



WOMEN MEDIATORS AND PEACEBUILDERS IN THE MENA REGION: LEVERAGING LEADERSHIP

22 March 2022

Maison de la Poste, Rue Picard 7, “Orangerie” Room – Brussels & Online

13:50 Administrative Remarks by Giovanni Romani, Head of the Middle East and North Africa Section, NATO.

14:00 Opening Remarks by Ambassador Bettina Cadenbach, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy.

14:15 Keynote Speech by Mrs. Tawakkol Karman, Nobel Peace Prize Winner 2011

14:30 The Security and Protection of Women Peacebuilders and Human Rights Defenders

Moderated by Dr. Loredana Teodorescu, Head of the Global Alliance of Regional Women Mediator Networks Secretariat, followed by a Q/A session.

- Dr. Rida al-Tubuly, Founder and President of Together We Built It
- Dr. Ayat Nashwan, Associate Professor at Yarmouk University
- Dr. Ebtessam Alketbi, President of the Emirates Policy Center
- Abid Shamdeen, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Nadia’s Initiative

15:30 The Role of Women in Politics in the Middle East and North Africa

Moderated by Charlotte Isaksson, Senior Gender Advisor of the European External Action Service, followed by a Q/A session.

- Zahra’ Langhi, Co-founder and CEO of the Libyan’s Women’s Platform for Peace
- Zineb Benalla, International Expert and Consultant in P/CVE, CT, and Peacebuilding
- Dr. Noha Aboueldahab, Non-resident Fellow at the Brookings Institution

16:30 *Coffee break*

16:50 A conversation between Tawakkol Karman, Nobel Peace Prize Winner 2011, **and Irene Fellin**, NATO Secretary General’s Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security. **Moderated by Giovanni Romani**, Head of the MENA Section, NATO

17:30 Closing remarks by Irene Fellin, NATO Secretary General’s Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security.

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