

SOCIO-POLITICAL FEMINIST ACTIVISM:

RESHAPING THE PEACE PROCESSES IN SYRIA

A JOINT PANEL AT THE WPS WEEK IN NEW YORK

Date: Wednesday, 30th October 2019

Time: 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Location: Church Center of the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza, NY
NY 10017

SPEAKERS

Salma Kahale, *Executive Director, Dawlaty*

Fadwa Mahmoud, *Founding member of Families for Freedom*

Sana Mustafa, *Member of the Syrian Women's Political Movement*

MODERATOR

Madeleine Rees, *Secretary-General of WILPF*



Syria stands at the cusp of a transitional phase with national, regional and international discussions taking place on the possible political transition. Started behind closed doors and within international circles, these discussions have addressed issues related to constitutional reform, the reconstruction of Syria, early recovery and return of refugees, from an exclusionary, hegemonic and male-dominated perspective.

The panel will discuss the key priorities and ways in which Syrian women, along side women organizations, and women political leaders, have led an array of interventions during the transitional phase after failed attempts to reach a political solution.

Panelists will share lessons learnt from their experiences in challenging the exclusionary spaces within the different political processes on Syria, how they transformed this lack of inclusion into victim-centered and gender-sensitive initiatives and movements, and the recommendations they have for key Member States and UN agencies on how to support Syrian women's initiatives during the transitional phase.

