

SYMPOSIUM

The Role of Interfaith Dialogue in Peacebuilding & Women Empowerment

12 February 2013 - Tuesday / 3-6 pm / UN Conference Room #1 (NLB)

The symposium aims to increase the awareness about the role of interfaith dialogue in peace building and the necessity of empowering women throughout the world, and across all nations, by providing them with educational opportunities. It is the key to maximizing women's potential, and enabling their contribution to socioeconomic, political and cultural development. In this vein, the symposium also aims to contribute towards the implementation of the MDG #3 "Promoting Gender Equality and Empowering Women".

Keynote Address

H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu
Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

Panel I - Government Perspectives, Policies and Implementations

H.E. Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director of the UN Women
H.E. Henry Leonard Mac-Donald, Permanent Representative of Suriname
H.E. Osama Abdelkhalek, Deputy Permanent Representative of Egypt
H.E. Akan Rakhmetullin, Deputy Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan

Panel II - Mobilizing Civil Society & Best Practices

Ms. Joyce Dubensky, CEO, Tanenbaum Center
Dr. Alp Aslandogan, President, the Alliance for Shared Values
Ms. Marie Claudine Mukamabano, Founder/CEO of Kuku Ndiho Foundation
Dr. Sarah Sayeed, Interfaith Center of New York
Dr. William Vendley, Secretary General, Religions for Peace
Ms. Salwa Kader, President, US Federation for Middle East Peace

Closing Remarks

H.E. Ufuk Gokcen, Permanent Observer of OIC to the UN
Mr. Mehmet Kilic, Director of Center for Global Affairs, Peace Islands Institute

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