

WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY IN YEMEN: OBSERVATIONS FROM THE FIELD

This talk explores the process of implementing Yemen's first **National Action Plan (NAP) for Women, Peace, and Security (WPS)** during ongoing armed conflict. Established by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000), the WPS agenda promotes women's participation in conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and post-conflict recovery. Yemen's NAP, led by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, was designed in 2019 and implemented between 2022 and 2024. Despite Yemen's fragile institutions, the NAP has achieved significant milestones by strengthening capacity, building partnerships, and introducing sustainable tools. While the NAP has expanded opportunities for women in peacebuilding and conflict resolution at both national and local levels, significant challenges remain in enhancing their impact and influence.

About the Speaker:



Dr. Aitemad Matar is a Gender and Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) specialist. She served as an international WPS advisor for the UNDP in Yemen, supporting the government's National Action Plan. From 2013 to 2020, she was a researcher at the London School of Economics (LSE) Middle East Center, leading studies on Syrian displacement and Tunisian Salafi youth radicalization. In 2013, she directed an Oxfam GB-funded project on women's political participation post-Arab Uprising. Between 1996 and 2008, she advised the World Bank, UNDP, and other organizations in Palestine. She is the author of *Agency and Gender in Gaza: Masculinity, Femininity and Family during the Second Intifada* (Routledge, 2013) and several peer-reviewed articles influencing research and policy on gender and conflict.



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All are welcome. No registration needed.