



KARAMA

UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS

## **Leveraging Arab Women's Power**

**15 Years after Beijing, 10 Years of MDGs, 30 Years of CEDAW**

*The Karama Conference on the Occasion of 54<sup>th</sup> Session of CSW*



**WEDNESDAY March 3, 2010 | UN Millennium Plaza Hotel, Riverview Room**

**8:30 – 9:00**      *Registration*

**9:00 – 9:05**      **Welcome** – Dr. Ashgan Farag, Karama

**9:05 - 9:15**      **Keynote – Ten years of MDGs in the Arab Region**  
Mrs Amat Alsoswa, Director of Regional Arab Bureau UNDP (NYC)

**9:15 – 10:45**      **Session 1**

### **Progress and Challenges Implementing Beijing PFA in the Arab States**

- *Moderated by Dr. Fatema Khafagy, Alliance for Arab Women, Egypt*

Implementing Beijing in the Arab region: The NGO regional report on Beijing + 15

- *Dr. Hoda Badran, Alliance for Arab Women, Egypt*

Commitments of Governments: ESCWA/League of Arab States Beijing + 15 Report

- *Mrs. Afaf Omar, ESCWA, Beirut*

The case of Morocco: *Ms. Yamma Ghabbar, OMDH, Morocco*

*Ms. Saadia Wadah, Society for Resisting VAW, Morocco*

*Ms. Batoul Nouilali, Trade Unionist, Morocco*

**11:00 – 12:30**      **Session 2**

### **Using CEDAW in Achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**

- *Moderated by Ms. Boutheina Gribaa, CAWTAR, Tunisia*

What CEDAW and the MDGs have advanced for women in the Arab states:

30 Years of CEDAW in the Arab Region:

- *Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Senator to the Upper House of Parliament, Jordan*

CEDAW and new directions:

- *Ms. Ferdos Ara Begum, UN CEDAW Committee Member*

Lifting Reservations: The Case of Morocco and the Case of Tunisia

- *Ms. Fatima Outaleb, Union de l'Action Feminine, Morocco*

- *Ms. Boutheina Gribaa, CAWTAR, Tunisia*

Engendering MDGs in the Arab Region

- *Dr. Fatema Khafagy, Alliance for Arab Women, Egypt*

**12:30 – 1:30**      *Lunch*

**1:30 – 3:00                      Session 3**

**Remaining Challenges to Meet MDG3 in the Arab States Today**

- *Moderated by Ms. Joanne Sandler, UNIFEM, USA*

Panel discussion on MDG3 indicators for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality in the Arab Region:

- *Ms. Leyla Naffa, Arab Women Organization, Jordan (Women in politics)*
- *Dr. Ghada Gholam, UNESCO, Egypt (Arab girls' Education)*
- *Ms. Seham Negm, Women & Society, Egypt (Illiteracy as a challenge)*
- *Dr. Madeha El Safty, Alliance for Arab Women, Egypt (Arab women's employment)*

The Missing MDG3 Indicator: Overcoming Violence Against Women in the Arab Region

- *Ms. Sultana al Geham, Civic Democratic Initiatives Support Foundation, Yemen (Armed conflict)*
- *Ms. Mama Hmimida, Association Marocaine de Lutte contre la Violence à l'Egard des Femmes, Morocco (Lack of recognition of domestic violence)*

**3:00 – 3:15                      Tea Break**

**3:15 – 4:45                      Session 4**

**The Way Forward: Accelerating the MDGs, CEDAW, Res. 1325, and Beijing PFA in the Arab Region**

- *Moderated by Ms. Hibaaq Osman, Karama, Somalia*

Parliamentarian perspective on the way forward

- *Ms. Latifa Jbabdi, Member of Parliament, Morocco*

GEAR: The New UN Gender Entity

- *Dr. Charlotte Bunch, Center for Women's Global Leadership, USA*

The Changing Role of Women's NGOs in the Arab Region

- *Ms. Hana al Majed, National Society for Child Protection, Kuwait*

Media and its Role in Changing Gender Stereotypes in the Arab Region

- *Dr. Azza Kamel, ACT, Egypt*

CEDAW and UPR Sessions 2010: The Case of Egypt

- *Dr. Afaf Marei, Egyptian Assoc. for Community Participation Enhancement, Egypt*

**VENUE ADDRESS:**

*Millennium UN Plaza Hotel  
One United Nations Plaza  
East 44<sup>th</sup> between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
New York, NY 10017  
tel: +1 212 758 1234*

Questions? Contact Sarah Vaill, +1 (323) 251-6521 [sarah@el-karama.org](mailto:sarah@el-karama.org)

**[www.el-karama.org](http://www.el-karama.org)**