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Women, Peace and Security in Africa

June 21-23, 2021

AGENDA

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(GMT+1) - Rabat Time

June 21, 2021

14h00 - 14h15

OPENING REMARKS

- **Karim El Aynaoui**, Executive President, Policy Center for the New South
- **Rachid El Houdaigui**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

14h15 - 15h00

INTRODUCTORY CONVERSATION

Chair:

- **Mabingue Ngom**, Regional Director, West & Central Africa, UNFPA

Speakers:

- **Bineta Diop**, Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, African Union Commission
- **Letty Chiwara**, UN Women Representative to Ethiopia, the Africa Union and the Economic Commission for Africa, UN Women

15h00 - 16h15

PANEL 1: BOLSTERING WOMEN ROLE IN CONFLICTS' PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION

Chair:

- **Badreddine El Harti**, Principal Rule of Law and Security Sector Reform Adviser, UN Special Adviser to the President of Burkina Faso, United Nations

Speakers:

- **Mamphela Ramphela**, Co-President of the Club of Rome and Co-Founder ReimagineSA
- **Erika Monticone**, Engagement Advisor, NSD-S Hub for South
- **Federico Borello**, Executive Director, Center for Civilians in Conflict
- **Christina Foerch**, Co-founder, Fighter for Peace

16h15 - 16h30

Break

16h30 - 17h45

PANEL 2: INTEGRATING AND REINFORCING THE GENDER DIMENSION IN SECURITY AND DEFENSE STRUCTURES

Chair:

- **Hafsat Abiola**, President, Women in Africa Initiative

Speakers:

- **Birame Diop**, Former Army Chief of Staff, Republic of Senegal
- **Jakana Thomas**, Associate Professor, Michigan State University
- **Sampala Balima**, Security Sector Reform Expert, ENABEL Burkina Faso
- **Ibrahim Diarra Siratigui**, Former Chief of Staff, Mali Republic Presidency
- **Jonna Naumanen**, Specialist on Gender Equality and Women's Human Rights, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

June 22, 2021

11h00 - 12h30 **INDEX PRESENTATION: GLOBAL PEACE INDEX**

Moderator: • **Khalid Chegraoui**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

Speaker: • **Serge Strobants**, Director Europe and the MENA Region, Institute for Economics & Peace

Discussants: • **Annika Hilding Norberg**, Head of Peace Operations and Peacebuilding, Geneva Center for Security Policy
• **Yonas Adaye Adeto**, Director, Institute for Peace & Security Studies (IPSS)
• **Jalal Abdel-Latif**, Senior Social Policy Advisor, Gender and Poverty, Social Policy Division, UNECA
• **Paul Simon Handy**, Senior Advisor, Institute for Security Study

12h30 - 14h00 Break

14h00 - 15h15 **PANEL 3: UNDERSTANDING TO ACT BETTER: DIFFERENT ROLES OF WOMEN IN VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

Chair: • **Zineb Benalla**, CEO and Founder, Eirene Associates Int.

Speakers: • **Rida Lyammouri**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South
• **Nayanka Paquete Perdigão**, Program Associate, Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT)
• **Harmonie Toros**, Associate Professor, University of Kent
• **Alexis L. Henshaw**, Assistant Professor, Troy University

15h15 - 15h30 Break

15h30 - 17h00 **PANEL 4: REINFORCING WOMEN PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN PEACE OPERATIONS MISSIONS**

Chair: • **Mohammed Loulichki**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

Speakers: • **Tigist Yeshiwas Engdaw**, Senior Advisor on Peacebuilding and Reconciliation UNDP to Ministry of Peace, Ethiopia
• **Younes Abouyoub**, Director of the Governance and State Building Division for the MENA region, United Nations
• **Dominique Trinquand**, Former Head of Mission, French Military Mission to the UN and NATO
• **Rama Yade**, Director of Africa Center, Atlantic Council
• **Annette Leijenaar**, Head Peace Operations and Peacebuilding, Institute for Security Studies

June 23, 2021

14h30 - 15h45

REPORT PRESENTATION: ISIS FILES

Moderator: • **Mehdi Benomar**, Head of Department of Research in International Relations, Policy Center for the New South

Speakers: • **Devorah Margolin**, Adjunct Professor, George Washington University

Discussants: • **Dina Hussein**, Counterterrorism Policy Lead for EMEA, Facebook
• **El Mostafa Rezrazi**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

15h45 - 16h00

Break

16h00 - 17h15

REPORT PRESENTATION: ANNUAL REPORT ON AFRICA'S GEOPOLITICS

Moderator: • **Abdelhak Bassou**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

Speakers: • **Nezha Alaoui M'Hammdi**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South
• **Afua Boatema Yakohene**, Research Fellow, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy

17h15 - 17h30

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Rachid El Houdaigui**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South
- **Karim El Aynaoui**, Executive President, Policy Center for the New South

Sessions

Panel 1 : Bolstering women role in conflicts' prevention and resolution

This panel will examine the role and place of women in conflicts' prevention and resolution while shedding the light on areas that should be enhanced:

- Women participation in mediation and national reconciliation.
- Women leadership and decision-making processes.
- Raising awareness of gender equality in proposals for reforms of the African security sector.
- Women contribution to the culture of peace.
- Women in sustainable peace: institutional constructions, consolidation and development.
- Best practices to tackle violence against women.
- Women in the National Security Systems (NSS) in Africa.

Panel 2: Integrating and promoting the gender dimension in security and defense structures

This panel will highlight feminization of Security Systems while exploring practical experiences as part of:

- Action plans for « Women, Peace, Security » in Africa.
- Reform proposals for the African security sector.
- Countries emerging from conflicts or in transition.
- Countries advanced in gender inclusion (Europe, America, Asia).
- Fragile States.
- Women in Security System Reform (SSR).

Panel 3: Better understanding for better action: Different roles of women in violent extremism

This panel represents an opportunity for debating the current women situation: victims, accomplices, or militants in a violent environment, which is prevailing in different African regions.

- Profiles of females' victims of violent extremism.
- Forms of violence women suffer from.
- Situation in Sahel and the Lake Chad Basin.
- Women situation in ISIS.
- Women and rehabilitation process.
- Integration of violence victims in security systems.

Panel 4: Reinforcing women presence and participation in peacekeeping missions

This panel aims to reveal servicewomen, peace operations, and improvement of their direct participation to different levels of peace operations.

- Insights from peace operations missions in Africa.
- Integration of gender perspectives in the peace operations.
- Power of gender-crossing among UN peace operations.
- African Union experience: Enhancing women role in African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA)
- NATO, EU experiences, etc.

Workshops

Index Presentation: Global Peace Index

The Global Peace Index is the flagship publication of the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP) and is now on its fourteenth edition. The Global Peace Index (GPI) presents one of the most comprehensive data-driven analysis on trends in peace worldwide, the economic value of peace and how to develop peaceful societies. The GPI and its findings are widely used by governments, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, academic institutions and think tanks.

Report Presentation: ISIS Files by George Washington University

The events in Iraq and Syria over the last seven years constitute one of the darkest pages in recent history. The so-called Islamic State (IS) managed to control an area the size of Britain and dominated its residents with an iron fist. It subjugated, terrorized and confiscated property of religious minorities. It mercilessly killed its opponents. It created a pervasive system of enforcement of strict moral codes, meting out corporal punishment to those who did not abide by them. It used its territory to plan and incite terrorist attacks worldwide. And it even officially introduced slavery, sanctioning it with religious edicts and imposing it on thousands of women from the Yazidi minority.

In order to do all this the Islamic State created an extremely sophisticated bureaucracy. Seeing itself as a state, it created ministries, administrations, a complex tax collection system, even a consumer protection agency. And this bureaucracy, like any other, left behind a huge paper trail, a myriad of documents that reveal the inner workings of one of history's deadliest and best organized terrorist organizations. Starting in 2015, as the Iraqi government and the international community had begun to take the battle to IS, New York Times reporter Rukmini Callimachi spent several months embedded with the Iraqi military as it liberated areas of Iraq from IS. While reporting on the military efforts, Callimachi also obtained permission from the Iraqi army officials she was embedded with to retrieve some of the documents IS had left behind. She ended up collecting some 15,000 pages of documents

which came to be known as “The ISIS Files”. Callimachi and The New York Times understood the importance of making this collection, which documents a dark page of recent history that has hardly been completely turned, available to the public. In 2018, The New York Times and the George Washington University announced an exclusive partnership to digitize, translate, analyze, and publish roughly 15,000 pages of internal ISIS Files. Extensive work has been done by GW to preserve and present the information contained in The ISIS Files in an accurate, accessible, secure, and impartial manner. The ISIS Files project is ongoing with documents in additional themes being made available as they are completed.

Book Presentation: The Annual Report of Africa’s Geopolitics

The Policy Center for the New South is launching the fourth edition of the Annual Report of Africa’s Geopolitics. This new edition will focus on the continent’s socio-political and security situation in 2020. This year’s retrospective work on Africa aims not only to recount last years’ highlights, but also to detect trends and weak signals, through diverse analyses, so as to forecast future developments on the continent. The book gives a voice to African authors to develop an African narrative on the continent’s affairs. The aim of this publication is not to give Africa an artificial embellishment; however, its ambition is to describe Africa as it is; with its setbacks, but also its progress, ambitions, and opportunities. The report is in line with the Policy Center’s vision of a new South; a South that is aware of its limitations and vulnerabilities, yet strong because of its potential, means, and genius. This vision also advocates for the South to position itself in an ever-changing world.