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# Women Leading Change through Political Participation and Peaceful Protests

## Anniversary Dialogue Series

*Organised by the Europe and Central Asia Regional Issue-based Coalition on Gender Equality  
Closed Event – by Invitation Only*

### *Final Agenda*

*6 October, 14:00 – 16:00 (Istanbul time)*

<b>Welcoming Remarks – Setting the Stage</b>	
14:00 – 14:10	Ms. Åsa Regnér, UN Women Deputy Executive Director <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Gwi-Yeop son, Regional Director, United Nations Development Coordination Office
<b>Reflections and Inspiration – Keynote Addresses</b>	
14:10 – 14:25	- Ms. Alaa Salah, Activist and community leader, Sudan - H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Ecuadorian Politician and Diplomat, President of the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly
<b>Women at the Forefront of Change: Learning from current and past experiences</b> <i>Moderated discussion</i>	
14:25 – 15:50	<b>Moderator:</b> Alanna Armitage, Co-chair of the Regional Issue-based Coalition on Gender Equality Regional Director UNFPA Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia <b>Discussants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms. Nino Lomjaria, Public Defender of Georgia</li><li>- Dr. Edita Tahiri, Chair of the Regional Women’s Lobby for Peace, Security and Justice in South East Europe</li><li>- Ms. Katsiaryna Shmatsina, Board Member of the Belarusian Organization of Working Women and Research Fellow, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies</li></ul> <b>Open discussion and experience sharing among participants</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Alia El-Yassir – Co-chair of the Regional Issue-based Coalition on Gender Equality and UN Women Regional Director Europe & Central Asia Regional Office <b>Key points to be discussed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- How have women leaders and human rights defenders been able to influence and drive transformative change?</li><li>- What challenges do women leaders and activists face and how can these challenges be overcome?</li><li>- Monitoring, reporting and investigating violence against women in political and public life</li><li>- How to translate women’s role in movements for change into representation and influence in political processes and gender-responsive governance</li></ul>
<b>Conclusions and Closing Remarks</b>	
15:50 – 16:00	Co-chairs of the Regional Issue-based Coalition on Gender Equality