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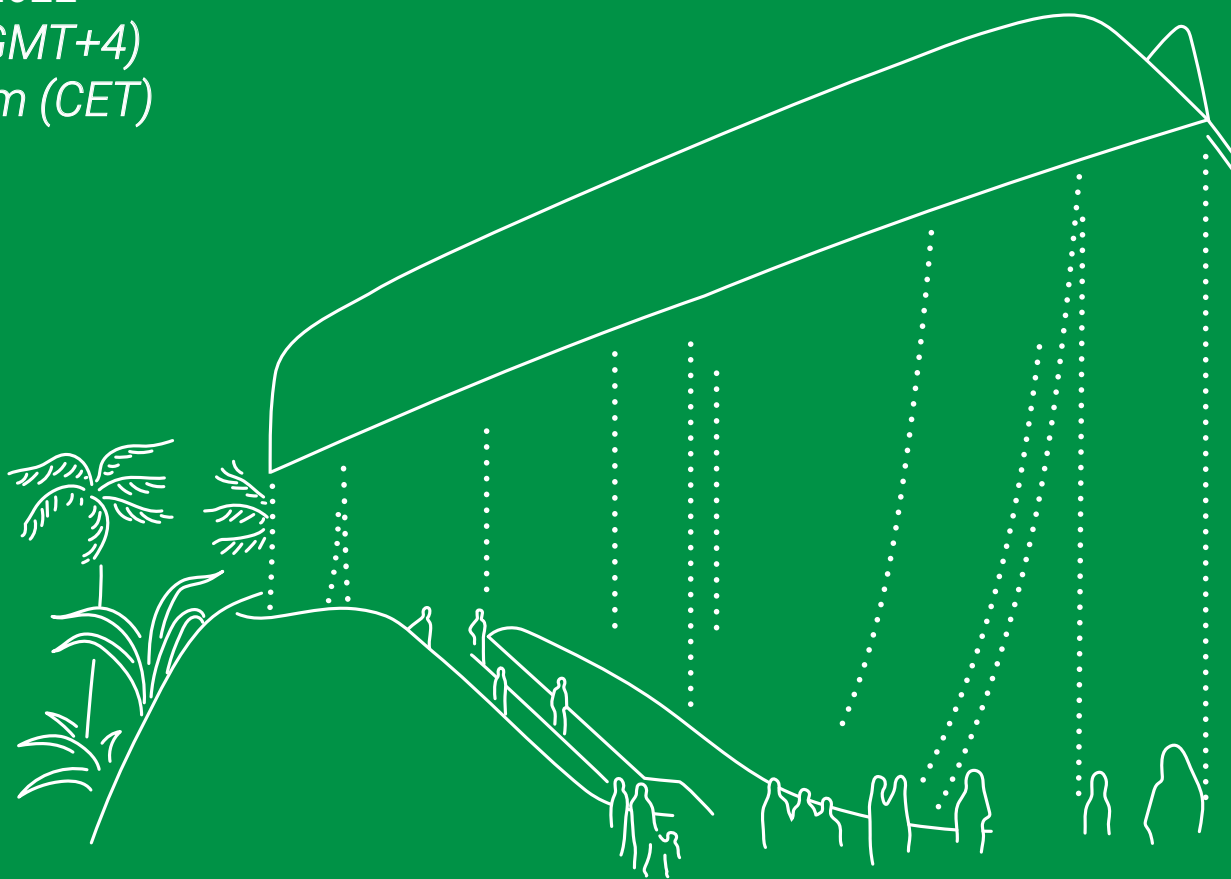
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How can women and networks of women make a difference in international relations?

Promoting gender equality must be a guiding principle, to be sure, but we can also adopt a more ambitious framework. What we need is a new paradigm in foreign relations, cooperation and humanitarian assistance. This new paradigm must reflect a gender-sensitive approach, together with more diverse perspectives and rebalanced power dynamics. We need a different way of doing politics and of addressing common problems. While some countries have adopted an explicitly feminist foreign policy, others are just taking their first steps in that direction. Everyone needs to acknowledge that the major challenges of our times cannot be addressed as though they were "business as usual".

How can women's leadership in international relations make a difference? How can such leadership be beneficial for peace and security?

How can these principles shape interactions between European and Mediterranean countries?

Panelists will assess the results of existing networks such as the Mediterranean Women Mediators Network.

They will also explore the meaning and added value of women's leadership in international relations, while considering how best to promote it, especially in the Euro-Mediterranean dialogue.

The specific final focus of discussions will be on security challenges in Afghanistan, looking at the role women play.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Elena Bonetti, *Italian Minister for Family and Equal Opportunities [live]*

Reem Ebrahim Al Hashimy, *UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation [tbc]*

PANEL DEBATE

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

PRIORITIES, IDEAS AND POSSIBLE RESULTS IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE

CHAIR

Loredana Teodorescu, *President of WIIS Italy [live]*

SPEAKERS

Emanuela Del Re, *EU Special Representative for Sahel [virtual]*

Ouided Bouchamaoui, *Nobel Peace Prize laureate 2015; former President, Tunisian Confederacy of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts [virtual]*

Chiara Corazza, *Private Sector Representative for France within the G20 Empower Alliance [live]*

Hajer Sharief, *Co-Founder, Together We Build It (Libya) [virtual]*

Lea Baroudi, *Founder and Director, March Lebanon [virtual]*

WOMEN IN THE FUTURE OF AFGHANISTAN

A DIALOGUE WITH

Fatima Gailani, *Afghan peace negotiator [live]*

MODERATED BY

Marta Dassù, *Senior Advisor European Affairs, Aspen Institute Italia [live]*

FINAL REMARKS

Marina Sereni, *Italian Deputy Minister*

for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation [virtual]