The Power of Inclusive Engagement to Prevent Violent Extremism

Date: Tuesday, 15 March 2016
Time: 3 – 4:15 p.m.
Location: Conference Room A | UN Headquarters

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The Permanent Missions of Switzerland and Finland to the United Nations, in partnership with the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers and the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego, cordially invite you to a side event bringing together civil society practitioners, experts and senior officials to discuss practical means to advance a rights-based framework and more effectively support women, including young women, preventing violent extremism.

The UN Security Council explicitly recognizes the link between the Women, Peace and Security agenda, as laid out in UNSCR 1325 (2000), and the role women play in preventing violent extremism as presented in the UNSCR 2242 and the Action Plan for Preventing Violent Extremism (2015). While the increased attention is encouraging, an international gendered framework founded on human rights remains elusive. Now more than ever, a move beyond our silos toward more collaborative, inclusive approaches is vital to any progress in effective prevention.

The event will provide important inputs for the development of a human rights framework that may be utilized to advance practical, contextually tailored, and sustainable international and multilateral P/CVE policies and programs. Importantly, the event builds upon women’s and young women’s direct experiences and engagement in preventing violent extremism in their communities, countries and regions across the globe.

**Introduction:**

Jennifer Freeman  
*Senior Program Officer for Women, Peace and Security*  
*Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice*

**Opening Remarks:**

Nathalie Chuard  
*Political Coordinator and First Secretary,*  
*Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN*

Ann-Sofie Stude  
*Ambassador for Women, Peace and Security*  
*Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland*

**Moderator:**

Martine Miller  
*Senior Advisor, The Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers*

**Speakers:**

Alison Davidian  
*Justice Specialist, Peace and Security Sector, UN Women*

Joel Davis  
*Executive Director, Youth to End Sexual Violence*  
*Co-Chair, International Committee to End Sexual Violence in Conflict*

Azza Karam  
*Senior Advisor on Culture, UNFPA*

Ambassador Mara Marinaki  
*Principal Advisor on Gender and Women, Peace and Security*  
*Delegation of the European Union to the UN*

Sussan Tahmasebi  
*Co-founder, International Civil Society Action Network*