Gender Dimensions of International Peace and Security:
Keys to Prosperity and Peace

18 December 2017

09:00-10:00  Registration

10:00-10:20  Opening Speech

- His Highness Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Cabinet Member and Minister of State for Tolerance, on behalf of Her Highness Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak, Chairwoman of the General Women’s Union (GWU), Supreme Chairwoman of the Family Development Foundation (FDF) and President of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood

10:20-10:50  Keynote Speeches

- Her Excellency Reem Ebrahim Al Hashimi, Cabinet Member and Minister of State for International Cooperation
- Ambassador Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the UAE to the United Nations in New York

10:50-11:20  Discussion Panel 1: Empowering Women and Furthering Peace

Chair: Dr Richard Burchill, Director of Research & Engagement at TRENDS Research & Advisory

- Her Excellency Mona Ghanem Al Marri, Vice President of the UAE Gender Balance Council
- Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, President of Women In International Security (WIIS)

11:20-11:30  Introduction to UN Women in Abu Dhabi

- Dr. Mouza Hasan Al Shehhi, Director of UN Women Liaison Office in Abu Dhabi

11:30-11:40  Media Presentation on Women, Peace and Security

11:40-12:10  Coffee

Chair: Brooke Stedman, Deputy Director of Women in International Security (WIIS)

This panel will examine the importance of the women, peace and security (WPS) agenda. It focuses on how the WPS agenda promotes prosperity and why gender equality advances security and peace. The panelists will highlight the role of policy frameworks and institutional mechanisms to advance the agenda.

- Ambassador Mara Marinaki, Principal Adviser of European Union External Action Service on Gender and UN SCR 1325
- Professor Michael Brown, Professor of International Affairs and Political Science at the George Washington University, USA
- Mohammed Naciri, Regional Director of United Nations Women (Arab States)
- Dr. Kathleen Kuehnast, Director of Gender Policy and Strategy at the United States Institute for Peace

13:10-14:10  Discussion Panel 3: Gender Dimensions in Military and Security Operations

Chair: Leah Sherwood, Deputy Director of Research at TRENDS Research & Advisory

This panel will examine gender perspectives in military and peace operations. It focuses on highlighting the importance of gender perspectives in these settings, discusses training and effective approaches to implementing gender perspectives. The panelists will identify challenges and provide perspectives on where future action is best placed to advance the WPS agenda.

- Daniel de Torres, Assistant Director and Head of the Gender and Security Division at the Geneva Centre of the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)
- Fauziya Abdi Ali, Director of Women in International Security of Horn of Africa (WIIS)
- Irene Fellin, President of WIIS Italy and the coordinator of the Mediterranean Women Mediators Network
- Dr. Ayesha Sultan Mohammed Al Dhaheri, Deputy Commander of the Armed Forces Medical Services Corps

14:10-15:10  Lunch
15:10-16:10  Discussion Panel 4: Showcasing the UAE Leadership on Women

Chair: Mohamed Al Hammadi, Editor in Chief of Alittihad Newspaper

This panel examines the UAE's position on women as a means of promoting prosperity and peace. It highlights concrete UAE examples of leadership in this area and reviews where good practice has been established. The panelists will offer practical examples from inside the UAE on the benefits of women’s empowerment for peace and security.

- Dr. Zubaida Jassim Al Maazmi, Assistant Lecturer at Abu Dhabi Police College
- Colonel Afra Saeed Al Falasi, Commander of Khawla Bint Al Azwar Military School
- Shaima Abdulla Al Hosani, Analyst in the International Affairs Department at Ministry of Defence
- Major Dana Humaid Al Marzouqi, Director of Project Management & Shared Services and the Director of Child Protection Center at Ministry of Interior

16:10-17:10  Discussion Panel 5: The Way Forward on Gender and Toward Greater Global Stability

Chair: Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, President of Women In International Security (WIIS)

- Dr. Kathleen Kuehnast, Director of Gender Policy and Strategy at the United States Institute for Peace
- Colonel Afra Saeed Al Falasi, Commander of Khawla Bint Al Azwar Military School