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*Regional Conference on Interethnic Relations and Reconciliation*

**WOMEN SHAPING A PEACEFUL AND EUROPEAN FUTURE THROUGH PROMOTING INTERETHNIC RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION IN KOSOVO AND BEYOND**

*Regional Conference to strengthen women's participation in local peacebuilding in the Western Balkans*

**AGENDA**

*Date: September 05, 2024 / Venue: Hotel International Prishtina, Prishtina, Kosovo*

<b>09:00 – 09:15</b>	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
<b>09:15 – 09:30</b>	<b>Welcoming remarks:</b> <b>Edita Tahiri</b> , Chair, RWLSEE; Former Deputy Prime Minister and Chief Peace Negotiator <b>Anne Kwakkenbos</b> , Gender Expert, Cordaid <b>Anu Prattipati</b> , Chargé d'Affaires a.i., US Embassy, Kosovo
<b>09:30-10:30</b>	<b>Panel 1/ State of Play of Inter-ethnic Relations in the Western Balkan' Countries from Women Perspective: Best Practices and Lessons Learned</b>
	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Moderator: Flora Macula</b>, RWLSEE Steering Committee Member, Kosovo</p> <p><b>Country reports of Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, North Macedonia</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  <b>Memnuna Zvizdić</b>, RWLSEE SC Member, Founder and Former Executive Director "Žene Ženama", BiH  <b>Flora Macula</b>, RWLSEE SC Member, Kosovo; Program Specialist, Gender in Humanitarian Action and Nexus programming, UN Women, Jordan  <b>Gordana Čomić</b>, RWLSEE Member, Former MP, Serbia  <b>Nada Drobnjak</b>, RWLSEE SC Member, Former MP and Head of Parliamentary Commission for Gender Equality, Montenegro  <b>Irina Pockova</b>, RWLSEE Steering Committee Member; Member, Former President of Women's Chapter of SDA political party of in Sv. Nikola, North Macedonia</p> <p><b>Followed by plenary discussion for 30 minutes</b></p>
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>10:45 – 12:00</b>	<b>Panel 2/ Advancing interethnic Relations and Reconciliation at Regional and Local Levels: Challenges and prospects?</b>
	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Moderator: Nada Drobnjak</b>, RWLSEE Steering Committee Member, Montenegro</p>

	<p><b>Panelists:</b>  <b>Michael Davenport</b>, Head of OSCE Mission in Kosovo  <b>Sonja Biserko</b>, Founder and President of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights  <b>Lulzim Peci</b>, Director, KIPRED, Kosovo  <b>Vesna Ozbolt Škare</b>, Former Minister of Justice, Chief Negotiator of ERDUT Agreement  <b>Boyd McKenchie</b>, Political analyst and Co-Founder of the Barabar centre</p> <p><b>Focus themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>What are the major challenges of interethnic relations and interethnic harmony? How to overcome challenges?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>What are the prospects of interethnic cooperation and peaceful reintegration of ethnic communities?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Politics of post war reintegration in Kosovo and Ahtisaari Plan?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>The role of OSCE in interethnic integration and reconciliation?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>ERDUT Agreement- a positive example in ethnic minority reintegration and its implementation?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>The major obstacles to reconciliation in the Western Balkans?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>A multiethnic democracy capable of generating mutual trust, dialogue, and tolerance?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>The role of psychology in interethnic relations, trust building and peacebuilding?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Followed by plenary discussion for 30 minutes</b></p>
12:00 – 13:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Panel 3/ Brussels Dialogue, EU Integration and Ethnic Reconciliation in the Western Balkans with leading role of women</b>
	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Moderator: Irina Pockova</b>  RWL SC Member, North Macedonia</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  <b>Elmi Reçica</b>, MP, Member of the Committee on Rights and Interests of Communities and Returns, Kosovo  <b>Snežana Paunović</b>, Vice President of the National Assembly, Serbia  <b>Lirije Kajtazi</b>, Member of Leadership of LDK Party  <b>Time Kadrijaj</b>, Member of Parliament, Kosovo  <b>Katarina Adjančić</b>, Deputy Mayor, North Mitrovica Municipality  <b>Marina Bogojević</b>, Deputy Mayor, Leposavić Municipality  <b>Hasan Zeneli</b>, Deputy Chairperson for Communities, Kllokot, Municipality</p> <p><b>Focus themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>Brussels Dialogue and its impact on improving interethnic relations?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Difficulties of implementing the EU standards?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Conflicting narratives about the past: does it stay in the way of improved interethnic relations?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Bilateral disputes in the regional and non-normalized neighborly relations Kosovo-Serbia hampers ethnic reconciliation?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>The concept of reconciliation' is missing in the Brussels Basic Agreement between Kosovo and Serbia? Would this happen if women would be in formal peace negotiations?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Does the EU promote the reconciliation process in countries?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Acceleration of accession to the EU for all Western Balkan countries provides an incentive to improving interethnic relations and reconciliation?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Recommendations?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Followed by plenary discussion for 30 minutes</b></p>

14:00 – 15:30	<b>Panel 4/ Interethnic Dialogue of Women Between Albanian Majority and Serb Minority in Kosovo - “Strengthening local women’s participation in peace, security, decision making and reconciliation processes through regional cooperation: Regional Voice of Women and Girls for Gender Inclusive Local Peacebuilding</b>
	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Moderator: Memnuna Zvizdić,</b> RWLSEE SC Member, BiH</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Representatives from municipal level (5 min’s each)  <b>Olivera Milosević</b>, Mitrovica North  <b>Vetone Veliu</b>, Mitrovica South  <b>Nevenka Rikalo</b>, Gračanica  <b>Shefkije Mehmeti</b>, Novo Brdo  <b>Radica Milosavljević</b>, Štrpce  <b>Milica Vasić</b>, Parteš  <b>Zorica Natić</b>, Ranillug  <b>Selvie Rexhepi</b>, Kllokot  <b>Rada Kapetanović</b>, Zubin Potok  <b>Liljana Dražević</b>, Zvečan  <b>Svetlana Radosavljević</b>, Leposavić</p> <p><b>Focus themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>What does it take to become a woman councilor?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>What is women’s participation in local governance in your municipalities?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>What are gaps and barriers for gender equality in local decision-making levels?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>What is the role of local governments in promoting gender equality, interethnic relations for development and peacebuilding?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>How trust-building among ethnic communities can be promoted?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Is there inter-municipality cooperation among local women?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Examples of women’s role in improving inter-ethnic relations?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>What are the needs of communities and what women do for them?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>What are the top 3 priorities helping better relations among ethnic communities?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Recommendations?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Followed by plenary discussion for 30 minutes</b></p>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>BREAOUT SESSION - Working Groups based on panel’s topics, developing key recommendations.</b> <b>WG I; WG II; WG III; WG IV</b>
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Presentation of the summarized recommendations by WG &amp; Open discussion</b>
	<b>Moderator Nada Drobnyak</b> , RWL SEE SC Member, Montenegro - Each WG presents 3-5 key priorities.
17:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
	<b>Edita Tahiri</b> , RWLSEE Chair <b>Sonja Biserko</b> , RWLSEE SC Member

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