

Iraqi Women Talking Peace

Online Conference

11 - 12 December 2020

Twenty years after the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 on Women Peace and Security was adopted, women in Iraq and the MENA region continue to struggle with the consequences of violence, war and conflict. Peace and reconciliation remain unfulfilled dreams for most of them. It has been proven in many conflicts and by numerous studies that peace initiatives and conflict solutions that are actively shaped by women tend to be successful.

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of UNSCR 1325, elbarlament e.V. is facilitating a high level hybrid conference on the 11th and 12th of December 2020. The conference takes place within the framework of the project “Women Talking Peace” which is funded by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and implemented by elbarlament e.V. in Iraq. The conference aims to bring together government officials, experts, women’s organisations, researchers, activists, religious and tribal leaders and civil society representatives of Iraq to reflect on the Women, Peace and Security agenda. Throughout the conference, speakers from Iraq and the MENA region will share their visions for a peaceful society and exchange experiences and lessons learned with regard to implementing UNSCR 1325. The conference aims at showcasing women’s positive role in overcoming cultural and social divisions.

If you would like to attend the conference, please register using the below link inserting your name and institution by **09 December 2020**.

You will receive a link for the stream one day before the start of the conference via your registration email address.

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Friday, 11 December 2020 (Day 1)

11h00
(9h CET)

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Addresses

Dr. Birgit Laubach, Chairwomen of the Executive Board, elbarlament e.V.
Dr. Sarbagh Salih, First Lady of Iraq (TBC)
Dr. Ole Diehl, German Ambassador
Susan Leichtweiss, Programme Manager at the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ), Iraq

11h40
(9h40 CET)

Challenges, Obstacles and Opportunities for Implementing UNSCR 1325 in Iraq

Panel Discussion

Suzan Aref, Founder and Director of Women Empowerment Organization
Jamal Al-Jawahiri, Executive Director of Iraqi Al-Amal Association
Thaira Al-Kaflawi, Deputy of Women Empowerment Department of the Council of Ministers, Iraq

1h00
(11h CET)

Lunch Break with Music Performance

2h00
(12h CET)

Peace and Participation - Views from across MENA

Panel Discussion

Dr. Maria Al-Abdeh, Executive Director of Women Now for Development, Syria
Dr. Salma Al-Nims, Secretary-General of the Jordanian National Commission for Women's Affairs, Jordan
Sawazan Zakzak, Writer and Women's Rights Activist, Syria
Fairuz Ahmed Al-Jaradi, Lawyer and Human Rights Activist, Yemen
Mozn Hassan, Founder and Executive Director of Nazra for Feminist Studies, Egypt
Hala T. Bugaighis, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Jusoor Center for Research and Development, Libya

Saturday 12th December (Day 2)

- 10h00** **Opening and Welcome Remarks**
(8h CET) Michaela Eckart, Project Manager “Women Talking Peace”, elbarlament e.V.
- 10.15** **The Role of Women in Peacebuilding in Iraq**
(8h15 CET) *Panel Discussion*
- Entisar Al Jburri, Member of Parliament and President of Woman Child and Family Committee of the Iraqi Parliament
Dr. Ilham Makki, Gender Advisor and Researcher, Al-Amal Association, Iraq
- 11h45** **Women Make Film**
(9h45 CET) *Film Screening*
- 12h15** **Lunch Break with Music Performance**
(10h15 CET)
- 13h00** **Promotion of Women's Rights by Religious Leaders**
(11h CET) *Panel Discussion*
- Amal Jalal Muhamad, Deputy Minister of Tourism in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq
Father Raed Adel, Syriac Catholic Church in Mosul
Kareem Suliman, Supreme Advisor to the Yezidis’ Spiritual Leader in Iraq
Maghdid Kareem Taha, Professor of Islamic Sciences at Salahaddin University
Pascale Esho Warda, former Minister of Migration and Displacement & President of Hammurabi Human Rights Organization
Sayyed Salih Al-Hakeem, Head of Hikma Center for Dialogue and Cooperation

14h45
(12h45 CET)

Break

15h00
(13h CET)

Young Women Making Peace

Panel Discussion

Enas Kareem, Baghdad
Diana Faraj, Baghdad
Helen Abdulwahed, Basra
Lodia Remon Albert, Basra
Rouaa Alamin, Nasiriya

16h30
(14h30 CET)

Closing Ceremony

Dr. Birgit Laubach, Chairwomen of the Executive Board, elbarlament e.V.