



WOMEN'S FEDERATION
FOR WORLD PEACE INTERNATIONAL



Commemorating the UN International Day of Peace

“No Peace Without Women”

“What are Women bringing to Peace Processes, Conflict Prevention and Human Security?”

September 15, 2022 / Consecutive Roundtables / 4pm- 7:30 pm CET

August 31, 2022

Your Excellencies, Colleagues, Friends,

We hope this letter finds you well and safe!

The Women's Federation for World Peace Europe and Middle East cordially invites you as a participant in the next conference of our Women's Global Leadership Series. Since the year 2000, annual events have been hosted with prominent women leaders on a broad range of global and regional concerns. With our new partner, the International Association of First Ladies for Peace, we've combined our strengths to hold events and gatherings that included the unique perspective on issues by the First Ladies of nations.

As we find ourselves confronted again, shockingly, with war at our doorstep, we decided to convene a meeting of experts and practitioners whose engagement for peace is renowned and whose resolve to advance peaceful settlement of tensions is unwavering.

Let us address these concerns together, considering minimizing human suffering and preventing circumstances that have justified conflict as the best solution. Tapping local knowledge, re-thinking governance and global institutions, enhancing civil society/government partnership, are but a few thoughts to prevent the situation we find ourselves in today. Women leaders, who are often mothers as well, may have something unique, effective, and convincing to bring to the table. We can only try.

There will be three consecutive sessions:

- Creating Conditions for Peace and Development
- How do Women Negotiate Differently?
- Women in Conflict Resolution & Transformation: Case Studies

Your participation would be a significant contribution to the success of this event and hopefully, its long-term outcomes.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Carolyn Handschin-Moser
President, WFWP Europe
Coordinator, IAFLP, EU & ME

HE Nayla Moawad
First Lady, Lebanon (1989)
Minister of Social Affairs (2005-8)

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Opening

MC: Mme Carolyn Handschin, President, WFPW Europe

Dr. Julia Moon, President WFWPI

Hon Nayla Moawad First Lady of Lebanon (1989), Minister of Social Affairs (2005-8)

Mme. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission on Europe, Geneva

Ms. Adriana Quinones, Director UN Women Office. UN, Geneva

Creating Conditions for Peace and Development

MC: Ms. Senida Mesi, Deputy Prime Minister (2017-2019), Albania

Speakers:

Dr Sakeena Yacoobi, Founder Executive Director, Afghan Institute of Learning

Dr. Ingeborg Breines, Form. Director, Women and Culture of Peace Program UNESCO, Norway

Mr. Marcus Lenzen, Deputy Chief, Financing for Peacebuilding, UN Peacebuilding Fund

Hon. Theresa Comodini Cachia, Member of Parliament, European Union, Malta (2014-2017)

How do Women Negotiate Differently?

MC: Ms. Aleksandra Skonieczna, President, WFPW, Poland

Speakers:

Mme Elsie Christofia, First Lady, Cyprus (2008-2013)

Dr. Liri Berisha, First Lady, Albania (1992-1997)

Hon Helina Kokkarinen, Chief, EU Advisory Mission to Ukraine (2016- 2017), Finland

Dr Thania Paffenholtz, Director, Inclusive Peace Institute, Geneva

Women in Conflict Resolution/Transformation: Case Studies

MC: Mrs. Marcia de Abreu, International Secretary General, WFPW Europe

Speakers:

HE Emilia Rexhepi, Deputy Prime Minister, Kosovo

H.E. Nataša Mičić, President, Serbia (2002-2004) tbc

Hon Emanuela Del Re, Special Representative of the European Union to the Sahel Region, Italy

Ms. Srruthi Lehka, Representative of Youth Peace Conference “Peacebuilding Commission”

The Ukraine Project proposal

Ms. Anna Kalmatskaya, Vice President, WFPW Ukraine