

DETAILED AGENDA

GLOBAL CONVENING ON
“GENDER-INCLUSIVE PEACE
PROCESSES: STRENGTHENING
WOMEN’S MEANINGFUL
PARTICIPATION THROUGH
CONSTITUENCY BUILDING”
(7-27 JULY 2021)





UN Women Humanitarian work - Za'atari Refugee Camp, Jordan. Photo: UN Women/Christopher Herwig

Wednesday, 7 July 2021

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING EVENT: CONSTITUENCY BUILDING FOR INCLUSIVE PEACE PROCESSES¹

10:00 – 11:30 EST

[Register here](#) (Zoom)

09:45 – 10:05

Welcoming & setting the scene

Participants will be allowed time to log onto this session and will be provided with logistical information, including on live interpretation, recording of the event and their privacy, etc.

10:05 – 10:20

Opening remarks

High-level speakers TBC:

- **Anita Bhatia**, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women
- **Janne Taalas**, CEO of CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation

Short **introductory statements** will be made by high-level speakers, welcoming participants and framing the discussions to follow.

In addition, participants will be asked to engage and share their thoughts on the topic of constituency building via a wordcloud. Their responses will help inform a sketch drawn live during the session by a graphic recorder.

10:20 – 11:00

Panel discussion: Women leaders and constituency building in peace processes: dilemmas, successes and lessons learned

Panellists:

- **Rana Ghanem**, Assistant Secretary-General of Nasserist Party, Yemen
- **Zozan Alloush**, Member of Women's Advisory Board to the UN Special Envoy to Syria
- **Dr Jazia Shayter**, Legal Academician and Human Rights Activist, Former member of the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum

Moderator:

- **Lina Sinjab**, journalist, BBC Middle East

This **panel discussion** will begin with a short opening reflection by the moderator, followed by remarks from each panellist. The format is interactive and dynamic.

Guiding discussion sessions:

- Why do relations with constituencies matter for peace processes?
 - How have women leaders successfully built and leveraged their constituencies in the context of peace processes?
 - What are the good practices and lessons learned?
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¹ This event is open to the public.

11:00 – 11:20

Q&A

Moderator:

- **Lina Sinjab**, journalist, BBC Middle East

Participants will have a chance to submit any questions via the **Zoom Q&A feature**, for panellists to answer.

11:20 – 11:25

Live sketching

Graphic Recorder Sam Bradd from Drawing Change unveils the sketch drawn based on the inputs shared by key speakers, panellists and participants during the session, and explains how it captures and reflects the key themes emerged from the discussion.

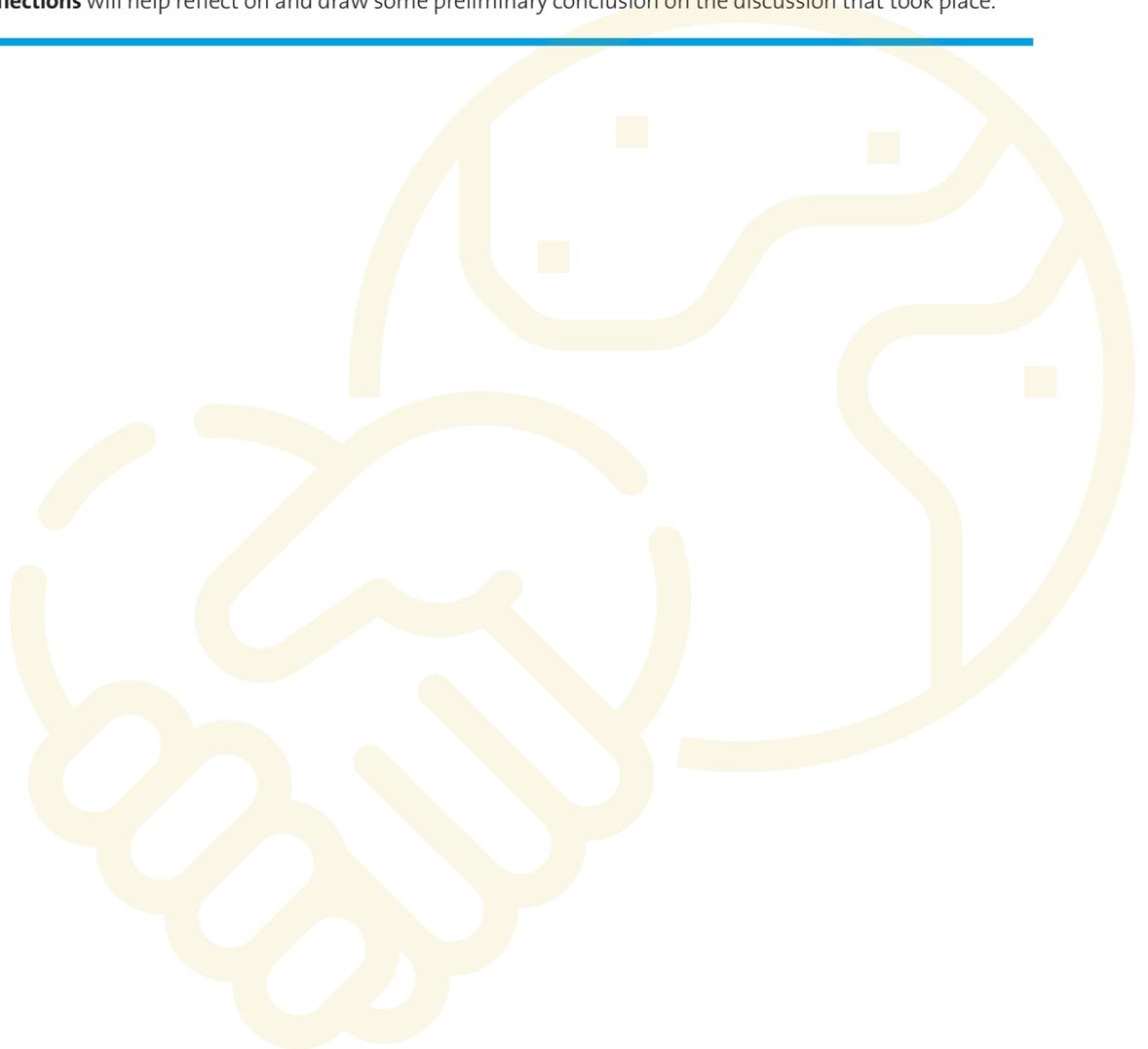
11:25 – 11:30

Reflections and analysis

Speakers:

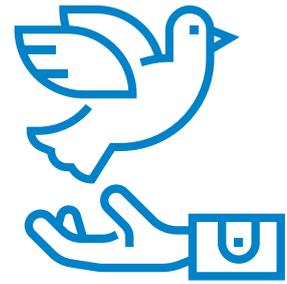
- **Laura von Saint Andre**, Senior Policy Officer Special Initiative on Forced Displacement Federal Ministry on Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Short **closing reflections** will help reflect on and draw some preliminary conclusion on the discussion that took place.



Thursday, 8 July 2021

KEY TOPICS: FRAMING KEY ISSUES AND CONCEPTS OF CONSTITUENCY BUILDING²



10:00 – 11:30 EST

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09:45 – 10:05

Welcoming & setting the scene

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10:05 – 11:00

Panel discussion: Presentation of the discussion paper “Constituency building in peace processes: gender equality and process design”

Panellists:

- **Dr. Thania Paffenholz**, Executive Director at Inclusive Peace
- **Merekaje Lorna, Secretary General**, South Sudan Democratic Engagement, Monitoring and Observation Programme (SSuDEMOP)
- **Zaid al Ali**, Senior Programme Officer, Constitution Building, International IDEA
- **Teresa Whitfield**, Director of the Policy and Mediation Division, United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA)

Moderator:

- **Lina Sinjab**, journalist, BBC Middle East

Key actors in the field of Women, Peace and Security and experts from civil society discuss the **key dilemmas and concepts** at the core of constituency building and gender-inclusive peace processes.

This will be a **roundtable-type** session, with the panellists delivering introductory presentations and remarks to set the scene, and then handing over to the moderator for asking questions. The format is dynamic and engaging.

Guiding discussion questions:

- What constitutes legitimacy in peace process participation?
 - What is meaningful ‘participation’, how does it link to the notion of ‘representation’?
 - How does constituency-building interlink with representation?
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11:00 – 11:15

Presentation of the conference agenda and introduction to SparkBlue

Speakers:

- **Johanna Poutanen**, Head of Women in Peacemaking, CMI
- **Elettra Antognetti**, Communications Consultant, UN Women

Conference organizers will provide an overview of the **conference agenda** and programme. Information on how to join and engage on **SparkBlue**, the conference online hosting platform and dedicated discussion space, will also be provided.

² Invite-only panel discussion. Please do not share this invitation.

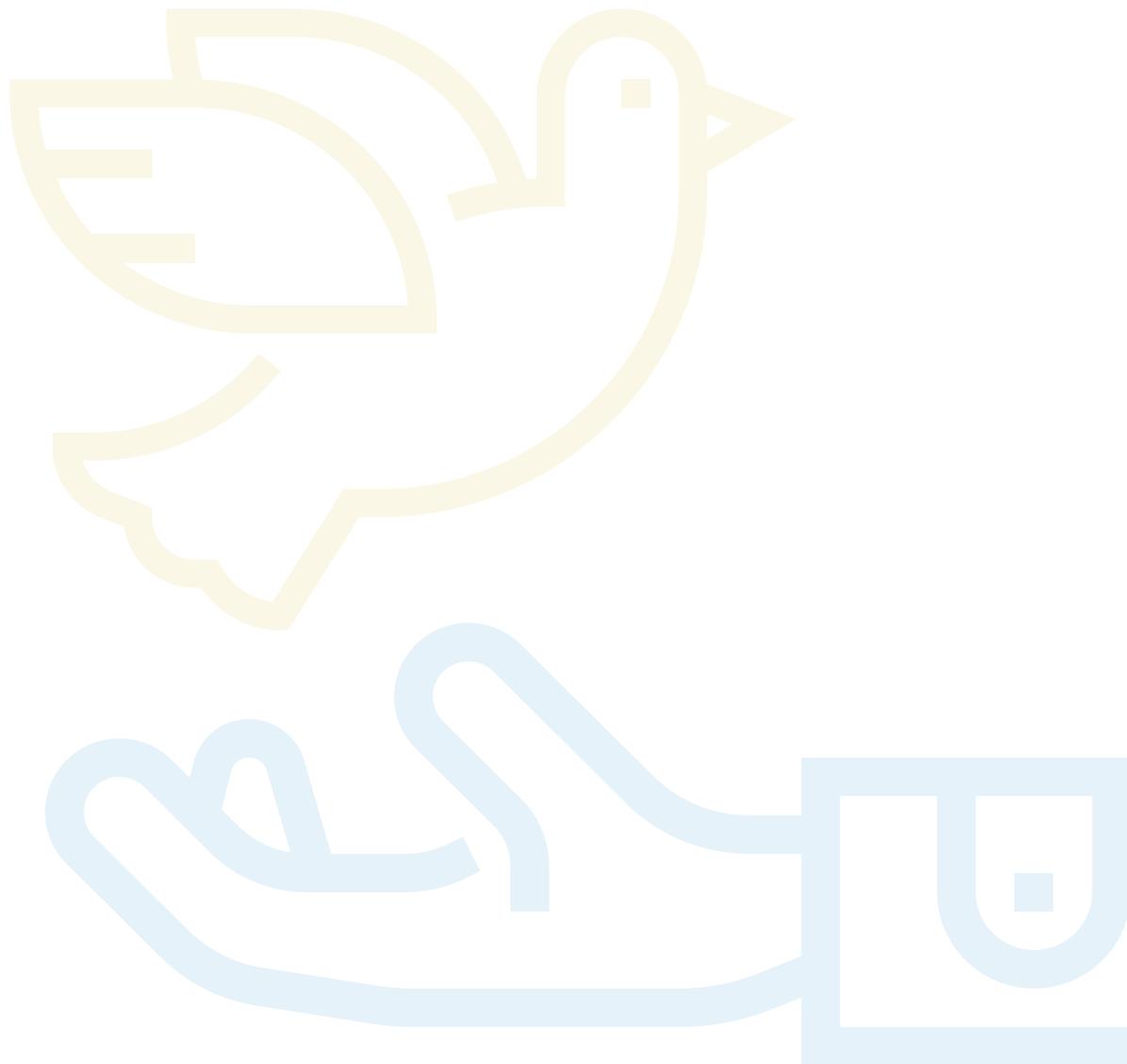
11:15 – 11:20
Live sketching

Graphic Recorder Sam Bradd will unveil the **sketch** drawn based on key points and take-aways emerged during the discussion.

11:25 – 11:30
Reflections and analysis

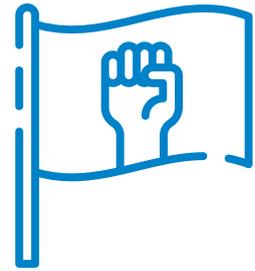
- **Susanne Mikhail Eldhagen**, Regional Director, UN Women Arab States

Short **closing reflections** will help to frame the main outcomes of the discussion and next steps.



Wednesday, 14 July 2021

WORKING GROUP SESSION 1: HOW TO BUILD AND NURTURE A CONSTITUENCY?³



09:00 – 11:30 EST

Register [here](#) (Zoom)⁴

09:00 – 09:15

Introduction

Participants' welcoming and setting the scene. An overview of the structure of the session will be provided.

09:15 – 10:15

Breakout rooms 1-5:

1. Opportunities and challenges of digital methods in constituency-building

Rapporteur: **Jonathan Harlander**, Senior Project Manager, Digital Peacemaking, CMI

2. Consultative processes as a tool for constituency building

Rapporteur: **Sylvia Thompson**, Senior Manager, Middle East and North Africa, CMI

3. How to engage diaspora and displaced people in constituency-building

Rapporteur: **Gihan Abo Taleb**, Programme Analyst WPS, UN Women

4. Representing political movements in peace processes: who and how

Rapporteur: **Tiina Kukkamaa-Bah**, Head, Sub Saharan Africa, CMI

5. Representing civil society actors in peace processes: how to build and nurture a constituency

Rapporteur: **Lister Chapeta**, Political Analysts and Programme Development Unit, UN Women

Upon joining Working Group Session 1, participants will be allocated to the five breakout rooms above, where they will have a chance to discuss in small groups and exchange views on constituency building and the priorities and actions for advancing women's participation in gender-inclusive peace processes.

Each room will address a different aspect of constituency building.

Please note: when registering [<https://unwomen.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMufuqujsrG93D1HTq6qhyLTsL9owYdATK>] for this session, participants will have a chance to indicate which breakout room they would like to join (ONE choice only).

In each of the five breakout rooms, one designated rapporteur will lead and moderate the discussion, capturing key recommendations and takeaways.

Interpretation will be available in English, Spanish and Arabic.

All breakout room discussions should address the two guiding discussion questions identified below.

³ Invite-only working group session. Please do not share this invitation.

⁴ Please indicate which breakout room you wish to attend when registering.

Guiding discussion questions:

- What are three priorities for advancing women's participation through this theme?
 - What three actions could/need to be taken by different stakeholders to accelerate progress and remove barriers?
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10:15 – 10:20

Short break

10:20 – 11:20

Plenary discussion

Speakers:

- Breakout room rapporteurs

Moderator:

- **Sarah Brun**, Programme Specialist, UN Women Arab States

Following the breakout room engagement, the discussion will continue in **plenary format**. Rapporteurs from each room will have a chance to briefly present to other attendees the main take-aways from the discussion within their rooms.

11:20 – 11:30

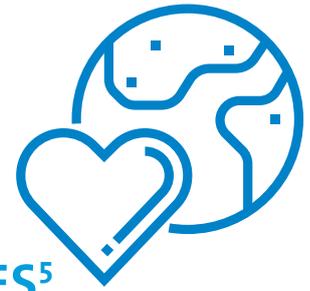
Reflection and analysis

The moderator will be joined by some key participants who engaged in the breakout rooms to deliver some short **closing reflections**, highlight key take-aways and drawing conclusions after this first working group session.



Thursday, 15 July 2021

WORKING GROUP SESSION 2: DYNAMICS BETWEEN CONSTITUENCY BUILDING AND FORMAL PEACE PROCESSES⁵



04:00 – 06:30 EST (10:00 – 12:30 CET)

Register [here](#) (Zoom)⁶

04:00 – 04:15

Introduction

Participants' welcoming and setting the scene. An overview on the structure of the Working Group session will be provided.

04:15 – 05:15

Breakout rooms 1-5:

1. How can process design enhance participants' representativeness?

Rapporteur: **Jale Sultanli**, Advisor, Eurasia, CMI

2. Temporary Special Measures (TSMs) in formal peace processes and constituency-building

Rapporteur: **Zehra Sariaslan**, Programme Analyst, UN Women Yemen

3. How to sequence steps in peace and transition processes in view of constituency-building?

Rapporteur: **Nora El Zokm**, Facilitator, CMI and DARNA Research

4. Constituency-building and confidentiality

Rapporteur: **Cecilia Pellosniemi**, Women, Peace and Security Specialist, UN Women Syria

5. Opportunities and risks for media engagement in constituency relations

Rapporteur: **Saskia Binet**, Women Peace and Security Analyst, UN Women Libya

Upon joining Working Group Session 2, participants will be allocated to the five breakout rooms above, where they will have a chance to discuss in small groups and exchange views on constituency building and the priorities and actions for advancing women's participation in gender-inclusive peace processes.

Each room will address a different aspect of constituency building.

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In each of the five breakout rooms, one designated rapporteur will lead and moderate the discussion, capturing key recommendations and takeaways.

Interpretation will be available in English, Spanish and Arabic.

All breakout room discussions should address the guiding discussion questions identified below.

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Guiding discussion questions:

- How do constituency dynamics shape the peace process overall and participation therein?
 - What process design options best enable liaison with constituencies in formal peace processes?
 - What are two most pressing challenges/dilemmas that need to be considered in peace process design on each theme?
 - What two concrete actions mediators and peace partners can take to address the above?
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05:15 – 05:20**Short break**

05:20 – 06:20**Plenary discussion****Speakers:**

- Breakout room rapporteurs

Moderator:

- **Johanna Poutanen**, Head of Women in Peacemaking, CMI

Following the breakout room engagement, the discussion will continue in **plenary format**. Rapporteurs from each room will have a chance to briefly present to other attendees the main take-aways from the discussion within their room.

06:20 – 06:30**Reflection and analysis**

The moderator will be joined by key participants who engaged in the breakout rooms to deliver some short **closing reflections** highlighting key take-aways and drawing conclusions after this second and final working group session.

Tuesday, 27 July 2021

CLOSING SESSION: REFLECTION ON KEY THEMES, TOPICS AND TRENDS⁷

10:00 – 11:30 EST

[Register here](#) (Zoom)

09:45 – 10:05

Welcoming & setting the scene

Participants will be allowed time to log onto this session and will be provided with logistical information, including on live interpretation, recording of the event and their privacy, etc.

10:05 – 10:10

Session introduction

Speaker:

- **Paivi Kannisto**, Chief, Peace and Security, UN Women

Paivi Kannisto, Chief, Peace and Security, UN Women, delivers the opening remarks and reflects on the outcomes and reflections shared by participants to date across the various sessions.

10:10 – 10:50

Panel discussion: Emerging trends and developments of gender-inclusive peace processes

Panellists:

- Conference participants from civil society
- Leading mediation experts

Moderator:

- **Lina Sinjab**, journalist, BBC Middle East

During a highly **interactive panel discussion**, some of the key conference participants from various regions will reflect upon the key insights and emerging recommendations from the conference.

During an interactive exchange with Graphic Recorder Sam Bradd, the artist and panellists will look at the evolution of the **live sketch**, developed since the opening session and based on key take-aways emerged throughout all discussions.

Representatives from international organizations and other experts will also take part in the panel, addressing the questions outlined below.

Guiding discussion questions:

- What trends and developments do we see in the dynamics of representation in formal peace processes?
- How are women leaders and women's groups working to engage broader constituencies in peace processes through political movements, diaspora or civil society?
- What action can mediators and international donors take to support the above?
- What do we not know about representation and constituency-building in peace process: what should be discussed or researched further?

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10:50 – 11:10 Q&A

Moderator:

Lina Sinjab, journalist, BBC Middle East

Participants will have a chance to submit any questions via the **Zoom Q&A feature**, for panellists to answer.

Participants might also be asked to engage via a final **poll** (or other interactive tools) to help draw further conclusions on the topics of the conference.

11:10 – 11:15 Live sketching

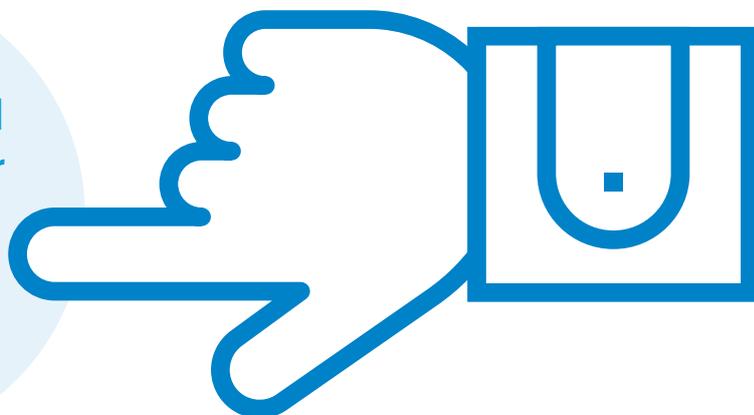
Graphic Recorder Sam Bradd will unveil the very final **sketch**, including final inputs emerged in the course of this closing session.

11:15 – 11:30 Reflections and analysis

- **Åsa Regnér**, Assistant Secretary-General & Deputy Executive Director, UN Women
- **Dr Ville Brummer**, Programme Director, CMI

Short **closing reflections** will help to frame the main outcomes of the conference, including lessons learned and future actions.

Check the World Meeting Planner too see event times in your time zone





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