

AMPLIFYING THE VOICES OF WOMEN IN THE MENA REGION

Obstacles and opportunities for UNSCR 1325 Implementation

 **10-12 AM, OCTOBER 30, 2014**
at Permanent Mission of the Netherlands

Event Highlights

In light of the events in the **Middle East and North Africa (MENA)**, the **panel discussion** will present the opportunities and challenges for women's leadership in **conflict prevention and peacebuilding** in the region. The panel discussion will provide:

An **overview** of the **dynamics and specificities** in regards to **UNSCR 1325** implementation in the MENA region, highlighting women's **strategies** to advance **women's leadership** for peace.

Reflection on the **interaction** between **local/regional** and **international level** processes and dynamics (**opportunities and obstacles**).

The speakers will provide concrete recommendations for the **Global Study on UNSCR 1325** and the **Post 2015 Development Agenda**.

Important Information

Permanent Mission of the Netherlands
666 Third Avenue, 19th floor, between 42nd and 43rd street

Meeting 10-12 AM, with time to network afterwards

Please be advised that capacity constraints may limit participation and confirmation of participation is required.

Please RSVP no later than 29 October, 3 pm to Ms. Jonna Klijnsma, the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations, jonna.klijnsma@minbuza.nl

List of Speakers

Welcome by **H.E. Karel van Oosterom**, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN

Isabelle Geuskens, Executive Director, Women Peacemakers Program (The Netherlands)

Susan Aref, Director, Women Empowerment Organization (Iraq)

Ghida Anani, Director, ABAAD-Resource Center for Gender Equality (Lebanon)

Barbro Svedberg, WILPF Program Manager, MENA region, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (Switzerland/USA)

Selamawit Tesfaye, Coordinator, Post 2015 Women's Coalition (USA)

