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Connected or muted?

New opportunities for women's participation in peace processes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Live webinar on Wednesday 6th May 2020 at 15:00 Geneva-time / 09:00 New York-time, organised by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The event will be streamed on regjeringen.no
Please connect early.

The audience is invited to submit questions before and during the event [here](#). Please use the code 672661.

Selected questions will be presented to the panellists by the moderator.

Panellists

Ms. Ine Eriksen Sørreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway

Mr. Miroslav Jenča, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for

Europe, Central Asia and the Americas

Mr. Geir O. Pedersen, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Syria

Ms. Mavic Cabrera Balleza, Chief Executive Officer of The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)

Ms. Sanam Naraghi Anderlini MBE, Founder and CEO of International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) & Director of the Centre for Women, Peace and Security at the London School of Economics

Ms. Sylvia R. Thompson, mediator for the Crisis Management Initiative (CMI)

Moderator

Ms. Lyse Doucet, Chief International Correspondent and Senior Presenter for BBC World News television & BBC World Service Radio.

Co-Convener

Ms. Marita Sørheim-Rensvik, Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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Context

Government measures to combat COVID-19 have wide-ranging implications for women's participation in decision-making processes, including peace processes and national and international political processes.

Quarantine, lock downs and closed borders may affect women's ability to meaningfully participate both physically and virtually in decision-making processes affecting their lives.

At the same time, increasing access to mobile phones and use of virtual meeting platforms could also amplify women's participation if they are connected and empowered to do so.

This online dialogue will bring together experts on women's participation and leadership in peacebuilding, conflict prevention and sustaining peace, and people who are actively involved in peace processes at various levels.

Based on their real life experience and practical work, they will address the obstacles and opportunities for the meaningful participation of women in peace processes in the times of COVID-19.

Welcome to the webinar.



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