International Conference on
“The Role of Women in Peace-Building, Reconciliation and Accountability in Iraq”

Erbil, Kurdistan-Iraq, 27—28 January 2011

– Preliminary Draft Programme –
Day 0: 26 January 2011

Arrival of participants

19:30 – 21:30 Welcome Dinner at the Erbil International Hotel

Day 1: 27 January 2011

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and registration at the Conference Centre

9:00 – 11:30 Welcome Remarks:
- Kurdistan Regional Government
- Iraqi Council of Representatives
- Kurdistan Parliament-Iraq
- Government of Iraq
- Hon. Sheikh Khaled Al-Attiyah
- United Nations
- Arab League
- Organisation of Islamic Conference
- Government of Italy
- Foundation for the Future
- Westminster Foundation for Democracy
- No Peace Without Justice
- International Alliance for Justice

11:30 – 13:00 Plenary Panel: The Role of Women in Reconciliation, Accountability, and Peace-Building

Moderators: Giselle Khoury (tbc) and Bakhtiar Amin

13:00 – 15:00  Lunch at Conference Centre  
[During lunch: press-briefing by the organisers]

15:00 – 17:00  Thematic Sessions on:

**Women and Political Participation**

*This session will consider obstacles to the political participation of women as well as strategies for promoting gender equality in politics.*

**Co-Chairs:** Hon. Sheikh Khaled Al-Attiyah and Hanaa Edward

15:00—15:15  **Introduction**
Nahala Al-Nadawi and Hamdia Al-Husseini

15:15—16:15  **Discussion**  

16:15—16:45  **Next Steps and Recommendations**

16:45 – 17:00  Coffee break

17:00 – 18:00  Plenary Panel: Feedback and Impressions on Day 1  
**Co-Chairs:** Ali Shlah and Itab Al-Duri

17:00—17:30  **International Expert Panel:**  
Valnora Edwin, Alicia Luisiardo, Anne Massagee, Lina Zedriga Waru Abuku

17:30—18:00  **Discussion**
Day 2: 28 January 2011

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**Accountability, Reconciliation, and Gender-Based Violence**

This session will highlight violence and abuse suffered disproportionately by women during and after conflict, and explore strategies for securing accountability and redress for reconciliation.

**Co-Chairs:** Adnan Mufti and Manal Finjan

**Women in Public Life and Institutions**

This session will discuss the promotion of women’s rights in the context of public life and institutions, including education, health-care, and the economy.

**Co-Chairs:** Ghada Al-Amili, Yonadam Kanna, and Jwan Akram Amee

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12:15 – 13:30 **Reporting Plenary: Report and Presentation of Recommendations from the Thematic Sessions of Day 2 and Selection of the Drafting Committee**

*Co-Chairs:* Nada Al-Sudani (tbc) and Adnan Osman (tbc)

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch at the Conference Centre

15:00 – 16:15 **Plenary Discussion: Follow-up and Coordination of the Next Steps**

*Co-Chairs:* Hon. Osama Al-Nujafi (tbc) and Hon. Dr. Kamal Kerkuki (tbc)

This session will allow participants to discuss and co-ordinate future initiatives that build on conference discussions and facilitate the implementation of the recommendations identified during discussions. In the meanwhile, the Drafting Committee will meet to harmonise the recommendations of each session into a single outcome document for presentation to the Conference Plenary.

15:00—15:30 **Expert Panel:** Nancy Sadiq, Marilyn Tadros, Jestina Mukoko, Valnora Edwin

*Turning principles into action: Iraqi and international experts will present first-hand experiences of organising to promote actionable strategies for gender equality.*

15:30—16:15 **Discussion**

16:15—16:30 Coffee Break

16:30—17:00 **Final Plenary Session: Report from the Drafting Committee and Discussion of Final Outcomes and Recommendations**

*Moderators:* Bakhtiar Amin and Niccoló Figá-Talamanca

17:30 – 18:00 Press Conference

18:00 Transfer to the Hotels

20:00 Farewell Dinner
Day 3: 29 January 2011

Departure of participants

Conference sessions will have simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, English and Kurdish.
Ground transportation between the Airport, Hotels, and the Conference Centre provided for registered participants.