

Women's roles in recovery and post-conflict reconstruction

Monday, 14 April 2025, 1.30–3.00 p.m. Beirut time

Background and objectives:

The conflicts and protracted crises in the Arab region have disproportionately impacted women, exacerbating existing gender inequalities and exposing women and children to increased violence, displacement, food insecurities and economic hardships. Women's participation in recovery and reconstruction efforts are critical now, more than ever, to ensure that women's voices and perspectives are well integrated into policies that will affect their daily life and future. Reconstruction and rebuilding efforts provide women and girls with opportunities to advance their rights and status, ensure a quality of life, and contribute to long-term sustainable peace and development.

Distinguished panelists will explore women's engagement in relief, recovery and long-term reconstruction efforts, focusing on diverse approaches including gender responsive humanitarian aid and relief, peacemaking and peacebuilding, leadership, governance, women's land rights and transitional justice.

Questions to be addressed:

- How are governments ensuring that humanitarian aid programs are designed to meet the specific needs of women and girls and ensuring protection from violence and harassment?
- How is gender mainstreaming being integrated into post-conflict reconstruction policies, particularly in rebuilding essential services such as healthcare and education, and ensuring women's access to employment?
- How can women's roles be leveraged to support recovery and reconstruction processes? What factors should be considered to enhance women's quality of life during recovery and post-conflict reconstruction?
- What types of roles are women playing in transitional justice efforts and processes? What strategies can be implemented to strengthen their participation? How can international actors support women's leadership in post-conflict justice and reconciliation efforts?
- How are women's land rights being addressed in post-conflict contexts? What are the main challenges women face when it comes to housing, land and property rights? How can transitional justice mechanisms address land dispossession and ensure restitution for women affected by conflict?
- In what ways are women contributing to peacebuilding and conflict resolution efforts? How can women's networks build synergies to leverage peacebuilding and conflict resolution? How can the UN and other multi-lateral organizations leverage their support for women peacemakers and peacebuilders?

Moderator:

- **Ms. Nadya Khalife**
Regional Advisor for Gender Equality, ESCWA

Opening Remarks:

- **Dr. Moez Doraid**
Regional Director for Arab States, UN Women

Panelists:

- **H.E. Ambassador Hilde Haraldstad**
Ambassador of Norway to Lebanon
- **Ms. Loubna Ezzedine**
Community leader, mediator, social and environmental activist, Lebanon
- **Ms. Amal Hamidosh**
Executive Director, Snack Souri, Syria
- **Ms. Fadia Jouma'a**
Journalist, mediator, and environmental activist, Lebanon
- **Ms. Ahmed Luabei**
Director General, Ministry of Justice, Iraq
- **Mr. Samia Qasem Melhem**
Head of Warjin Organization, Iraq

This Special Session will be organized as a hybrid event. To participate over Zoom, please [register here](#). Those physically present at the UN House can attend the session in Mezzanine meeting room (MZ floor).