued engagement in various stages of conflict and crisis, from humanitarian support to peace processes and post conflict reconstruction, is crucial to delivering sustainable peace. This session will take a deeper look at humanitarian spaces and how women's agency, analysis and participation can be strengthened.

Moderator: **Katharina Samara-Wickrama**, Oak Foundation

**Rola Hallam**, CanDo UK

**Nisreen AlZaraee**, Former Research Manager at Tamkeen Syria

**Howard Mollett**, Senior Policy Advisor, CARE International UK

**Laila Alodaat**, Crisis Response Programme Manager, WILPF

11:30-13:00

### FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES ON SUSTAINABLE PEACE

Advancing feminist peace requires both acting differently and thinking differently about peace, security, economic and social justice. Sustaining peace is not possible without meaningful participation and inclusion of root cause analysis from a feminist lens. The connection between political and economic processes are highly gendered in nature and impact participation in governance, decision making and the economy. Building meaningful participation and feminist analysis into these processes is critical for preventing, addressing and rebuilding from conflict, and sustaining peace. What solutions can feminist perspectives provide to challenge the status quo?

Moderator: **Elisabeth Prügl**, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

**Nela Porobić Isaković**, Women Organizing for Change, WILPF Initiative, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Rosa Emilia Salamanca**, Director of CIASE, Colombia

**Carol Cohn**, Founding Director, Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights

**Khanim Latif**, Director of Asuda, Iraq

13:00-14:30

LUNCH

14:30-15:00

### DIALOGUE FOR RECLAIMING THE UN

What are the major challenges facing the UN and possible ways forward. Participants will have an opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and to put forward their own views and perspectives on ensuring women's meaningful participation for peace and strengthening multilateralism.

**Madeleine Rees**, Secretary General of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

**Michael Møller**, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva

15:00-17:00

### INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE AND STRATEGISING TOGETHER

Open and interactive dialogue among participants. Building what next steps and follow-up engagement look like in your context.

SOCIAL EVENING



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## DAY 3

FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2017

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*Palais Eynard*

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**10:00-12:00**

### **DRAWING TOGETHER THE DISCUSSIONS AND PATHS FORWARD**

Welcome address by a representative of the Ville de Genève.

Summary of the discussions including outcomes of the convening and recommendations for moving forward based on different and diversified responsibilities. Representatives from day one and day two of the convening will present and participate in an interactive exchange.

**12:00-13:00**

### **RECEPTION**

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*Rue de Varembe 1*

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**14:30-17:30**

### **CLOSING SESSION WITH THE PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT EXPERT**

Closing session with the psychosocial support expert, for those who are interested (including those who did not attend the morning session).

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

There are two different closed sessions on Friday 28 April. The morning will be held in Palais Eynard. This session requires a separate rsvp because of the limited room capacity but it will be live streamed. The afternoon will be held at Rue de Varembe 1 and will be open to all participants upon registration.

#### FURTHER DETAILS:

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*"Without women's real and meaningful participation in international forums, the reality of their lives, including during conflict, cannot accurately be brought to the attention of decision-makers, and sustainable peace will never become a reality."*  
- WILPF

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