

# AMPLIFYING THE VOICES OF WOMEN IN THE MENA REGION

Obstacles and opportunities for UNSCR 1325 Implementation



**10-12 AM, OCTOBER 30, 2014**

at the 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](mailto: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)

