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Leveraging Arab Women's Power

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Alsoswa served as the Minister of Human Rights in Yemen, appointed in May 2003. The first woman Minister in Yemen's history, during her tenure, she established and oversaw Yemen's first Human Rights Ministry, initiated the country's first national human rights report, and established a public human rights resource center. During 2000-2003, Ms. Alsoswa served as Yemen's Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, where she was Yemen's Permanent Representative to the Organization of Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, based in The Hague. During this time, she was also non-resident Ambassador to Sweden and Denmark. From 1997 to 1999, she was Undersecretary at Yemen's Ministry of Information and Chairperson of the National Women's Committee. A longtime proponent of broadening political participation, from 1989 - 1991, Ms. Alsoswa led the Yemeni Women's Union before Yemen's reunification. In the international arena, Ms. Alsoswa has worked as a consultant to UNDP and its sister agencies, and has published and lectured extensively. She has received numerous awards and distinctions, including the Officier dans l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur (France) and the Medal of the Egyptian Committee for Afro Asian Solidarity (Egypt). Ms. Alsoswa holds a B.A. in Mass Communications from Cairo University and an M.A. in International Communications from the American University in Washington, D.C.

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Politics: Feminist Theory in Action and Demanding Accountability: The Global Campaign and Vienna Tribunal for Women's Human Rights. Bunch's contributions to conceptualizing and organizing for women's human rights have been recognized by many and include: her induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame in October 1996; President Clinton's selection of Bunch as a recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights in December 1999; being honored as one of the "21 Leaders for the 21st Century" by Women's Enews in 2002 and one of the "1000 Women Peace Makers" nominated for the Nobel Prize in 2005. In 2008, she received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Connecticut. She has served on the boards of numerous organizations and is currently a member of the Advisory Committee for the Human Rights Watch Women's Rights Division and on the Boards of the Global Fund for Women and Realizing Rights: the Ethical Globalization Initiative.

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JBABDI Latifa – Morocco, has spent over 35 years fighting for equality and women’s rights in Morocco. Widely regarded as one of the mothers of Morocco’s women’s movement, Ms. Jbabdi has endured detention as a political prisoner, has been elected to the Parliament in 2007, edited one of the country’s most progressive newspapers “8th of March,” and served as the only woman member of the investigative commission on past human rights violations. As past president of the Union de l’Action Feminine (UAF), she worked to change Morocco’s family code, the Moudawana, from 1987 until its reform in 2004, including the right of women to divorce and the right to petition for custody of their children. She is a member of the National Advisory Council for Human Rights, representing the national institution at the 2010 session of CSW. Latifa also advocated for the adoption of the Women’s National List, which gave women dramatically increased opportunity to run for legislative elections and which paved the way for 35 women to be elected in 2002 up from 2 in the previous years.

KAMEL Azza – Egypt, founded Appropriate Communication Techniques for Development (ACT) in 1992, a training NGO for which she remains the director. As a result, over the past 16 years she has worked frequently as a social development and gender consultant in developing and industrialized countries, conceptualizing, planning, implementing and evaluating projects in the social development field and women’s projects for various public, private and non-governmental organizations. Ms. Kamel is an experienced trainer and technical assistance provider in a wide area of gender and women’s issues, in addition to human rights, communication, community health, nutrition education and environment issues. Ms. Kamel has extensive experience in designing training programs, monitoring and evaluation techniques and qualitative social science needs assessment. Her collaborations and projects have served NGOs such as GTZ, the International Planned Parenthood Federation, Save the Children USA, the Near East Foundation and Catholic Relief Services. She has also worked with UNICEF, UNDP, the Ford Foundation, CEDPA, the Egyptian Swiss Development Fund and the Social Fund for Development. She is a member of Karama’s Egypt group, where she coordinates the Media realm. Ms. Kamel holds a PhD in Civic Education and has published many studies in the area of sexual harassment, the impact of all forms of violence perpetrated against women and the image of men and women in the media. Azza Kamel is a member of the 2010 Karama Delegation to CSW.

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OMAR Afaf, is the head of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Center for Women, established on October 2003 following the Commission’s recognition that a fundamental part of development is the empowerment of women. The Center for Women focuses on three main areas of empowerment: economic (poverty alleviation), social (gender roles and partnerships in the family) and political (sharing in decision-making and political participation). Towards this end, the center concentrates its activities on sensitizing society to gender-related issues, monitoring developments and analyzing the situation of Arab women in the ESCWA region and compiling country profiles.

OSMAN Hibaaq – Somalia, is the Founder and CEO of Karama, an initiative fueled by a coalition of constituencies working to build a movement to end violence against women. Through Karama, she has facilitated linkages between regional organizations to the international global agenda and between activists within the region by building strategic alliances to address priority issues for Arab women. Ms. Osman is also the founding CEO of the Arab Women's Fund, which launched its grantmaking in 2009. Recently appointed to the League of Arab States' Expert Committee on Peace and the Expert Committee on CEDAW and named one of the 500 most influential Muslims, her vision has redefined activism and opportunity in the region, putting forth a new global agenda for investing in women.

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