Empowering solidarities: Sharing Women's Experiences in War Zone & Beyond

Roundtable

Final List of Speakers

Co	untry	Name	Title	Bio	Photo
1	Afghanistan	Alina Haidary	Integration Program Officer at IRCC	Alina has a Master degree in immigration settlement study at Ryerson university who she also was the recipient of Merit fellowship. Alina was the recipient of many awards, included Afhgan Professionals of Ontario in 2017,& Zonta International, in Netherlands in 2015 as a Recipient of the Excellence in Advocacy Award, just a few of name. Alina has over 10 years of working experience for immigrant and refugee settlements with many organizations. She has also the knowledge and experience in negotiation, development, and management and she is also an integration officer at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship of Canada (IRCC) with various settlement service providers in Toronto. Alina.haidary@cic.gc.ca	

2	Afghanistan	Asma Faizi	Lawyer	Asma has a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Toronto. She is currently General Counsel at a not-for-profit organization that represents hundreds of thousands of Canadian and foreign writers, visual artists and publishers, and their works. Asma became a Board member with the Afghan Women's Organization in 1998 and has been the President and Chair of the Board of Directors since 2008. For over twenty years, domestically and internationally, she has been advocating on issues related to the plight of Afghan women, challenges faced by newcomers to Canada and on human rights issues for refugees worldwide. yusilyisa@gmail.com	

3	Bosnia	Adela Juic	Artist	Adela holds a MA in Democracy and Human Rights in Southeast Europe. She is an artist who presented her work in more than 100 international exhibitions and is an award winner of the Henkel Young Artist Price Central Eastern Europe in 2011 as a few of name. She is a co-founder and worked on cultural projects at the Association for Culture and Art Crvena from 2010-2019, and is one of the 2 creators of the Online archive of the Anti-fascist struggle of women of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Yugoslavia.	
4	Iran	Narges Abyar	Writer/ Film Producer	Narges has a Master degree in Persian literature; she started writing books in 1997. Up to the present, she has written more than thirty story and fiction books for children, young adults and adults. She was selected as an Oscar Academy member in 2020. She has written and directed five drama films. Her recent film is called, Pinto. She had also made several short and feature-length documentaries since 2005. Her first experience was a fiction film called "The Kind Dead-End". She pursued her directing career further with seven features and documentaries and four cinema films. <u>nargesabyar@yahoo.com</u>	

5	Iraq	Khanim Raheem Latif	Senior Advisor of the Iraqi President on Women and Civil Society Affairs	Khanim is the founder and the director of Asuda Organization (2001 – 2018), an independent NGO for combating violence against women based in Sulaimaniyah with offices in Erbil, Duhok. After one year, she founded the Asuda's Women Shelter, which was the first women's protection shelter in Iraq. Despite the religious, cultural, social, and political constraints and the absence of a law about women's shelters and women's rights violations in Iraq, Ms. Lateef was able to stand for survivors of Gender –based Violence to protect and support women in Iraq. <u>Khanim.latif@presidency.iq</u>	
6	Iraq	Khawlah Mousa M. Ali AL- Khazraji	An active member of Baghdad change agent of TAKAmul/ IGPA/ USAID in Iraq	Khawlah Mousa has worked as Chairwomen of Women Empowerment Committee in Mayoralty of Baghdad from 2012-2015. She attended many activities and training courses outside and inside Iraq related to human rights, women's rights, gender equality, strategic planning, time management, human development, public relations and human resources. She also has worked as a director of foreign affairs, translator and editor, relation with the media committee, and as chairwomen of women empowerment committee with Mayoralty of Baghdad and other organizations. <u>baghdadflowers@yahoo.com</u>	

7	Iraq	Fatina Ahmad Jameel	President of the Arab Union for Specialized Women/Iraq Branch	Fatina Ahmad Jameel has attended many certificate programs and received appreciation for her work and efforts for gender equality, women empowerment, development programs, civil society engagement and human rights from national and international organizations. She also has attended provincial reconstruction programs and projects with the Baghdad provincial council. She conducted advocacy programs for both women and youth, mainly violence against women and youth development projects in Baghdad. <u>fatinaahmed@yahoo.com</u>	

8	Somalia	Istar Ahmad	Social Development specialist	Istar holds BA in Social Work and Master in international Relations with specific focus on peace and development. Istar is a researcher, advocate and Social Development Specialist with a commitment and passion to advancing gender equality, education, and empowerment for social transformation at all levels. As a former UN staff, volunteer and social policy activist, Istar played critical role in advocating Education as a vehicle for sustainable development at all levels. Istar works with Humanitarian HR as Gender & Policy Advisor for the Horn of Africa Program. <u>istaramed@gmail.com</u>	
9	Syria	Mania Elendari	School Settlement Worker	Mania has a bachelor's degree in media from the University of Damascus. Mania is the founder and director of the Sabbara organization in Syria. She has work experience with community organizations to support newcomers, their settlement needs, provide information and workshops for them. She also worked as a journalist and researcher with the Syrian magazines. In her work she helped refugees' women and children in conflict areas and has an effective role to advocate their right of education. <u>Tayma3333@gmail.com</u>	

10	Syria	Mayson Al-Misri	Director of the Agency's Office in the South of Syria	Mayson has a BA in media from Damascus University . She has the experience of training children in war zone, as well as being a journalist for diverse media from 2009-2018. She provided the agencies with news reports, news coverage and television reports. <u>mayson.almisri@gmail.com</u>	
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