## Program

### Opening of the conference

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<td>Welcome speech by <a href="#">Marie-Colline Leroy</a>, State Secretary responsible for Equal Opportunities, Gender Equality and Diversity in Belgium</td>
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### Women, peace negotiations and peacebuilding

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<td>Dialogue between <a href="#">Sima Samar</a>, former president of the Human Rights Commission in Afghanistan, and <a href="#">Annie Matundu Mbambi</a>, president of WILPF RDC, led by <a href="#">Elien Spillebeen</a>, journalist MO* magazine and founder Mama Kivu</td>
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<td>Testimony of <a href="#">Razia Arefi</a>, former manager for Mothers for Peace in Afghanistan</td>
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### Peace Table: path to reconciliation in times of war and conflict

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<td>Testimonials: <a href="#">Laila Alsheikh</a> from Palestine, <a href="#">Robi Damelin</a> from Israel, <a href="#">Svetlana Utkina</a> from Russia and <a href="#">Olena Turchenko</a> from Ukraine led by <a href="#">Annemarie Gielen</a>, movement worker Conflict Regions at Pax Christi</td>
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### Saturday, 17 June 2023

- **9 am - 5 pm | CC Het Perron Ieper**
  - [Women at the Peace Table](#)
  - Presentation: [Inge Vrancken](#), foreign journalist at VRT
  - [Testimonials](#)
  - Video message by [Anne Abaho](#), professor at Nkumba University in Uganda
  - Break

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*Images of event attendees are included.*
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 Maaike 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

An initiative of Mothers for Peace, Esperas, Women’s Council and Peace town Ypres.

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