



Women, Peace, and Security Working Group in the Arab States Region

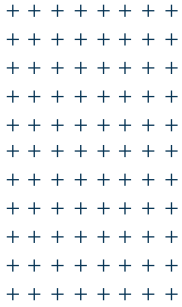
Third Meeting Agenda



26 – 30 January 2025



Burj Al Mana, Zone 60, Street 850, Building 42, 3rd Floor, Al Corniche
Doha, Qatar



Background



Host

The Middle East Council on Global Affairs



Lead Organization

- The WPS Regional Hub at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut
- UN Women



Partners

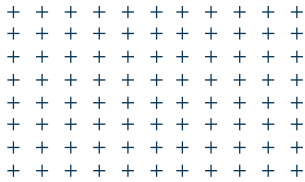
- Middle East Council on Global Affairs
- Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung MENA
- The Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
- The Arab Reform Initiative
- Inclusive Peace.

The 25th anniversary of the landmark WPS agenda in 2025 presents a critical opportunity to assess its effectiveness and redefine its relevance in the evolving context of the Arab Region. Despite the progress made on the adoption of the WPS agenda in the region, significant challenges and gaps remain in achieving its full implementation and potential, particularly when it comes to conflict affected areas within the region. This necessitates a renewed focus on (but not limited to) 1) Ensuring women's meaningful participation in peace processes and decision-making at all levels; 2) Addressing the specific needs and priorities of women in conflict and post-conflict settings and; 3) Adapting the WPS agenda to address the changing security landscape in the region.



Objectives of the WPS Working Group

To address the above issues, the WPS Regional Hub at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, through its partnership with UN Women ROAS and together with a consortium of other regional and global partners have established the WPS Working Group in June 2024 with the aim of creating a regional mechanism to



influence and inform WPS policy spaces in preparation for the 25th anniversary of the agenda. To achieve this, a series of consultations with a diverse group of WPS stakeholders from the region will be undertaken in 2024-2025 with the aim of analyzing existing WPS frameworks and identify gaps in implementation.

The main outcome of the working group is to develop concrete recommendations for strengthening the implementation of the WPS agenda in the Arab Region through a white policy paper, targeting the annual debate of the UN Security Council on WPS in October 2024, and throughout the 2025 anniversary year of UNSCR 1325. In addition, the working group aims to facilitate enhanced regional cooperation and collaboration among group members on WPS issues in the region, including by encouraging joint advocacy. Finally, the working group will aim to increase visibility and influence of the Arab Region in global WPS discourse.



Program

Day 1: Sunday, 26 January 2025

8:00 – 9:30 PM

Welcoming & Introductions
Dinner hosted by the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut - Loris Restaurant

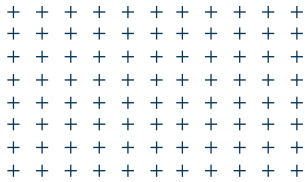
Day 2: Monday, 27 January 2025

9:00 – 9:30 AM

Opening Session: Welcoming remarks

- Tarik Yousef | ME Council
- Karma Ekmekji | IFI
- Heba Zayyan | UN Women

Setting the Stage for the Coming Year



9:30 – 11:00 AM

[Plenary Discussion]

11:00 – 11:30 AM

11:30 – 1:00 PM

1:00 – 2:00 PM

2:00 – 3:30 PM

[Floating Coffee Break]

3:30 – 5:00 PM

5:00 PM

8:00 – 10:00 PM

Working Session 1: Enhancing Visibility and Impact of the WG and the White Policy Paper for 2025

Coffee Break and Group Picture

Working Session 2: Alternative Approaches to Peace and Peace Dividends

Lunch Break

Working Session 2 - Continued: Alternative Approaches to Peace and Peace Dividends

Thematic Session 1: Gendered Approaches to Ceasefire Agreements
- Presentation by Inclusive Peace on their work regarding Gendered Ceasefires

Return to Hotel and Resting

Dinner Hosted by the ME Council, Nourlaya Restaurant, Msheireb

Day 3: Monday, 28 January 2025

8:30 – 9:00 AM

9:00 – 10:30 AM

10:30 – 12:00 AM

Arrival to ME Council

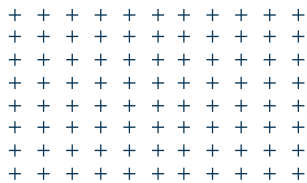
Prepare for External Meetings

Thematic Session 2: WPS in the Context of Occupation: Exploring the direct and indirect impact of occupation on WPS priorities in the region

Interventions by :

Dr. Beverley Milton-Edwards - Non-resident fellow at the ME Council

Dr. Noha Aboueldahab - Assistant professor of international law at Georgetown University in Qatar



12:00 – 1:30 PM

Working Session 3: Leveraging NAPs for Peacebuilding and Women’s Meaningful Participation

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Lunch Break

2:30 – 4:00 PM

Working Session Four: Working Session Four: Reflecting on Beijing +30 and the 25th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325

[Floating Coffee Break]

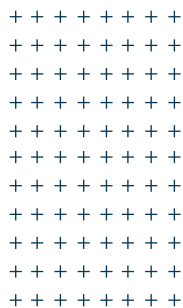
4:00 – 5:00 PM

Closing Session: Summary and Next Steps

Day 4: Wednesday, 29 January 2025

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Public Event: Women at the Table: Reclaiming Narratives of Peace and Inclusion in the Middle East- Grand Sheraton Doha – Al Rayan



List of Participants

Iraq

Eman Abdul Rahman

Eman Abdul Rahman is a prominent figure in the field of women's rights in Iraq. She has worked in civil society organizations since 2004. As the head of the Women's Leadership Institute, she played a vital role in promoting women's rights and empowering them, focusing on developing women's leadership skills and providing a supportive environment for them. She is also the head of the Iraqi Network for Resolution 1325, a network of 16 organizations spread across Iraq, which aims to enhance the role of women in peace processes and decision-making.

Eman Abdul Rahman has worked on formulating many national strategies and local and national plans aimed at achieving gender justice and is considered one of the leading advocates for women's rights in Iraq.

Jordan

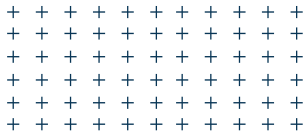
Dr. Salma Nims

Dr. Salma Nims is an independent expert in gender equality, social inclusion, and WPS. She is Senior Social Affair Officer, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, at the UN ESCWA. She was the Secretary-General of the Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW) between 2014-2022. Dr Nims holds a PhD. in Development Planning (2004) and MSc. in Sustainable Development (1998) from University College London.

Kuwait

Alia Al-Khaled

Alia Al-Khaled is a Kuwaiti political activist advocating for women's rights and community health. She was elected to Kuwait's 2022 National Assembly, being only one of the two women to take office as a parliamentarian. In her capacity as a lawmaker, she sat on two committees involving education and special needs. Alia's professional profile lies in journalism and the health sector. She worked at local media outlets such as Al-Anbaa and Al-Qabas, after serving as a General Manager at Al-Omooma Hospital. She has a Master's degree in Business Administration, with a focus on sustainability, from Hult International Business School in the UAE.



Kuwait

Dr. Nourah Shuaibi

Dr. Nourah Shuaibi is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Kuwait University, specializing in GCC-EU relations. Her research interests encompass Political Economy, Counterterrorism, Energy Policy, and Security Studies. Among her recent scholarly contributions is the book *The Implications of FDI: Women's Rights and Post-Conflict Countries*. Dr. Shuaibi holds a PhD from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a Master's degree in Transatlantic Relations from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Libya

Dr. Amal El-Obeidi

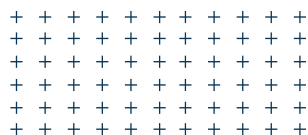
Dr. Amal El-Obeidi is a Professor of Political Science at the Department of Political Science, University of Benghazi, Libya. Currently, she is a senior researcher at Contemporary at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology-DFG funded research project since October 2021. She was a fellow at the Institute for African Studies (IAS) at Bayreuth University during 2019-2020. She was also a fellow at Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics from December 2020 to September 2021. She has been a Humboldt fellow at the University of Bayreuth and an Associate researcher in the DFG-funded research project "Political in the Making"- University of Bayreuth in Germany. She is also the Co-founder and Vice President of the Libyan Experts Forum since 2017.

Palestine

Dr. Dalal Iriqat

Dr. Dalal Iriqat is Associate Professor of Diplomacy and Strategic Thinking at the Arab American University Palestine AAUP. She is a weekly columnist at Al Quds Newspaper. Founding member of the Mediterranean Women Mediators Network MWMN. Dalal was identified as a Young Global Leader-World Economic Forum YGL. She is the Founding President of Business & Professional Women Network BPW Palestine and serves as Padico Holding board member.

Dr. Iriqat served as Senior Advisor on Strategic Communications at the PMO, she held the Vice President position at AAUP as well as the Senior Policy Consultant for writing the Human Development Report UNDP for Palestine.



Palestine

Rima Nazzal

Political and women rights activist, a member in the Palestinian National Council, a member in the general secretariat for the Palestinian Women Union, and the president of Al Najdeh Association for Women Development in the West Bank. A specialized writer in women affairs, she has many publications in this field such as: the Palestinian woman book, the Act “1325” and a book about the effects of the occupation and the siege on the Palestinian women and the participation of the Palestinian women in the national rule. A coordinator for the national women coalition for implementing the Act “1325”. Moreover, she participated in setting the plan and vision for the Act. Also, through her membership in the higher committee, she participated in setting the strategic frame for the act and the national plan for Palestine.

Qatar

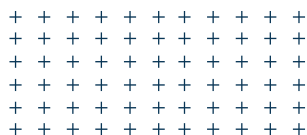
Dr. Zarqa Parvez

A political sociologist and social scientist, Dr. Zarqa Parvez studies nationalism, national identity, and gender studies in the Arab Gulf region. As a scholar of international government, her research also engages international politics, Gulf studies and women's studies. She focuses mainly on women, youth, and the politics of identity in state-society dynamics of the Gulf region, for example, framing intersectionality and women's rights in the Arab Gulf Region and studying youth and social media trends. Her research uses both an intersectional and post-colonial lens to further a comprehensive understanding of society, and to also bring to light marginalized and invisible voices. Her work goes beyond the dominant narratives to explore multiple venues of knowledge, taking a more inclusive approach toward issues of identity, policy-making and research agendas. She has held Post-Doctoral fellowship and taught at International Politics department at Georgetown University in Qatar. She has previously taught at Northwestern University in Qatar, Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Qatar, and Lusail University in Qatar.

Qatar

Dr. Amal Mohamed Al-Malki

Dr. Amal Mohammed Al-Malki is a Qatari scholar, educator, public speaker, social commentator and advocate of women’s rights and gender equality. Dr. Amal is the Founding Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Hamad bin Khalifa University in Qatar Foundation. Prior to that, she was the Executive Director of the Translation and Interpreting Institute, for which she was recruited by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, to establish in 2011. Dr. Al-Malki holds a PhD in Comparative Literature from the University of London – SOAS, where she also earned a Master’s degree in English-Arabic Applied Linguistics and Translation.



Sudan

Huda Shafig

Huda Shafig is a Gender Specialist from Sudan, recognized for her profound contributions to advancing gender justice, women's political participation, and social equity. Her work has consistently centered on the critical nexus of Gender, Natural Resource Management, and Peacebuilding, addressing some of the most pressing challenges in these areas. Ms. Shafig has held pivotal roles within national and international organizations, as well as with the United Nations, where she has been instrumental in driving initiatives that promote gender equality and sustainable peace in Sudan and the broader region. Her extensive expertise is backed by a robust academic foundation; she holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master's degree in Coexistence and Conflict from Brandeis University.

Syria

Dr. Rouba Mhaissen

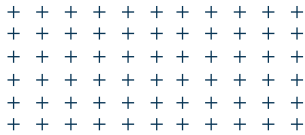
Dr. Rouba Mhaissen is a Syrian-Lebanese economist, community mobiliser, and development practitioner who works on development issues in the MENA region. She is also a public speaker, mediator and trainer. She is the Founder and Director of Sawa for Development and Aid (founded in 2011) and Sawa Foundation UK (founded in 2016) that supports vulnerable communities in Syria, Lebanon, Turkey and Europe. She is the founder of the Syrian Women Community Mediators Network (SWCMN), a co-founder of the Syrian Women Mediators Network. She is a founding member in both The Syrian Women Political Movement and Madaniya.

Syria

Zozan Alloush

Zozan Alloush is an independent political and development mediator and consultant with a strong background in political and developmental issues. With over a decade of dedicated service, she has collaborated with numerous organizations and institutions to address critical challenges in these fields, focusing on counterterrorism, conflict prevention, and deradicalization. She is an advocate for peace and community reconciliation in Syria and an expert in early recovery and climate change issues.

As a member of the Women's Advisory Board (WAB) for the UN Special Envoy to Syria, Ms. Alloush served as its Chair in 2023. In this role, she provides advice to the Special Envoy on all matters related to the political process, including gender aspects, and brings local community perspectives to negotiations and peace dialogues.



UAE

Dr. Sara Chehab

Dr. Sara Chehab is a Senior Research Fellow at the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy in Abu Dhabi (UAE). Dr. Chehab founded and leads the “Women and Diplomacy” research program at AGDA. In addition, she trains diplomats on the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda, feminist foreign policy, and contemporary global and economic affairs. Dr. Chehab’s research interests and publications revolve around gender and diplomacy and feminist foreign policy. She is the author and lead researcher of the annual Women in Diplomacy Index, a unique index that tracks the percentage share of women ambassadors around the world. She also writes regular opinion pieces in the UAE press on the representation of women in foreign policy and the WPS agenda. Prior to this role, Dr. Chehab was Assistant Professor at Zayed University in Dubai, where she received a Teaching Excellence Award in



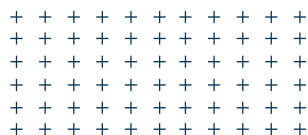
Conveners



UN Women Office for Arab States

Heba Zayyan

Heba Zayyan is the UN Women Regional Advisor for Women Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action, based at the UN Women Regional Office for Arab States in Cairo, Egypt. Heba has more than 20 years of experience in the field of gender equality and women’s empowerment. She originally joined UNIFEM, the predecessor of UN Women, in Gaza in 2007 and continued her journey with UN Women where she led the establishment and management of UN Women’s Gaza Sub-Office. In her role at UN Women Palestine, she spearheaded UN Women’s work on women, peace, security and humanitarian action, covering the West Bank and Gaza. Though performing under a difficult political and operational context, She managed with her team to design and implement multi-year developmental and peacebuilding programmes in Palestine. Her efforts contributed to building robust partnerships with governmental and civil society actors, leading to the development of Palestine’s first- and second-generation National Action plans on WPS, and to the organization of flagship dialogues that amplified Palestinian women’s voices on peace and security issues. Heba holds a master’s degree in business administration from the Islamic University - Gaza and a bachelor’s degree in English Literature from the University of Jordan.



Sarah Douglas

Sarah Douglas has worked on women, peace and security for over twenty years and is currently the Deputy Chief of the Peace and Security Section in UN Women's New York Headquarters. Prior to this appointment, she served as the Gender Adviser at the UN Peacebuilding Support Office. Previously, she was a Policy Specialist in the Peace and Security team, leading the section's work on gender-responsive peacebuilding. She led UN Women's work in integrating gender and women's issues into security sector reform, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, community security and arms control, and other stability processes. Prior to joining UN Women, she worked for UNDP and the UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) on DDR and Community Security and Arms Control programmes in South Sudan, Darfur, Eastern Sudan and the Three Transitional areas, ensuring that gender and women's issues were integrated throughout programme design, implementation and monitoring. She began her UN career with UNIFEM's Peace and Security section from 2003 to 2006.

Pipsa Sopenperä

Pipsa Sopenperä is a Programme Analyst on Women Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action at the UN Women Regional Office for Arab States (ROAS) in Cairo, Egypt. She manages UN Women's regional programmes focused on enhancing women's leadership and participation in peace and political processes in the Arab region, with specific focus on conflict affected contexts. Prior to joining UN Women, she worked for the European Commission's Directorate General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (DG ECHO), the UN World Food Programme (WFP) and Civil Society Organizations in the United Kingdom focusing on Women's Rights and Gender issues. Pipsa holds a master's degree in Human Rights from University College London (UCL) and a bachelor's degree in History from the University of Edinburgh.

Moustafa Awad

Moustafa is a Women, Peace, and Security Analyst at the UN Women Regional Office for the Arab States in Cairo, Egypt. Moustafa manages WPS Regional Programmes focusing on the development and implementation of UNSCR 1325 National Action Plans and WPS commitments in Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq. Moustafa is the focal point for the League of Arab States and coordinates the overall partnership between the Arab league and the UN Women ROAS. Prior to joining UN Women, Moustafa was the Regional Policy and Liaison Officer at the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa, where he was liaising directly with a



number of departments of the Arab League and ensuring IOM strategic priorities are aligned with Arab League interventions in the MENA region, including the establishment of the regional high-level Coordination Mechanism on the Humanitarian and Development Peace Nexus in Conflict Affected Countries, representing IOM in the Arab Sustainable Development Working Group, led by UN ESCWA and League of Arab States. Furthermore, Moustafa worked with the UNODC regional bureau in the MENA as a Regional Coordination Officer for the EUTF funded programme “Dismantling Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling in North Africa”. Additionally, Moustafa represented UNODC in the IBC on Migration and other coordination structures.

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Karma Ekmekji

Karma Ekmekji is a Mediation Advisor with UN Women. and the founder of #Diplowomen, an initiative to share knowledge, develop mentorship opportunities, and strengthen networking in the field of diplomacy, peacemaking, conflict resolution, mediation, and negotiation. She is also a Senior Policy Fellow at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut and the Lead Advisor on their Women, Peace and Security initiative.

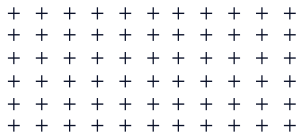
She is a member of the Mediterranean Women Mediators Network and a member of the Global Alliance of Regional Women Mediator Networks, which she participated in launching during the 74th UN General Assembly in New York.

Lara Sammour

Lara Sammour serves as the Programme Coordinator for the Women, Peace, and Security Regional Hub at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut. In addition to her role at the Institute, she has taught as a Gender Instructor at the Lebanese American University, offering courses on gender discrimination, public policy, and politics, among other subjects.

Yara Mourad

Yara Mourad is the assistant director of the Issam Fares Institute and the program manager of the Refugee Research and Policy program, where she manages various research initiatives and collaborations on refugee issues in Lebanon and the Arab region. Her professional experiences exposed her to extensive work in policy-oriented research that has been



translated into informed public-policy decision making. Prior to joining IFI, Yara worked at the Department of Health Management and Policy at the Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB, in the capacity of a project manager. Her work involved substantial research in various health care-related domains, as well as coordination of health systems strengthening projects.

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Dalia Ghanem

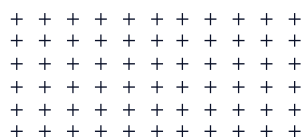
Dalia Ghanem is a senior fellow and director of the Conflict and Transitions program at the Middle East Council on Global Affairs. Her research focuses on Middle Eastern and North African politics, including issues of political violence, radicalization, civil-military relations, and gender studies. Previously, Ghanem served as director of the MENA program and senior analyst at the European Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), an EU agency, where her research focused on the intricate interplay between the Middle East, North Africa, and the European Union. Prior to her tenure at EUISS, Ghanem was a senior resident scholar at the Carnegie Middle East Center in Beirut, where she worked extensively on Algeria's complex political, economic, and security landscape.

Nadine El Masri

Nadine El Masri is the managing director at the Middle East Council on Global Affairs. She has over 15 years of experience overseeing daily operations and contributing to the strategic planning of a think tank. She previously served as the managing director at the Brookings Doha Center. Prior to joining the Brookings Doha Center in 2008, Nadine served as a Senior Accountant for an international fashion retail company, in Beirut. She has also worked part time in the finance departments of several banks and has done volunteer fundraising work for several local NGOs. Nadine holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in Banking and finance.

Suzanne El Houssari

Suzanne El Houssari is the director of communications at the Middle East Council on Global Affairs. She is an expert in communications and digital media and has over 15 years of experience in political media. Previously, she served as communications manager at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut (AUB). She also was an international affairs analyst and press officer at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of the Lebanese Republic and at the office of former Prime Minister Saad Hariri. She has worked as a communications consultant for UNDP and several International NGOs. She holds a master's degree in political science and public administration from Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth.



Özge Genç

Özge Genç is a visiting fellow at the Middle East Council on Global Affairs.

Previously, she was the research director at the Center for Public Policy and Democracy Studies (PODEM) in Istanbul, Türkiye. Prior to that position, she was the director of the democratization program at the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV). She also served as a senior expert on democratic governance at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and as a senior specialist at the Education Above All Foundation (EAA) in Qatar.

Genç's research areas include political and institutional reform and peace and conflict resolution. Additionally, her work focuses on democratic governance, elections, religion-state-society relations, and justice and security reform, among other topics.

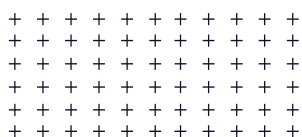
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Ann Måwe

Ann Måwe is the Director of the Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa. Prior to that, she was the Ambassador of Sweden to Vietnam for five years, between September 2019 and August 2024. She has also served as director and deputy head of the MENA department (Department for Middle East and North Africa) at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, a position she had held from August 2015 to August 2019. Previously, she has served as Counsellor at the Swedish Permanent Representation to the UN in New York (2005-2010), initially on the ECOSOC-team, later handling the Middle East and North Africa-file in the Security Council section. Ms Mawe was Consul in Jerusalem (2002-2005). She started her diplomatic career in 1999 and has held various positions at the MFA, mainly focus on security and development policies in the Middle East and North Africa as well as within UN-affairs.

Omran Khasawneh

Omran Khasawneh is a Programme Officer for Peace and Development at the Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa. His portfolio focuses on the Women, Peace, and Security agenda, gender equality, and EU-MENA relations. Khasawneh has spent the majority of the past decade living, working and studying in Sweden. Before joining the Institute, he worked with various civil society organizations in Sweden, concentrating on UNSCR 1325, global sustainable development, and diversity issues.



Aseel Sha'ban

Aseel Sha'ban is the Program Officer at the Swedish Dialogue Institute. She is an experienced consultant with a solid track record working in development projects focusing on women, youth, political parties, and parliament. Aseel's wider work experience also includes technical consultancies on political landscape and development, and observation of several presidential and parliamentary elections as a political analyst.

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Ibrahim Kadi

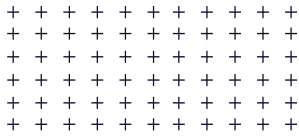
Ibrahim Kadi is a program manager and activist with extensive experience in civil society development and conflict resolution, particularly in the context of Syria and Lebanon. Currently leading programs at Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Ibrahim manages regional security projects and serves as the Gender Focal Point, promoting gender equity across various thematic areas. His activism includes advocating for Syrian civil society in diplomatic settings and coordinating emergency preparedness and security policies in response to Lebanon's challenges.

Additionally, Ibrahim has produced several documentaries highlighting the stories of Syrian refugees, combining his passion for social justice with his media expertise to amplify the voices of marginalized communities. His dedication to peacebuilding and gender advocacy makes him a key player in the region's humanitarian and development efforts.

Inclusive Peace

Alex Shoebridge

Alex has served as the Head of Peace Process Support with Inclusive Peace since joining the organization in September 2021. In this role, Alex oversees engagement in supporting and advising stakeholders engaged in (or seeking to influence) peace and political transition processes across a number of countries in the Middle East, East Africa, and Eastern Europe. Prior to joining Inclusive Peace, Alex worked as Peacebuilding Coordinator with Oxfam Denmark for close to 4 years. Alex has also held numerous roles within the UN system where he has worked on peacebuilding and political affairs, including in Lebanon, Jordan, and New York. Alex holds a Master of Applied Anthropology (with an emphasis on Conflict and Fragility) from the Australian National University, and a Bachelor of International Studies (Honours) in Political Economy and International Relations from the University of Sydney, Australia.



Qabas Al-Musawi

Qabas joined Inclusive Peace as a Peace Process Support and Research assistant, focusing on international conflict resolution and peacebuilding in the MENA. She previously worked as an Impact Research Assistant at University College London's Constitution Unit, studying constitutional issues and policy developments, and as an Online Media Associate at the International Crisis Group.

Guests

Beverley Milton Edwards

Beverley Milton-Edwards is a nonresident senior fellow at the Middle East Council on Global Affairs. Her research focuses on contemporary politics in the Middle East, Political Islam, and Security. She is also a Senior Policy Advisor and Mediator with more than 20 years of experience advising the European Union and different governments, including Qatar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

She has also been part of ceasefire mediations and track II negotiations at different stages of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Milton-Edwards has authored numerous books, her latest Hamas, the quest for power (Polity, 2024).

Noha Aboueldahab

Noha Aboueldahab is a nonresident senior fellow at the Middle East Council on Global Affairs. She is an assistant professor of international law at Georgetown University in Qatar and serves on the board of several academic and civil society organizations.

Aboueldahab is an award-winning specialist in transitional justice and is the author of Transitional Justice and the Prosecution of Political Leaders in the Arab Region (Hart, 2017).