



Women at the Peace Table

Saturday 17 June 2023
9 am - 5 pm | CC Het Perron Ieper

Program



Presentation:
Inge Vrancken, foreign journalist at VRT

9.00 am Welcome

Opening of the conference

9.30 am



Video message by **Anwarul K. Chowdhury**, former ambassador to the United Nations and signatory of Resolution 1325 in 2000

9.35 am



Welcome speech by **Marie-Colline Leroy**, State Secretary responsible for Equal Opportunities, Gender Equality and Diversity in Belgium

Women, peace negotiations and peacebuilding

9.45 am



Dialogue between **Sima Samar**, former president of the Human Rights Commission in Afghanistan, and **Annie Matundu Mbambi**, president of WILPF RDC, led by **Elieen Spillebeen**, journalist MO* magazine and founder Mama Kivu



10.25 am



Testimony of **Razia Arefi**, former manager for Mothers for Peace in Afghanistan

Peace Table: path to reconciliation in times of war and conflict

10.30 am



Testimonials: **Laila Alsheikh** from Palestine, **Robi Damelin** from Israel, **Svetlana Utkina** from Russia and **Olena Turchenko** from Ukraine led by **Annemarie Gielen**, movement worker Conflict Regions at Pax Christi

11.15 am Break

11.40 am



Video message by **Anne Abaho**, professor at Nkumba University in Uganda

The climate crisis: source of armed conflict and violations of women's human rights, source of/for grassroots action/power

11.45 am



Panel discussion with **Reem Alsalem**, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, **Rangita de Silva de Alwis**, member of CEDAW committee and **Youth for Climate** led by **Tine Hens**, Belgian journalist.

12.30 am Lunch break and networking

- 2.00 pm A choice of 7 different workshops
- Dabke dance workshop from Palestine with Orkidea
 - Documentary 'For the Sake of Peace'
 - Peace Table India: Empowerment with Françoise Bosteels and Women in Black
 - Peace Table Congo on political participation with Annie Matundu Mbambi and the diaspora of Congolese women in Belgium
 - Workshop on non-violent communication with Pat Patfoort from de Vuurbloem
 - Women's walk in Ypres led by Ann Reynaert
 - Artwork making led by Sonja Mazereel

3.30 pm Break

We declare Peace and closing moment

4.00 pm



Reading of the peace declaration by **Emmily Talpe**, mayor of Ypres and Flemish Member of Parliament, **Annie Matundu Mbambi** and **Sima Samar**, led by **Maaïke Cafmeyer**, ambassador of West-Flanders

4.15 pm **Official signing** of peace declaration by prominent attendees and the public

4.30 pm



Closing speeches by **Emmily Talpe**, mayor of Ypres and Flemish Member of Parliament, **Hadja Lahbib**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade

5.00 pm The end

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