



Expert Group Meeting

Regional study on “Identification of legislative gaps for the full implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security in the Arab Region”

UN House - Beirut, Lebanon
25 – 26 June 2014

The main objective of this meeting is to provide feedback and peer-review on the first draft of the regional study on “Identification of legislative gaps for the full implementation of SCR 1325 in the Arab Region.” The participants will also share experiences and best practices on this topic and discuss the outline of training manuals to be prepared at the ESCWA Centre for Women in support of the role of parliamentarians to fully implement Security Council Resolution 1325 in Arab countries.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day 1: Wednesday, 25 June 2014

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:30 **Opening Session**

- Welcoming Remarks
Ms. Samira Atallah, Director of UN-ESCWA Centre for Women
- Partner Statement
Ms. Houda Mejri, Information Officer and Focal Point for Gender and Governance, UN Economic Commission for Africa
- Regional Perspective
Ms. Enas Mekkawy, Director of Division for Women, Family and Childhood, League of Arab States
- Introduction of participants and adoption of agenda

- 9:30 – 10:30 **Session 1: Introduction to the Project and Regional Study**
Chair: Ms. Houda Mejri, Economic Commission for Africa
- Project objectives and activities (Ms. Julianne Deitch, ESCWA Centre For Women)
 - Introduction to regional study: background, methodology and objectives (Mr. Fateh Azzam, UN-ESCWA Consultant)
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Session 2: Pillar I - Prevention**
Chair: Ms. Nabila Al-Mufti, Yemen
- Presentation of chapter I (Mr. Fateh Azzam, UN-ESCWA Consultant)
 - Experience sharing and discussion (plenary)
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Session 3: Pillar II – Participation**
Chair: Mr. Kasim Abdula Jasim, Iraq
- Presentation of chapter II (Mr. Fateh Azzam, UN-ESCWA Consultant)
 - Experience sharing and discussion (plenary)
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Session 4: Pillar III – Protection (in times of peace)**
Chair: Mr. Mohamed Farahat, Egypt
- Presentation of chapter III (Mr. Fateh Azzam, UN-ESCWA Consultant)
 - Experience sharing and discussion (plenary)
- 15:00-15:30 **Wrap-up of day one**

Day 2: Thursday, 26 June 2014

- 9:00 – 10:00 **Session 5: Pillar IV – Protection and provision of aid in times of conflict and post-conflict relief and recovery**
Chair: Ms. Zeinab Mohamed Zohra, Libya
- Presentation of chapter IV (Mr. Fateh Azzam, UN-ESCWA Consultant)
 - Experience sharing and discussion (plenary)

10:00 – 11:00 **Session 6: The role of parliamentarians in implementation of SCR 1325**

Chair: Mr. Mohamed Ali Khaldi, Tunisia

- Presentation of chapter V (Mr. Fateh Azzam, UN-ESCWA Consultant)
- Experience sharing and discussion (plenary)

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 12:30 **Session 7: Conclusions and policy recommendations**

Chair: Ms. Myrna Azar, Lebanon

- Presentation of chapter VI (Mr. Fateh Azzam, UN-ESCWA Consultant)
- Feedback for conclusions and the way forward (plenary)

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch break**

13:30 – 14:30 **Session 8: Preparation of the training manuals on SCR 1325**

Chair: Mr. Ismail Hammad, Palestine

- Best practices in SCR 1325 trainings (Colonel Ziad Kayedbay, Head of Human Rights Department, ISF, Lebanon)
- Discussion and feedback on the manuals outlines (plenary)

14:30 – 15:30 **Closing Session**

- Summary of recommendations (Mr. Fateh Azzam, UN-ESCWA Consultant)
- Way forward and closing remarks