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*International Conference*

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

— August 8-10, 2016 —



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## About the Conference PAGE 1

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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

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# PROGRAM

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## Monday August 8

### Women, Peace, and Security in Context

**8:30 a.m. Registration**

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

#### *Welcome Words*

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(move to Commodore Hotel)

**10:00-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break**

**ESCWA video on UN SCR 1325**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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
- Rita Chemaly, NCLW - Lebanon

Discussion

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## 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
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#### 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

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#### 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 Abdelgelil, Cairo Centre for Conflict Prevention - Egypt

Discussion

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

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#### 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

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#### 7:30 p.m. Dinner - Karam Restaurant, Downtown

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## Wednesday August 10

### Women's Voice in Peace Processes

#### 9:00-9:15 a.m. Via Satellite

Mozn Hassan, Nazra for Feminist Studies - Egypt

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#### 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 Jebblaoui, 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

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#### 11:30-1:30 p.m. Panel VIII

### The Need for a New Paradigm on WPS in the Arab World

**Moderator: Mehrinaz 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

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#### 2:30-4:00 p.m.

**Recap, recommendations, and closing**