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Women and Conflicts: What Role for Women Mediator Networks?

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As violent conflicts, military coups, displacements and hunger continue to increase, the world is experiencing a reversal of generational gains in women's rights, especially in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). From Libya to Syria, persistent conflicts are exacerbating social and gender inequalities, affecting the lives of women and girls.

According to a recent report of the United Nations, in most conflict-affected countries men hold power, women are structurally or directly excluded and women's rights and freedoms are deliberately targeted and have limited access to funding. Yet, as we have seen in Syria, women peacebuilders continue to be at the forefront defending their communities, opposing extremist tendencies and contributing to the promotion of solutions that can ensure lasting peace.

Against this backdrop, what can regional women's networks do to protect and build resilience of women during war and in post-war recovery contexts? The aim of this webinar is to analyse the initiatives put in place by the [Mediterranean Women Mediators Network \(MWMN\)](#) in order to develop a long-term strategy that can support the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda in the MENA region.



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Introductory Remarks

LOREDANA TEODORESCU, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and President of Women In International Security (WIIS) Italy; Head of the MWMN and Coordinator of the Global Alliance of Regional Women Mediator Networks

Panel

RIDA AL TUBULI, Co-founder and director of Together we build it (TWBI), MWMN Member LIBYA (online)

ANNA CERVI, International Trained Mediator and Humanitarian Expert, MWMN Member, ITALY

LEA BAROUDI, Founder and Director of March-NGO, MWMN Member, LEBANON

JETA KRASNIQI, Consultant/Expert Advisor to the Kosovo Government on the EU facilitated Dialogue, MWMN Member, KOSOVO

MAGDA ZENON, Peace and Human Rights Activist; MWMN Podcaster and Member, CYPRUS

Chair

MARÍA SOLANAS, Director of Programmes, Elcano Royal Institute and MWMN Member, SPAIN

Q&A Session

Concluding Remarks

VALERIA BIAGIOTTI, Minister Plenipotentiary, Coordinator for UN Reform and Women, Peace and Security Focal Point (WPS), Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

FRANCESCA CARUSO, Researcher-Mediterranean, Middle East and Africa Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali-IAI and Policy Officer of the MWMN Network