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Panel Series on Women, Peace & Security
The Role of Women in Countering Violent Extremism

27 October 2014, 15:00 to 18:00

ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters

The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations and UN Women would like to invite you to participate in a panel discussion on the role of women in countering violent extremism. The panel discussion is the first in the Panel Series on Women, Peace and Security hosted by the UAE, in partnership with UN Women as the Secretariat of the Global Study on the Implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000).

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One of the most pertinent global challenges facing us today is the rise of violent extremism and an increase in terrorist acts, making it more pressing for the international community to rethink how CVE strategies are developed on a local, national, and international level to integrate a gender perspective.

We hope to engage a broad range of experts, Member States, and civil society in a discussion on how to incorporate this gender perspective into countering violent extremism efforts, and integrating these policies in the women, peace and security agenda.

Our distinguished panelists represent a broad range of experts.

- **Melanne Verveer**, Executive Director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security and former U.S. Ambassador for Global Women's Issues
- **Ivan Šimonović**, Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights (*T.B.C.*)
- **Muhammad Rafiuddin Shah**, Officer-in-Charge, UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force
- **Suaad Allami**, Founder and Director, Sadr City Women's Center and Legal Clinic, Iraq
- **Joy Onyesoh**, President, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Nigeria
- **Naureen Chowdhury Fink**, Head of Research and Analysis, Global Center on Cooperative Security

A concept note is attached to this invitation providing more details on the conversation.

Kindly RSVP by **24 October** by EMAIL to rsvp@uaemission.org. Should you require a UN pass, please EMAIL rsvp@uaemission.org no later than **22 October**.

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About the Series

The UAE Panel Series on Women, Peace and Security will address the gaps and challenges in the implementation of 1325, as well as identify emerging issues and look for opportunities to further the goals of the WPS agenda. Each panel will result in a summary, written in partnership with the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, reflecting the discussions. These summaries will inform the Global Study, and will be available on UN Women's web portal.