



EXPERT GROUP MEETING

Women, Peace and Security:

National Women's Machineries, Conflict, Occupation and Transition in the Arab Region

Beirut, 4-5 December 2018

UN House, MZ

AGENDA

DAY 1 Tuesday, 4 December 2018	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of Participants
09:00 – 10:45	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>Tour de Table</i></p> <p>Why a study on NWMs, Conflict, Occupation and Transition in the Arab Region? – Putting the Study in its Context</p> <p>This intervention aims at introducing the background of the study while putting it in ESCWA's overall research and publications context.</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u> Mehrnaz Al Awady, Director, ESCWA Centre for Women</p> <p>The Changing situation in the Arab Region (Introduction)</p> <p>This intervention aims at discussing the introduction to the study which aims at presenting the changing context in the Arab region since the 2010/2011 events.</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u> Akram Khalifa, Regional Adviser on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, ESCWA Centre for Women</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break

<p>11:00 – 13:00</p>	<p>SESSION I: NWMs: Background, Roles and Relation to WPS (Chapter One)</p> <p>This session aims at presenting Chapter One of the Study while providing a background to NWMs with focus on their important roles and sharing examples of NWMs from the region. The presentation and discussion will address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the elements in the status of NWMs that guarantee best roles and functions? - What are the roles of NWMs in the implementation on and follow-up on Beijing Platform of Action? - What are the roles of NWMs today as the experience has developed? - What is the specific role of NWMs in the WPS Agenda (including WPS Security Council Resolutions, international law, and the 2030 Agenda)? - What are the essential relations for the NWMs that enable them carry out their work? - What are the resources needed to achieve that? <p><u>Facilitator:</u> Akram Khalifa, Regional Adviser on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment, ESCWA Centre for Women</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u> Mervat Rishmawi, Lead Consultant and Author of the Study</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>13:00 – 14:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p>
<p>14:00 – 16:00</p>	<p>SESSION II: NWMs in Arab countries and the WPS Agenda (Chapter Two)</p> <p>This session aims at presenting the changing situation in the Arab Region since 2011 and its impact on the NWMs in some of the countries while focusing on their resilience mechanisms, and suggesting case studies from Yemen, as a case of conflict; Jordan, as a case of a country affected by a conflict in a neighbouring one (Syria); Palestine, as case of occupation; and Tunisia as a case of political transition. The session and discussion will address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each country has a different model in relation to the status and legal foundation of the NWM; how does that affect the NWM? - How does the situation in each country affect the role, priorities and capacities of the NWM? - How do linkages affect the work of the NWM in each context? - What is the work in each country on the WPS Agenda? - What are the concerns and issues of relations and resourcing from each country? - Observations from each country. - General observations.

	<p><u>Facilitator</u>: Akram Khalifa, Regional Adviser on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment, ESCWA Centre for Women</p> <p><u>Presentations on the case studies</u>:</p> <p>The presentations by the NWMs will focus on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do the legal framework, mandate, and mission (thematic areas) of the NWM contribute to its resilience? - What is the impact of the national context on the resilience of the NWM? What are the challenges for conducting its work? <p>Presentation by Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Yemen (10 mns)</p> <p>Presentation by Ministry of Women Affairs, State of Palestine (10 mns)</p> <p>Presentation by Jordanian National Commission for Women, Jordan (10 mns)</p> <p>Presentation by Ministry of Women, Family, Children and the Elderly, Tunisia (10 mns)</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>DAY 2</p> <p>Wednesday, 5 December 2018</p>	
<p>09:00 – 10:45</p>	<p>SESSION III: Drivers of Resilient NWMs (Chapter Three)</p> <p>This session introduces a set of suggested drivers, both internal and external, that contribute to reinforcing and maintaining the institutional resilience of NWMs with reference to international standards and good practices. The presentation and discussion will address the following:</p> <p>What are the issues that affect the resilience of NWMs in relation to the following in the specific context of the WPS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Their legal foundation - Mandates - Powers - Structures, staffing and capacities - Roles and areas of work - Resources - Linkages. <p><u>Facilitator</u>: Akram Khalifa, Regional Adviser on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment, ESCWA Centre for Women</p> <p><u>Presentation</u>: Lisa Gormley, Consultant, Contributor to the Study</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>10:45 – 11:00</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>

<p>11:00 – 13:00</p>	<p>SESSION IV: Conclusion and Policy Recommendations</p> <p>This session aims to discuss the policy recommendations emanating from the case studies, shared experiences and good practices addressed in the study. Discussion and recommendations can be focused on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal foundation and status of NWMs - Roles and responsibilities - Relations and linkages - Resourcing (human, expertise, and financial) - Specific work on the WPS Agenda (including NAPs, implementation on the ground, linking with other international frameworks) <p><u>Facilitator</u>: Mehrinaz Al Awady, Director, ESCWA Centre for Women</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>13:00 – 14:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>Evaluation Wrap-up Closure</p>