

Forward Global Women

Sixth Annual Convening
PROGRAM REPORT
July 16-20, 2017



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Introduction

Forward Global Women (FGW) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that fosters and nurtures the development and growth of women leaders to become active peacemakers promoting co-existence. We envision a world where women are actively engaged in conflict-resolution and peacemaking. For more information, please visit our website at www.forwardglobalwomen.org.

Senator Sandy Pappas of St. Paul, Minnesota, Rina Bar Tal of R'anana, Israel, and Rula Quawas of Amman, Jordan founded the organization in 2011.

The Fifth annual convening was held in Cyprus. The fourth annual convening was held in Minneapolis in Minnesota, USA. The third convening was held in Berlin, Germany; the first two convenings were held in St. Paul Minnesota, USA.

Additional information is included in the attached Appendix:

1. Background, Goals, and Objectives
2. Participant Biographies
3. Convening Agenda

The Sixth Annual Convening

The sixth annual convening of Forward Global Women was held in Oslo, Norway from July 16-20, 2017.

Premise: Since politically motivated violence and radicalization are on the rise and their immanent threats are leaving a trail of brutal deaths and killings that is affecting the coming generations of women and children who live in the MENA Region, and in accordance with UN Resolution 2178 (2014), which

“Reaffirms that terrorism in all forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable regardless of their motivations, whenever and by whomsoever committed, and *remaining* determined to contribute further to enhancing the effectiveness of the overall effort to fight this scourge on a global level,

“Notes with concern that the terrorism threat has become more diffuse, with an increase, in various regions of the world, of terrorist acts including those motivated by intolerance or extremism, and *expressing* its determination to combat this threat,

“Bears in mind the need to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, and *affirming* Member States’ determination to continue to do all they can to resolve conflict and to deny terrorist groups the ability to put down roots and establish safe havens to address better the growing threat posed by terrorism,

“Emphasizes that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality or civilization,

We, at Forward Global Women (www.forwardglobalwomen.org), convened in Norway, Oslo in July of 2017 to address this pressing issue and its ramifications and to initiate ways to join hands and attempt to find ways to combat it.

Objectives

1. To address diverse ways of how women from the MENA Region can combat violent extremism in the MENA region and how they can partner up with women's organizations and initiate ways of preventing it from mushrooming. Women are active citizens whose responsibilities are not only to create safe spaces in the private spheres but also to make the public sphere a brave space.
2. To share notes and expertise with women's civil society organizations who work on violent extremism and radicalization and the roles of women in combating them.
3. To meet with diverse speakers and listen to their expertise and multiple perspectives on violent extremism and on ways of combating/countering it.

Background information and goals statement for Forward Global Women can be found in the **Appendix, item 1.**

Leadership Team

Planning Team: Sandy Pappas, President, Minnesota Senate
Rina Bar-Tal, Former Chair, Israel Women's Network
Rula Quawas, Professor, University of Jordan

Keynote Speakers: Sara Zeiger, Senior Research Analyst at Hedayah
Dr. Houda Abadi, Associate Director of The Carter Center's Conflict Resolution Program.

The Participants

We had returning participants and new participants join us from Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, Palestine, and the United States.

Complete biographies for each participant can be found in the **Appendix, item 2.**

2018 Action Plan:

During the convening our participants split into dialogue groups to discuss each country team's presentation and how Forward Global Women can make an impact on the challenges the MENA Region faces. A product of these talks was the development of a suggested action plan for 2018 for the Board of Forward Global Women to consider:

- Post the biographies of all convening participants on our webpage. Include meetings attended and presentations given. Promote with the Institute for Inclusive Security.
- Develop a curriculum for peer-to-peer educational programs addressing the dangers of violent extremism.
- Post the biographies of all convening participants on our webpage. Include meetings attended and presentations given. Promote with the Institute for Inclusive Security.

- Using social media as a platform, create a counter-narrative to violent extremism and recruitment tactics.
- Include and learn from Mother Africa in future convenings.
- Issue Press Releases for future convenings to help spread awareness of Forward Global Women, taking into account security concerns.
- Improve Forward Global Women's visibility. Continue building our connections to other organizations and calling attention to our important work.
- Forward Global Women will compile a report with recommendations from our conferences to be submitted to the United Nations.
- A focus on ushering in the next generation of peacebuilders will be emphasized in upcoming convenings. One way of supporting future women leaders is to ensure access to our convenings for young women in the MENA Region.

Convening Logistics

Convening Location



The 2017 convening was held at the Peace Research Institute of Oslo, located at address:

Hausmanns Gate 3, 0186 Oslo, Norway.

Telephone: +(47)22547700

Website: <https://www.prio.org/>

Accommodations

All convening participants were lodged at the Thon Hotel Bristol. Participants were provided with hotel rooms for the week, meals, and coffee breaks/snacks throughout the day. Mr. Olav Thon, owner of the hotel, graciously hosted a Monday evening reception for Forward Global Women's conveners.

Thon Hotel Bristol

Address: Kristian IV's Gate 7 Oslo 0164, Oslo, Norway

Telephone: +(47) 22826000

Website: <https://www.thonhotels.com/our-hotels/norway/oslo/hotel-bristol/>

Free Time

The evening of Tuesday July 17th was reserved for participants to explore the city on their own time. Many participants explored Oslo's historical buildings and sites, shopped and dined near the harbor, Aker Brygge. Some visited the Nobel Peace Prize Center.

The complete agenda for the convening can be found in the **Appendix, item 3**.

Program Management

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will continue to form valuable community connections to support the mission of FGW. They will set an agenda for the coming year, review the budget, and assist with special events throughout the year, including planning the 2018 convening. Shortly after this year's convening we received news that our Co-founder, Vice President, and dear friend Rula Quawas passed away unexpectedly. Part of the 2018 goals for the Board of Directors will be to honor Rula through developing a research scholarship in her name.

Staff

The 2017 convening was managed by Rachel Carlson, acting in role of Program Manager since September of 2016. Rachel will work under the direction of the Board of Directors in planning the 2018 Convening. Sherry Munyon, Treasurer to the Board, provided her time and energy in recording convening speeches, photographing, and editing video footage from the convening. Christie Nicoson, a former Program Manager for FGW, volunteered as a scribe and provided various other support duties. For questions contact admin@forwardglobalwomen.org.

Budget

The proposed budget for the convening was estimated to be \$75,268.00. The total amount spent on the convening was \$78,322.50.

An itemized breakdown of the cost expenditures is depicted below.

EXPENSE CATEGORY	TOTAL SPENT
Flights	\$37,475.30
Ground Transportation	\$1,720.64
Hotel Accommodations	\$20,046.60
Food	\$3,419.04
Supply & Printing Expenses	\$1,669.63
Staff Expenses	\$12,631.79
Fjord Cruise	\$1,188.00
Communications	\$110.00
Miscellaneous	\$171.80
In Kind Contributions	\$5,329.38
GRAND TOTAL	\$78,322.50

Support

- The convening was sponsored by the Allianz foundation, a generous donation from Phyllis and Don Kahn, and a contribution from MN Best, Inc.

In Kind Contributions:

- Mr. Olav Thon, a Norwegian real estate entrepreneur, hosted the opening reception for the convening at Hotel Bristol.
- Our 2017 meeting space was provided by the Peace Research Institute of Oslo.
- We had administrative in-kind contributions including Sherry Munyon's videographer services, facilitation services from the Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue, Orlyn Kringstad's logistical consultation, and Christie Nicoson's volunteer services.

Reflections on FGW 2017 Convening

Words to describe the 2017 convening:

- Great experience
- Inclusivity
- Inspiring
- Informative
- Interesting
- We grew up
- Energy
- Hopeful
- Sisterhood
- Looking forward
- Diverse
- Inspiring
- Dialogue
- Sisterhood
- Opportunity
- Time to act
- High quality presentations, informative
- Frank, candid
- Wonderful experience
- Great presentations
- Beginning
- Active talkers
- Rest but don't stop
- Mind opening
- Exchange
- Diversity but shared visions
- Knowledgeable, inspiring, goose bumps
- Special experience
- Challenging
- Amazing, inspiring women
- Tears, laughter



Appendix

Item 1: Background information and goals statement for Forward Global Women

Forward Global Women is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that convenes and trains women leaders in political and civic life from the MENA countries of Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Tunisia, Egypt, and Morocco along with USA women. Our mission is to promote the voices and perspectives of women leaders as agents of peace to help transform conflicts within the MENA region into sustainable peaceful relationships.

Forward Global Women fosters and nurtures the development and growth of women leaders to become active peacebuilders promoting co-existence, through their participation in annual convenings, research projects and coordinated actions and statements.

Vision

Forward Global Women envisions a world where women are actively engaged in conflict resolution and peacemaking.

Mission

Forward Global Women exists to foster the development and growth of nonviolent peacemakers by providing women leaders and activists from the MENA region with the opportunity to study peacemaking and co-existence and to put nonviolence into practice for the sake of the well-being of all.

Objectives

1. To create a space for women from the MENA (Middle East/North Africa) Region and the US to have an inspiring convening of connections, conversations and relationship-building through a dialogical engagement with old and new paradigms.
2. To transform conflict into more sustainable, peaceful relationships that are based upon principles of justice and equality to build support networks that cross geographic, political and cultural boundaries.
3. To facilitate new understandings of political and social problems through the lens of women leaders and to pursue potential solutions for which no answers or pathways currently exist.
4. To address the issue of women refugees and victims of war who reside in Jordan and surrounding countries.
5. To reconfigure a regional conceptualization of women's security needs.

Item 2: Participant Biographies



Jihane Abbassi- Morocco; convening participant
Youth Branch Coordinator, Union De L'Action Feministe

Jihane Abbassi has been an English teacher since 2004. In 2007, she joined Union De L'Action Feministe as a volunteer translator. One year later, she became a member of UAF youth branch and led advocacy campaigns in schools on peace and non-violent behavior. She currently directs counseling sessions for students. In 2009, she was approached by the organization Sourire de Réda, which aids young people who have suffered psychological trouble. As a volunteer, Jihane is the liaison between this

organization and some schools in Casablanca.

She participated with ICAN second regional forum on women's rights peace and security in the MENA and Asia region (Istanbul, 2013). She also participated in the national Moroccan consultations on women's peace and security 1325 resolutions.



Huda Abuarquob- Palestine; convening participant
Regional Director, Alliance for Middle East Peace-ALLMEP

Huda Abuarquob is ALLMEP's first on-the-ground regional director. She has years of experience in conflict resolution, NGO leadership, and social change education and activism, as well as a life-long commitment to building strong people-to-people Israeli-Palestinian relations. She is a well-known speaker on issues related to Middle East politics and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

After studying conflict transformation and peace studies as a Fulbright scholar, she worked as an executive director, a program director, and an NGO consultant to a number of organizations in the U.S., Israel, and Palestine. She is a co-founder of the Center for Transformative Education (CTE) and has taught and trained hundreds of students in Israel and the U.S. She has long been an active leader in grassroots Palestinian initiatives focused on women's empowerment and people-to-people diplomacy.

Previously, Huda worked as a teacher, trainer, and consultant for the Palestinian Ministry of Education for fifteen years. She earned her M.A. in conflict transformation and peace studies from Eastern Mennonite University and her B.A. in education for social change from Al-Quds Open University in Jerusalem.



Loubna Amhair- Morocco, convening participant
Member of the House of Representatives, Moroccan Parliament

Loubna Amhair has been a member of the Moroccan Parliament since 2011, sitting on the Finances and Economic Development Committee and is now speaker of the Committee of Foreign Affairs and National Defense.

Previously, she served as the Advisor of the State Minister, Mr. Mohand Laenser, from 2009-2011. MP Amhair has worked extensively in rural

development and socio-economic empowerment of women, including evaluating educational programs with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and integrating rural development projects as Advisor to the Secretary for Rural Development. She has experiential and academic training in leadership, peace building, and empowerment of rural women. MP Amhair is a member of Parliamentarians Network for Conflict Prevention, an initiative of the EastWest Institute, and board member of the Arab Youth Union for Freedom and Democracy.



Dr. Noha Bakr- Egypt, convening participant

Noha Bakr PhD in inter disciplinary field of International Relations, and International Organizations. She has received a distinguished Alumni award from the American University in Cairo & National Defense University of Washington.

Dr Bakr current position is a Professor Adjunct Faculty, Political Science Department the American University in Cairo teaching International Organizations & Human Rights.

She is the former, Assistant to the Minister of International Cooperation, in charge of international economic cooperation with Canada and the Americas.

Her publications are focused in the field of security, and international organizations.

Dr Bakr has headed different Panels, as a speaker & participant in conferences, workshops, and programs, on the national, regional, and international level, lectured in various academic platforms such as NATO Defense College, **International Institute of Humanitarian Law** in Sann Remo, Moscow University, Perm University, Diplomatic Institute at Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and at Cairo University.

Dr Bakr has worked as a consultant to UNDP on a project on Democracy in the Last 50 years in Africa, producing a report with recommendations to enhance the democratic process in North Africa.

Dr Bakr has been a contributor of a weekly article in Ahram Iktisady publication for two years, Contributor to Beyond periodical which is issued by former United Nations employees. She is also a member of the Egyptian Council of Foreign Relations, Board Member of the Arab Net Work for Tolerance, member of the Egyptian International Economic Forum, and a guest in different media programs: providing analysis to current events, and hard and soft security challenges.



Rimam Barakat- Palestine, convening participant

A native of East Jerusalem, Rimam Barakat serves as the Jerusalem Season of Culture's expert and coordinator for East Jerusalem and the Palestinian community. She is also the founding CEO of Experience Palestine, a company that arranges tours and itineraries for top-level international delegations and missions. Since her early career she has been involved in peace-building activities that involve the Israeli Palestinian conflict. She is the acting Executive Director for Breaking the Impasse – Palestine, a business peace initiative sponsored by the

World Economic Forum. She has also been the co-Director of the Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI). Rimam holds two graduate degrees in the fields of Middle Eastern studies and International affairs. In 2011 Ms. Barakat completed a Fulbright scholarship at Marquette University, Wisconsin.



Maysa Baransi- Palestine, convening participant

Co-founder, Partner at BINA

Maysa Baransi is a self-described business woman, journalist and tireless campaigner for peace. She has dedicated her life's work to enhancing leadership amongst Palestinians and create a greater understanding between Palestinians and Israelis both on the ground and by influencing government and social policies. She is passionate about empowering women in Commerce.

Maysa is a Co-founding partner of BINA' which means "to develop/ to build" and also "together" in Arabic. The foundation supports start ups in ICT, providing quality health care and education to the West Bank,

Gaza and East Jerusalem. Before starting BINA' Maysa was the co-founder and Executive Director for "All for Peace" Radio Station, created after the second intifada as an alternative media outlet for both Israelis and Palestinians. The radio station aimed to strengthen Israeli and Palestinian civic society by creating a meaningful media platform for all to voice reform and advocacy initiatives. Maysa has worked as an Editor of the Israeli Desk of the Jerusalem Times where she covered current affairs and social news. Maysa holds board positions with numerous philanthropic organizations including: ALLMEP Alliance for Middle East Peace; Kids4Peace; and JEST. Maysa was the 2007 recipient of the Mama Lucia Courageous Women in Media Award; the 2010 recipient of the International Media Award in the category of Outstanding Contribution to Peace; and the 2011 Intercultural Innovation Award winner in Doha. Maysa is currently working towards a masters degree in Management and Leadership from Regents London University



Rina Bar-Tal- Israel; convening organizer, participant
Former Chair & Present Board Member, Israel Women's Network

Rina Bar-Tal received her BA in English Literature and Psychology from California State University and her MA in Public Administration from Clark University in Massachusetts, USA. She has lectured and facilitated at many forums around the world, including the Shadow Report to the UN on 'Jump Start' in Ethiopia, the Third International Forum of Women Presidents on Higher Education and the Fourth Asia Communication and Media Forum, and the International Conference for Women Leaders in Hawaii, USA. Bar-Tal has also worked with government offices, defense forces, NGOs, and other conferences. Bar-Tal's volunteer work includes many leadership roles on advisory committees and in organizations such as the Israel Women's Network, which she chaired from 2000-2012. She was the Secretary-General of Naamat (Pioneer Women), Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Raanana, Project Manager and Developer for Ashalim in Elka, and Director for the School of Lay Leadership at the Joint Distribution Committee in Israel.



Dina Baslan- Jordan; convening participant
Freelance researcher

Dina Baslan is a Jordanian freelance researcher working on topics pertaining to media, displacement and migration. A former aid worker, she worked as an information and communications specialist for three years and a half with the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO) in the MENA regional office. Earlier, she has worked on research projects with UNESCO, Open Society Foundations and BBC Media Action on media development in the region.

Most recently, she has worked with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology and Fafo, a Norwegian research institute, on refugee-related issues in Jordan which included not only Syrian refugees, but ex-Gazan, Iraqi, Sudanese and Somali refugees in the country. In her work, Dina is invested in forming her understanding of the political, social & economic realities in the region through engaging in personal narratives, where she believes the essence of these realities lie. In September 2015, she joined her Syrian friend on his journey to asylum in Europe, traveling from Turkey to Germany. She blogs about the 44-day journey on her Medium blog medium.com/@dinabaslan. Dina believes in the power of animation and is especially a fan of Hayao Miyazaki's anime work.



Souad Belhorma- Morocco, convening participant

Souad Belhorma is a doctorate holder in language and English Literature, Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Dhar Mehraz-Fez. She is currently an assistant professor of English studies at the Polydisciplinary Faculty of Errachidia, University of Moulay Ismail. She is the author of the book *The Participation of Women in the Labor Force: Women Workers in Primary Schools as a Case Study*. In addition to her participation in different national and international conferences, Souad Belhorma also shows interest in different disciplines of research, such as poverty, gender issues, politics, and work.

She holds certificates from courses on women's rights, human rights, gender based violence, youth awareness to name but a few, both at the national and the international levels. She has interned in different associations, as well as human rights and women's rights organizations.



Rachel Carlson, J.D.- United States, Forward Global Women Program Manager, Convening Staff

Rachel is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas, located in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she majored in Political Science and Justice and Peace Studies. Rachel is also a graduate of Mitchell Hamline School of Law. She was admitted to the Minnesota State Bar as a licensed attorney in October 2016. In addition to working as the Program Manager for Forward Global Women, Rachel has done

work during the 2017 legislative session as a Legislative Assistant to Sherry Munyon. She has held a Benjamin B. Ferencz Fellowship in Human Rights and Law for three years working on issues of economic justice in various African countries. She is a member of the Board of Directors for World Without Genocide, a 501(c)(3) headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Rachel has held legal externships with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and the Edina Human Rights and Relations Committee.



Patricia Davis – United States; convening participant
Consultant/Communications Advisor

Patricia (Pat) Davis is a communications/campaign expert and writer with over 25 years of experience in the US and Middle East. A strong advocate for women's empowerment, Pat has trained women in the US, Russia, Ukraine, Egypt and the Persian Gulf to run for public office and to advocate for social and political issues of concern to them. In 2011-12, she ran the Dubai office of a Washington-based NGO and was responsible for planning and implementing its Gulf programs,

including leadership training for women in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Prior to this, Pat worked in Doha from 2004-09 on projects led by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Qatar's former First Lady and a global advocate for women and youth. In 1992, as Research Director at the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in Washington, she worked with the eight Democratic women candidates for the US Senate in what was considered an historic "Year of the Woman."

A skilled manager, Pat has built and managed high-functioning teams and has facilitated discussions and strategic planning sessions with an emphasis on participation and outcomes. She has also organized and directed a wide variety of events in the US and internationally, from exclusive CEO briefings to major conferences and exhibitions. Prior to her work abroad, Pat served as a legislative counsel to the US Congress and as a senior advisor at the US Department of Education during the Clinton Administration. She

also spent many years as a communications and public affairs consultant, helping clients build relationships with government and opinion leaders and advocate for policy change.

Pat is a lawyer and holds an MPA from Harvard University with a focus on conflict resolution and politics.



Karen Feste- United States; convening participant

Professor, Founder, Conflict Resolution Institute

Karen Feste, Professor at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver served as Associate Dean (1988- 2000); Budget director (1997-1999); founder and director of the Conflict Resolution Program at the University (1998 to the present), and director of the International Security master's program (2008-2011). She teaches graduate seminars on Conflict Resolution, Military Intervention, International Terrorism, and Quantitative Research Methods. She currently serves on the editorial board of *Global Governance*, and is an advisory board member of the Oslo Center for Peace and

Human Rights, and the Canadian Peace Research Association.

As an invited academic scholar, Dr. Feste has lectured on American Foreign Policy, the Middle East Peace Process, Arab Spring, US Responses to Terrorism, and Conflict Resolution in Austria, Chile, China, Germany, Israel, Hungary, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and in various venues throughout the United States.

She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Minnesota, has been listed in *Who's Who in American Women* and in 1980, was selected as an Outstanding Young Woman in America. She was a Fulbright Scholar to Vienna, Austria during 1986-87 and in 1993-94. In 2016, Feste received the Alumni Achievement award from Concordia College, her undergraduate alma mater. She has published several books.



Reut Guy- Israel, convening participant

Director, Girls Field and Youth in Extreme Risk, ELEM Youth in Distress; Member of ELEM Professional Management Team

In her current position as a Director of the Girls Field and Youth in Extreme Risk program, reut supervises 11 programs in the field that detect and assist minors in prostitution, homeless youth, and girls and young women who have been sexually abused. This position has allowed Reut the opportunity to lobby in front of members of the Knesset and collaborate on projects with government agencies. Prior to this position, Reut worked with the Shatil Initiative for Social Change as a Coordinator at the Center for Democracy and the Fight Against Racism. She has legal training and has worked with the Ministry of Social Affairs, in the Office of

the Attorney General. In other positions Reut has worked closely with youth regarding the topics of gender and sexual identity.

Reut holds a Masters degree in Women and Gender Studies with a Specialization in Law from Tel Aviv University and a Bachelors Degree in law from Ono Academic College.



Maya Hassan Abu-Ajamieh- Jordan, convening participant

My name is Maya Abu-Ajamieh, I am a Jordanian woman that is very lucky to have grown up in a supportive and empowering environment. Growing up between the Gulf and the United States of America, receiving an education in both the University in Jordan and the American University in Cairo, and flying all over the world for work has given me the diversity I need to self awareness and self improvement. I am an M.A. holder in Human Rights Law. I have worked in several fields, from education, to business development, and banking.

Due to my diverse upbringing, and dynamic character I had the privilege of being a part of so many chances and opportunities that fulfilled me personally and professionally. I am keen on being active in all aspects that relate to women studies and refugee matters. I find these two fields vital in today's world. Women empowerment has never been vital more that nowadays, it is necessary that women gain a decision making voice in the Arab world. If so is possible then I believe that women will be able to end these conflicts in the Arab world and restore peace and agreement.



Anissa Hassouna- Egypt, convening participant

Executive Director, Sir Magdi Yacoub Foundation

Anissa Hassouna is the Executive Director of Sir Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation (MYF), where she sets and executes all non-medical plans and operations for the growth and development of this Foundation classified among the five biggest Egyptian charity foundations.

Previously, Anissa was a political advisor to the Chairman of the Information and Decision Support Centre of the Egyptian Cabinet, the Director General of Egypt's International Economic Forum, and Assistant General Manager at Egypt Iran Development Bank. She has also lectured at the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Banking Institute of the Central Bank of Egypt.

Anissa was the first woman elected to the Board of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs. She is a member of the Executive Council of the "Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs" that won the Nobel Prize in 1995. She is a member of both the Consultative Boards of the "Arab Thought Foundation", Beirut, Lebanon and the "Arab Forum for Alternatives" Cairo, Egypt.

In 2014, Anissa was named by Arabian Business and CEO Middle East Magazine as one of the "World's 100 Most Powerful Arab Women." She most recently contributed to the book *In the Wake of the Arab Spring – Conflict and Cooperation in the Middle East*.



Anat Hochberg Marom- Israel, convening participant

Dr. Hochberg-Marom is one of the world's leading authorities on political-marketing of global terrorist organizations. Dr. Hochberg-Marom is a strategic consultant to government agencies and security institutions and has established together with Israeli veteran seniors from intelligence and defense organizations, a security- business venture designated to confront global terrorist organizations. With more than 20 years of researching, consulting and lecturing, Dr. Hochberg-Marom brings wide multidisciplinary academic and business experience in various domains. Using her wide range of knowledge and skills based on academic research and business activities, she has recently developed a cutting edge

approach and methodology to analyze the activity of global terrorist organizations in cyberspace from a marketing perspective. Dr. Hochberg-Marom's academic background includes Ph.D. in political science (Tel-Aviv University), a Master in Business Administration (Edinburgh University, Scotland), another Master in Political Science with a specialization in Political Communication (Tel-Aviv University) and Bachelor in Political Science and International Relations (Hebrew University, Jerusalem). She has conducted a breakthrough research about Al-Qaida marketing strategies focusing on the internet and in the international media. Her current projects include a research about ISIS digital marketing strategies on cyberspace, particularly in social media, the counter-marketing-strategies to confront ISIS and Al-Qaeda, as well as the geopolitical consequences of global terrorism phenomenon. Dr. Hochberg-Marom participated in a distinctive program, the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) in the US, as well as in numerous leading forums and conferences around the world. Dr. Hochberg-Marom frequently appears in the world media, providing up to date commentary about global terrorism. She publishes articles, is interviewed in magazines, appears on TV panels and interviews on various programs on radio broadcasts.



Phyllis Kahn- United States; Member of the Board of Directors for Forward Global Women, convening guest.

Phyllis Kahn was a member of the Minnesota Legislature for 22 terms. She has a B.A. in physics from Cornell, a Ph.D. in biophysics from Yale and an M.P.A. from the J.F.K. School of Government at Harvard. She has been the chief author of the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act (controlling smoking in public places), the computer crime and computer virus laws, and legislation on nuclear safety, radioactive waste disposal, field tests of genetically modified crops and infectious waste disposal. She

also authored laws to require gender equity in athletics and laws prohibiting discrimination based on age or disability. She has been instrumental in obtaining funding for parks, trails, historic preservation, art-enhancement of State buildings, and the expansion of community and urban forests.

She has served on many national committees, particularly in the field of Science and Public Policy. She has been elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and has served as the Chair of the AAAS Section on General Interest in Science and Engineering.



Ellen Kennedy – United States; convening participant

Executive Director, World Without Genocide (William Mitchell College of Law)

Ellen J. Kennedy, Ph.D., is the founder and Executive Director of World Without Genocide at William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul. The organization provides education about past and current conflicts and advocacy at the local, state, and national levels to protect innocent people, prevent genocide, prosecute perpetrators, and remember those affected by genocide. Kennedy has received many awards for her work: Outstanding Citizen from the Anne Frank Center, Higher Education Leader of the Year from the National Society for Experiential Education,

Outstanding Service Award from the Midwest Sociological Society, two awards from the University of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Women's Press Change-maker award. World Without Genocide received a Certificate of Merit from the State of Minnesota, Office of the Governor, for efforts to seek justice and to eliminate genocide around the globe; and the 2014 Minnesota Ethical Leadership Award.

Kennedy is an adjunct professor of law at William Mitchell College of Law and is the Minnesota representative to AMICC, a national organization that advocates for the International Criminal Court. She also serves on the Human Rights and Relations Commission for the City of Edina, Minnesota. Kennedy received her BA degree from the University of Michigan and doctorate degrees from the University of Minnesota.



Marianne Malak - Egypt; convening participant

Lawyer, Member of Parliament, and Member of National Council of Human Rights

Marianne Kamal Malak is the youngest Member of Parliament in Egyptian history. She currently serves as Deputy of the Minister of Immigration. She is also a member of the National Council of Human Rights and the International Parliament Union and serves on the Union's Committee for Women. MP Malak was also a member of

the Constituent Assembly to write a new constitution for Egypt.



Mary Jo McGuire- United States; convening participant

Commissioner, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and FGW Board Chair

Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire was elected to the Ramsey County Board in 2012. Prior to her election, she served in the Minnesota Senate (2010-2012) and the Minnesota House of Representatives (1989-2002). Commissioner McGuire has been involved with issue advocacy in such areas as civic education, human trafficking, violence prevention, and leadership. She has participated in diplomatic, educational exchange programs to South Korea and the Philippines with the American Council of

Young Political Leaders to experience firsthand the political and cultural dynamics of other countries. In 2002, she participated in the Foreign Policy Institute at the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington D.C. and led a conference on human trafficking at St. Catherine University.

Commissioner McGuire is trained as a "qualified neutral" in dispute resolution cases. Over the years, Commissioner McGuire has served as a guest lecturer and adjunct professor at West Point Military Academy, the Center for the American Woman and Politics at Rutgers University, St. Catherine University, and Hamline University School of Law. She played a significant role in the establishment of the Global Women's Leadership Convening at St. Catherine University in 2011.



Sherry Munyon-United States; FGW treasurer/secretary and convening photographer
Director at Capitol Access

Sherry Munyon is a small business owner and a government affairs specialist. She has nearly 30 years of experience lobbying in the state of Minnesota and spent 7 years as Senate staff. She has a broad range of experience on complex issues with a concentration on the areas of public safety, transportation and education. She has served on numerous boards and organizations, including efforts to empower women in domestic abuse situations and victims of sexual violence, and has achieved several awards in recognition of her work.

Whether in the political arena or on a board or other activity, her efforts are focused on achieving consensus whenever possible. She continues to work assisting more women reach positions of influence and power, particularly in the political arena.



Manal Omar- United States, convening participant

Manal Omar is the associate vice president for the Middle East and Africa Center. Previously, she was regional program manager for the Middle East for Oxfam - Great Britain, where she responded to humanitarian crises in Palestine and Lebanon. Omar has extensive experience in the Middle East. She worked with Women for Women International as regional coordinator for Afghanistan, Iraq and Sudan. She also served as an international advisor for the Libya Stabilization Team in Benghazi in 2011. Omar lived in Baghdad from 2003 to 2005 and set up operations in Iraq. She launched her career as a journalist in the Middle East in 1996. UNESCO recruited her to work on one of her first lead assignments in Iraq in 1997-1998. Omar also spent more than three years with the World Bank's development economics group. She has carried out training programs in Yemen, Bahrain, Afghanistan, Sudan, Lebanon, Palestinian Territories, Kenya and many other countries.

Omar's activities have been profiled by the Washington Times, the Los Angeles Times, the BBC, NPR, Glamour, the London Times and Newsweek. Her articles and opinion pieces have appeared in the Guardian, the Washington Post, Foreign Policy, Azizah Magazine and Islamica Magazine. Omar is on the advisory board of Peaceful Families Project, an organization with international reach that recognizes domestic violence is a form of oppression that affects people of all faiths. She also serves on the advisory board of Prosperity Catalyst and Women's Voices Now. She was named among Top 500 World's Most Influential Arabs by Arabia Business Power in 2011 and 2012, and among the 500 Most Influential Muslims in the World by Georgetown University and The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre in 2009. In 2007, Islamic Magazine named her one of the ten young visionaries shaping Islam in America. She holds a master's degree in Arab studies from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree in international relations from George Mason University.



Sandy Pappas- United States; convening organizer, participant
President, Minnesota Senate

Senator Sandy Pappas was first elected to the Minnesota Legislature in 1984 and currently presides as President of the Senate. Throughout her legislative career, Senator Pappas has been a fervent and long-standing advocate for human rights, women's empowerment, children, workers, refugees, immigrants, and other vulnerable groups. Over the years, she has passed legislation to prohibit sex trafficking and provide services to victims; to curtail the investment of state funds in the Darfur region of Sudan; to provide emergency contraception for sexual assault victims; to allow children of undocumented parents to attend Minnesota state colleges and receive financial aid (MN Dream Act); to restrict state agencies from purchasing products made with "conflict minerals;" and passed into law the Women's Economic Security Act. Senator Pappas is Vice President of the Women Legislators Lobby (WILL), is Vice Chair of the non-profit, World Without Genocide, serves on the board of the Senate Presidents' Forum, was Treasurer of the World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Association, and is on the board of the National Association of Jewish Legislators (NAJL). She has an MPA degree from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Sandy is married to Neal Gosman, has three daughters and 21 grandchildren- all living in Northern Israel.



Fatima Sadiqi – Morocco; convening participant
Senior Professor, University of Fez

Fatima Sadiqi is Professor of Linguistics and Gender Studies (University of Fez, Morocco); her work focuses on women's issues in modern North Africa, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean world. She is author and editor of numerous volumes and journal issues, Sadiqi is also a public speaker in many languages and a member of many national and international scholarly and policy-making boards.

She founded the first Moroccan Center for Studies and Research on Women in 1998, and the first graduate program on Gender Studies in 2000 at the University of Fez. In 2006 she founded ISIS Center for Women and Development and in 2009 she was elected President of the National Union of Women's Associations, also co-founding the International Institute for Languages and Cultures. Currently Professor Sadiqi is a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center.



Talia Sasson – Israel; convening participant
Advocate, Attorney

Attorney Talia Sasson heads her own law firm, representing organizations in administrative and civil cases in court. She is a board member of the New Israel Fund (N.I.F.) and a Co- Chair of the International Council of the N.I.F. and president elect of NIF. She is a board member of the Geneva Initiative's steering committee, and a counselor for some other NGO's in Israel. In 2009, she ran to the Knesset as representative of The New Movement & Meretz. From 2004 to 2010, Mrs. Sasson taught a course on "Defenses through law on Democracy in Israel" in the faculty of law at Tel-Aviv University. From August

2004 to March 2005, at the request of former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Mrs. Sasson served as a special legal advisor for the government and the author of the Sasson Report on illegal outposts in the West Bank and law enforcement on Israelis in the W.B. From 1979 to February 2004 she worked in the State Attorney's office. From 1989 to 1993 she headed the Civil Department in the Jerusalem district attorney. From 1996 to 2004, she headed the Special Tasks Division of the State Attorney's office. In that role she represented the government of Israel in the Supreme Court for 13 years in civil, criminal, constitutional and administrative cases and was involved also with different security and military issues.



Samia Smadi- Jordan; convening participant

Coordinator, Coalition of Women MPs from Arab Countries to Combat Violence against Women/ Jordanian Parliament.

Samia Smadi holds a Masters degree in American Studies from the University of Jordan and a bachelors degree in English Language and Literature from Yarmouk University.

Before becoming a coordinator with the Coalition of Women MPs from Arab Countries, Samia was the head of the Cultural Corners' Section as a faculty member of the University of Jordan, where she held a position in the Foreign Languages Department. At the Univeristy of Jordan Samia has also held positions as a part time lecturer at the Lanugage Center and as the Head of Correspondance

and Publications in the Office of International relations.



Thuraya "Mary" Sweis - Jordan; convening participant

Director, Women Helping Women Network - Jordan

Mary Sweis holds a Diploma in Elementary Education from Princess Alia Institute, Amman. She has worked as a human rights activist in many capacities, including as the Vice President of the Pioneers Society, Deputy Mayor of Al Fuhais Municipality, Vice President of the Jordanian Women Union, member of The General federation of Jordanian Women, Member of the coalition committee of UN Resolution 1325- Jordan, Member of the National Democratic Institute, and Director of Women

Helping Women Network in Jordan.

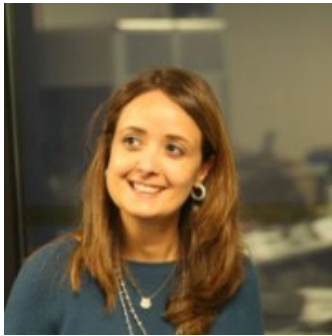
Sweis was a founding member of the Jordanian Parliament of Children, President of Al Fuhais Women Workers Society, member and trainer of the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies, founding member of the Jordanian National Forum for Women, consultant and board member of Al Fuhais and Mahes District, media coordinator in Al Fuhais Festival, and a lecturer and speaker in several conferences and conventions. Sweis also ran as a candidate for parliamentary elections in 2006. She is an avid op-ed writer and columnist in various Jordanian newspapers, magazines and online media.



Orit Zuaretz- Israel; convening participant
Former Member of the Israeli Knesset (Parliament), Israeli Group

Orit Zuaretz served as a member of the Israeli Parliament from 2009-2013, and has since served as the CEO of a company engaged in social and economic development in the former Soviet Union and Jordan. She has been a member of the Committee on the Status of Women, where she chaired the Subcommittee on Trafficking in Women and the Lobby for Including Women in Negotiations teams and implementation of UN Resolution 1325. Zuaretz is pursuing a Ph.D. in Middle East Studies from Haifa University, and received her MA in Middle East and Africa Studies from Tel-Aviv University. She has been involved with Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee and with Friends of Earth and Middle East. She was also the Israeli Knesset delegate to the Committee on Energy, Environment, and Water of the Parliamentary Assembly- Union for the Mediterranean. Zuaretz served three years in the Army's Intelligence Corps and speaks four languages.

Keynote Speakers



Houda Abadi, Guest Speaker

Dr. Houda Abadi joined The Carter Center in June 2014 as Associate Director of the Conflict Resolution Program. For the first two years, Dr. Abadi worked on Syria and the Israel-Palestine conflict. During that time, she developed what is now The Center's inclusive approaches to preventing violent extremism project. Dr. Abadi holds a graduate certificate from Duke-UNC in Middle East Studies, an MA in International Relations and Diplomacy, with a concentration in Middle East Studies and Conflict Resolution, and a Ph.D. in Political Communication and Media Studies. She was the 2013-2014 Transcultural Conflict and Violence Presidential Fellow. Dr. Abadi has been active in writing, presenting, and organizing events around peace-making processes in the Middle East, social movements, political Islam, propaganda, terrorism, Muslim women's issues, and aesthetic forms of resistance. She taught courses in conflict resolution and mediation, social movements, cultural diversity, and social media. She was born and raised in Morocco and speaks English, French, Arabic, and Spanish. Prior to joining the Center, Dr. Abadi served as the Director of Education in two non-profit organizations that facilitated dialogue between Jewish and Muslim youth. She worked on curriculum development and youth interfaith dialogue. She also served as a researcher, translator, and writer for Muslim Women's issues at Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality. Dr. Abadi has published scholarly articles and taught at Georgia State University and University of North Carolina.



Sara Zeiger, Guest Speaker

Sara joined the Hedayah team in August 2012 initially as a consultant for the Strategy and Delivery Unit tasked by the U.A.E Ministry of Foreign Affairs to stand up and launch Hedayah. Currently, Sara supports the department by coordinating the counter-narrative library, Hedayah's non-resident Fellowship Program and Hedayah's annual International CVE Research Conference. She was also Hedayah's liaison with the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) to support the development and

drafting their framework document, the *Abu Dhabi Memorandum on Good Practices for Education and CVE* and follow-up Draft Action Plan. Her recent publications include *A Man's World: Exploring the Role of Women in Countering Terrorism and Countering Violent Extremism*, and *Undermining Violent Extremist Narratives in South East Asia: A How-To Guide*. Sara is also currently a Non-Resident Fellow in International Relations and Counter-Terrorism for TRENDS Research & Advisory.

Prior to joining Hedayah, Sara worked as a Research Assistant at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University. She also served as a Head Teaching Fellow for the Harvard Extension School where she taught courses on anthropology in the Gulf, politics in the Middle East, and Islam in the West. Sara was also a Graduate Assistant at Boston University, conducting research on politics and society in Latin America, Europe and the Middle East.

Sara holds an M.A. in International Relations and Religion (concentrations: Security Studies and Islam) from Boston University, and graduated as valedictorian with a B.A. in Psychology and Religion from Ohio Northern University.

Facilitators



Chro Borhan

Dialogue Advisor at the Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue

Chro has held a variety of positions working with asylum seekers, combating honour-based violence, and with dialogue trainings and facilitation in local communities in Norway and the Middle East. She is also team leader in Alternatives to Violence (AVP) and certificated conflict mediator at the Norwegian Mediation Service. Chro was

born in Iraqi Kurdistan, but grew up in Norway.



Christiane Seehausen

Senior Advisor at the Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue

Christiane has 20+ years of experience working with diverse communities in Norway. She began work with refugees in Norway in 1999. She has developed and implemented training programs in Dialogue and Conflict Transformation, Multi- Cultural Communication and Peacebuilding in Norway, Denmark, Poland, Russia, Kenya, and Iraqi Kurdistan.

Item 3: Convening agenda

Sunday, July 16: Official Arrival of Conveners

Taped interview of USA Team, in Hotel Bristol, time 7:00pm.

7:00 pm: Informal gathering at the Hotel Lobby Bar- cash bar

First Day: Monday, July 17, 2017

Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant served between 6:30-10:00am. 8:45am: Meet in hotel lobby

9:00 am: Depart hotel via tram (Tinghuset station to Hausmanns Gate station) or 20 min walk

9:30 am: Arrive at PRIO Institute meet in Philo Hall

9:45 am: Welcome Speech by Sandy Pappas, President and Co-Founder of Forward Global Women: An Update on FGW and Connecting the Dots

Introduction of Facilitators, opening comments from facilitators

Please fill out evaluation forms throughout the convening.

Introduction of Conveners - 2 minutes each (share an accomplishment or energizing event/activity from previous year)

11:15am: Introduction of PRIO summer school students

11:30 am: Morning Joint Session with PRIO Summer School

Plenary Session: Politically Motivated Violence and Radicalization in the MENA Region

Chair: Dr. Ellen Kennedy

Speaker: Sara Zeiger, Senior Research Analyst at Hedayah

Speech Topic: Women's Roles in Violent Extremism and Preventing/ Countering Violent Extremism: An International Perspective

Questions and Answers: 45 Minutes led by Facilitators

1:00 pm: Lunch

1:00- 1:15pm: Jordan Team Taped Interview

2:00 pm: Plenary Session: Bearing Witness to Local and Global Terrorism

Chair: Rina Bar Tal

Professor Fatima Sadiqi: Inside the Ideology of Daesh: The Challenge of Women's Rights.

Dr. Anat Hochberg-Marom: The Immense Impact of Global Terrorism (ISIS) – Out of the box thinking

Questions and Answers: One Hour led by Facilitators

4:30 pm: Facilitator led reflections on the day

5:00 pm: Depart for hotel via tram

5:00-5:15pm: Israel Team Taped Interview

6:30-8:00pm: Reception held at Hotel Bristol.

Second Day: Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Breakfast in Hotel restaurant served between 6:30-10:00am

8:45am: Meet in hotel lobby

9:00 am: Depart for PRIO

9:45 am: Morning Check-in, led by facilitators

10:00 am: Plenary Session: Exploring the Roles of Women in Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

Chair: Professor Manal Omar

Speaker: Dr. Houda Abadi (The Associate Director of The Carter Center's Conflict Resolution Program focused on the Middle East and North Africa)

Title of Speech: Countering Daesh Propaganda and Islamophobia: Community Approaches to Peace-building

Questions and Answers: One Hour led by Facilitators

12:00 noon: Lunch

12:00-12:15pm: Egypt Team Taped Interview

1:00 pm. Afternoon Sessions: Regional Threats of Violent Extremism and their Impact on Women in the MENA Region

Chaired by: Christiane Seehausen and Chro Borhan

What are the regional threats of violent extremism and their impact on women in the following countries--share your experiences please? Structured Presentations.

- (a). Jordan (b). Israel (c). Palestine
- (d). Egypt (e). Morocco

One or two representatives from the above-mentioned countries should give a brief presentation on the effects of regional threats of violent extremism on women in their own countries. These women should identify THREE basic threats (concrete and specific) and elaborate on them. We will give each team twenty minutes to explain and analyze their points. Handouts of basic points should be distributed to all participants.

3:00pm Small Group Discussions Led by Facilitators

4:00pm: Reflections and comparisons: What can FGW do? Create action plans for 2018. [Led by facilitators.]

5:30-5:45- Palestine Team Taped Interview

5:30 pm: Depart PRIO

Free evening – dinner on your own

Third Day: Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Breakfast in Hotel restaurant served between 6:30- 10:00am.

Please plan to dress for the Fjord Cruise (i.e. bring a warm coat/jacket)

8:45am: Meet in hotel lobby.

9:00 am: Depart for PRIO

9:45 am: Morning check-in led by facilitators.

10:00 am: Plenary Session: The American Response to Terrorism and Its Impact on the US and the Global Community: Security, Immigration and Refugees

Chair: Mary Jo McGuire

- Patricia Davis: Al Qaeda to ISIS from a US perspective
- Dr. Ellen Kennedy: Violent Extremism in the US
- Professor Karen Feste: The US response to ISIS
- Sandy Pappas and Dr. Phyllis Kahn: Case study: Immigrant Muslims in America

Questions and Answers led by Facilitators

12:00pm: From USA to MENA

Speaker: Manal Omar

12:30pm: Takeaways led by facilitators - turn in written evaluations

1:00pm: Lunch

Delivery of Certificates and Team Photos

2:00-2:15pm: Morocco Team Taped Interview

2:30-3:45: Board of Directors will meet; convening participants will explore the PRIO neighborhood.

Closing Ceremony

3:45pm: Depart PRIO for the Aker Brygge harbor area. We will take a fjord cruise from Oslo that will last 2 hours. Departure time is at 4:30. Group Photo.

7:00 pm: A Dinner overlooking the harbor at Bolgen & Moi Tjuvholmen will bring us all together at the end of the day.

Closing Comments by Rina Bar Tal.

Fourth Day: Thursday, July 20, 2017

Breakfast at the Hotel, served between 6:30-10:00am

Departures- Hotel Check-out by 12:00pm.