



Date: Thursday 14th July 2022

Time: 12:30-14:00 p.m. (NY Time)

Topic: UN HLPF Side Event by Austria and Jordan on “Linking SDG 16 and SDG 5 in a time of crisis - Women in Peacebuilding and Justice”

Format: Moderated panel discussion with short statements of central concern

Location: Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in New York (600 Third Avenue (31st Floor) New York, N.Y. 10016)

Remark:

Prior to the side event, a light lunch will be served at the location at 12:00 (noon).

We kindly ask you to arrive no later than 12:15. You will be welcomed by staff members on the ground floor of the building.

Austria and Jordan in cooperation with UN-Women, SDG Watch Europe and the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens are pleased to invite you to the side event “Linking SDG 16 and SDG 5 in a time of crisis - Women in Peacebuilding and Justice“ on Thursday, 14 July 2022 at 12.30 PM (EDT). The event will convene a panel of high-level and senior officials from governments, international organizations and civil society.

Peacebuilding and justice are the foundation for creating sustainable equitable development and a safe and secure environment in countries shaken by conflict. Peaceful, just and inclusive societies are the basis for achieving all SDGs, and the 2030 Agenda recognizes that sustainable development cannot be realized without peace and security.

This side event seeks to explore in a multifaceted discussion how peacebuilding efforts including the concept of environmental peace building, strengthening the rule of law, equal participation and stopping violence against women are essential components to the work on linking SDG 16 and SDG 5.



Agenda:

12.30 – 12.35 (5 min)	Welcoming remarks	Ambassador Alexander Marschik , Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations
12.35 – 13.05 (~ 30 min)	Statements of central concern by High level representatives of Member States and United Nations as well as Stakeholders	Introduction of each speaker by: Monika Froehler, CEO BKMC • H.E. Ms. Karoline Edtstadler, Minister for EU and Constitution, Austria • H.E. Ms. Wafa Bani Mustafa, Minister of State for Legal Affairs, Jordan (tbc/virtual) • H.E. Ms. Sima Sami Bahous, UN Women Executive Director
	Statements of central concern by Stakeholders	• H.E. Ms. Adela Raz, Director, Afghanistan Policy Lab at SPIA • Ms. Maria Victoria “Mavic” Cabrera Balleza, CEO Global Network of Women Peacebuilders • Ms. Brittany Roser, UN Advocacy Advisor, PAX for peace
13.05 - 13.35 (30 min)	Panel Discussion	Discussion including all High-level representatives & Stakeholders
13.35-13.40 (5 min)	First respondent	Ambassador Fabio Cassese , Director-General for Development Cooperation - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
13.40 – 13.52 (12 min)	Q&A Session	Questions from the in-persona and virtual audience
13.52 – 13:55 (3 min)	Wrap-up Statement	Bernhard Zlanabitnig , SDG Watch Europe
13.55 – 14.00 (5 min)	Closing remarks	H.E. Mr. Sudqi Atallah Abd Alkadetr Al Omoush , Deputy Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations



Panelists:

No	Time	Speakers	Position/Title	Topic covered in statement
1	12:35-12:41 (6 minutes)	Ms. Karoline Edtstadler	Federal Minister for EU and Constitution, Austria	Austria's perspective/engagement regarding SDGs5/16 and UN-Res 1325
2	12:41-12:47 (6 minutes)	Ms. Wafa Bani Mustafa (tbc/virtual)	Minister of State for Legal Affairs, Jordan	Jordan's perspective/engagement regarding SDGs5/16 and UN-Res 1325
3	12:47-12:53 (6 minutes)	Ms. Sima Sami Bahous	UN Women Executive Director	Perspective of UN-Women on SDG 16 and SDG 5
4	12:53-12:56 (3 minutes)	Ms. Adela Raz	Director, Afghanistan Policy Lab at SPIA	Situation in Afghanistan regarding women peacebuilders
5	12:56-12:59 (3 minutes)	Ms. Maria Victoria "Mavic" Cabrera Balleza	CEO Global Network of Women Peacebuilders	Situation in Ukraine regarding women peacebuilders
6	12:59-13:02 (3 minutes)	Ms. Brittany Roser	UN Advocacy Advisor, PAX for peace	Environmental Peace Building

Remark:

- Prior to your respective statement of central concern, you will be introduced to the audience by Ms. Monika Froehler (CEO Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens), who will also be moderating the following panel discussion.
- We kindly ask you to keep your first statement quite brief, not exceeding 6 minutes for panelists 1-3 and 3 minutes for panelists 4-6 to allow enough time for the subsequent planned discussion.
- Please note the below-mentioned topics that we kindly ask you to speak to and touch upon in your statement of central concern.
- Attached, the Biography of the panelists and other speakers in the order of speaking.



Alexander Marschik

Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Austria to the
United Nations in New York

Alexander Marschik is currently serving as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations in New York. Before his latest appointment, Mr. Marschik was Director-General for Bilateral Affairs and European Union-Common Foreign and Security Policy and Political Director in his country's Ministry for Foreign Affairs since 2018.

He previously served as Director-General for International Affairs and Political Director from 2015 to 2018, Ambassador to the European Union's Political and Security Committee in Brussels from 2011 to 2015 and Director for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs from 2007 to 2011.

At the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in New York, he was Deputy Permanent Representative from 2003 to 2006 and Legal and Political Counsellor from 1999 to 2003, during which time he was Vice-Chair of the Sixth Committee (Legal) during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly from 2001 to 2002.

He also served as Head of the General Affairs Council Unit of the European Union Division of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs from 1997 to 1999 and First Secretary to the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in Geneva in 1997.

Mr. Marschik holds masters and doctoral degrees in law from the University of Vienna, where he also lectured on international law from 1990 to 1998.



Monika Froehler

Chief Executive Officer of the Ban
Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens

Monika Froehler is Chief Executive Officer of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens and is a passionate change maker, advocate, founder and speaker.

She was entrusted to create the BKMC after working at the UN in Geneva, NY and Vienna, the EU, the Austrian Foreign Ministry and in field missions around the globe.

She is passionate about the implementation of the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement.

Throughout her career she managed to support hundreds of women, young people and communities all over the globe e.g. working in Africa and Latin America to ban landmines; working to improve hospital care in rural Central Asia and Africa; assisting in eco-friendly city planning in Asia and bettering the living conditions of women in the Middle East and West-Africa.



Karoline Edtstadler

Austrian Federal Minister for EU
and Consitution

In January 2020, Karoline Edtstadler was sworn in as Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution at the Federal Chancellery.

Karoline Edtstadler was born in Salzburg on 28 March 1981. From 1999 to 2004 she studied law at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, graduating with a Mag. jur.

She was a judge at Salzburg Regional Court from 2008 to 2011 and was seconded to the Federal Ministry of Justice from 2011 to 2014.

Subsequently, Karoline Edtstadler worked as an adviser in the cabinet of the Federal Minister for Justice, Wolfgang Brandstetter, until 2016.

In 2016 she was posted to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in Strasbourg as a legal expert (2016 to 2017). From 2017 to May 2019, she was Secretary of State at the Federal Ministry of the Interior in Chancellor Kurz's first government.

Karoline Edtstadler was then a Member of the European Parliament and Head of Delegation of the Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) from July 2019 to January 2020.

Since 2018, Karoline Edtstadler has been Vice-President of SPORTUNION Österreich and has been involved with the Austrian Workers' and Employees' Association (ÖAAB) in an honorary capacity.

She has also served as a liaison officer for Equal Treatment Officers, first at Salzburg Regional Court and later at the Federal Ministry of Justice, and is a former member of the board of the Association of Austrian Judges' expert group on fundamental rights.



Wafa Bani Mustafa

Jordanian Minister of State for Legal
Affairs

Wafa Bani Mustafa became Jordanian Minister of State for Legal Affairs in 2021.

She is a former Member of the House of Representatives of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for 10 years (from 2011 until 2021).

She is the co-founder of Jordanian Masarat for Development and Progress, a non-profit institution established in 2021, concerned with training and empowering women politically and economically.

She was the first woman to represent the Jerash governorate and has managed to win the confidence of her voters for 10 years now. Moreover, she is the first woman to win three consecutive terms in the House of Representatives representing Jerash governorate in the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth parliaments, the youngest woman to join the House of Representatives (when she was 30 years old) in the sixteenth parliament and it was the minimum age for running for elections.

She is also considered the first woman to chair a bloc in the Jordanian parliament twice: in the sixteenth parliament, chairing the Change Bloc, and in the Eighteenth Parliament, chairing the Parliamentary Initiative Bloc.

Moreover, she was elected the first coordinator of the Women Caucus, headed the Jordanian-Moroccan Brotherhood Committee in the 18th Parliament, and became a Member of the Legal Committee and its Rapporteur, a member of the Committee on Freedoms and Human Rights, and a member of the Committee on Women and Family Affairs.

Bani Mustafa left an imprint in the field of laws related to women and their rights in Jordan, as she had a great impact in lobbying for the abolition of Article 308 of the Jordanian Penal Code, the amendment of the Jordanian Protection from Domestic Violence Law, and granting the children of Jordanian women married to non-Jordanians their civil rights.



Sima Sami Bahous

Executive Director UN Women

Sima Sami Bahous became UN Women's third Executive Director on 30 September 2021.

A champion for women and girls, gender equality, and youth empowerment, as well as a keen advocate for quality education, poverty alleviation, and inclusive governance, Ms. Bahous brings to the position more than 35 years of leadership experience at the grassroots, national, regional, and international levels, coupled with expertise in advancing women's empowerment and rights, addressing discrimination and violence, and promoting sustainable socio-economic development towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Ms. Bahous most recently served as Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations in New York. Prior to this position, she served as Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States at the United Nations Development Programme from 2012 to 2016 and Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the Social Development Sector at the League of Arab States, from 2008 to 2012.

She has also served in two ministerial posts in Jordan as President of the Higher Media Council from 2005 to 2008 and as Adviser to King Abdullah II from 2003 to 2005. She was Media Adviser and Director of Communication for the Royal Hashemite Court from 2001 to 2003, Acting Executive Director for the King Hussein Foundation from 2000 to 2001 and Executive Director of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation from 1998 to 2001. She also worked for UNICEF and with a number of United Nations and civil society organizations, and taught development and communication studies at different universities in Jordan.

Ms. Bahous holds a PhD in mass communication and development from Indiana University, United States, a Master of Arts in literature and drama from Essex University, United Kingdom, and a Bachelor of Arts in English literature from Jordan University. She is fluent in Arabic and English, and proficient in French.



Adela Raz

Director, Afghanistan Policy Lab at
SPIA

Adela Raz served as Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United States from July 2021 to February 2022. She was also the first female permanent representative and ambassador of Afghanistan to the United Nations (U.N.). At the U.N., Ms. Raz was the vice president of the 75th session of the General Assembly, and she was also appointed by the president of the General Assembly to serve as the General Assembly's co-coordinator on COVID-19-related initiatives.

Prior to her U.N. appointment, Ms. Raz was the deputy minister for economic cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Among other bilateral and multilateral responsibilities, she contributed and led efforts in the two major Afghanistan-centered regional cooperation platforms: the Regional Economic Cooperation Conferences on Afghanistan and the Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process, as well as the Brussels (2016) and Geneva (2018) Donor Conferences on Afghanistan.

In 2013, she served as the first female deputy spokesperson and director of communications for President Hamid Karzai.

She began her career with the U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and continued to work in a variety of positions at international development organizations in the U.S. and Afghanistan.

Ms. Raz holds a master's degree in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. She holds a bachelor's degree with honors, triple majoring in international relations, political science, and economics, from Simmons University in Boston. She also earned a certificate in international development from the Fletcher School at Tufts University.



Maria Victoria “Mavic” Cabrera Balleza

Chief Executive Officer of the
Global Network of Women
Peacebuilders.

Maria Victoria “Mavic” Cabrera Balleza is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders.

She is one of the two civil society initiators and a founding Board Member of the Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund.

Ms. Cabrera Balleza is also a Board Member of the Generation Equality Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action representing GNWP.

She initiated the Philippine National Action Plan on the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. She has provided technical support in 1325 national action planning including costing and budgeting in different countries.

She pioneered the Localization of UNSCR 1325 program that is regarded as a best practice example and is now implemented in 18 countries.

Ms. Mavic Cabrera Balleza co-authored the books From Best Practice to Standard Practice: A toolkit on the Localization of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women and Peace and Security and Costing and Financing 1325; and edited the 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 editions of Women Count: Civil Society Monitoring Report on Security Council Resolution 1325.

She edited the publication Implementing Locally, Inspiring Globally: Localizing UNSCR 1325 in Colombia, Nepal, the Philippines, Sierra Leone and Uganda.



Ms. Brittany Roser

UN Advocacy Advisor, PAX

Brittany Roser is UN Advocacy Advisor at PAX for peace with extensive experience of working in international affairs with civil society organisations and in governmental contexts.

Ms. Roser is experienced in advocacy and program management, particularly within the UN system on thematic areas, such as the Protection of Civilians, human security, and the Responsibility to Protect (RtoP, R2P), among others.

She holds a Master of Science degree focusing on International Relations and Conflict Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).



Fabio Cassese

General Director of Italian
International Cooperation at the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
International Cooperation.

Fabio Cassese is General Director of Italian International Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Before becoming General Director, Mr. Cassese served as Ambassador to Jordan, as Deputy Director of Development Cooperation, and as a delegate at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC).

Ambassador Cassese was also first secretary of the Permanent Representation of Italy to the United Nations in New York until 1998.

Originally being Neapolitan, born in 1961, Cassese graduated in law at the University of Naples and then entered a diplomatic career in 1990.



Bernhard Zlanabitnig

Director of the EU-Umweltbüro and
steering committee member of SDG
Watch Austria & SDG Watch
Europe

Bernhard Zlanabitnig is living and working in Vienna and Brussels.

Bernhard is Director of the EU-Umweltbüro in Vienna, a green NGO, as well as Vice-President of the European Environmental Bureau/EEB, Europe's largest environment umbrella organization based in Brussels. Also, Bernhard is steering committee member of SDG Watch Austria and SDG Watch Europe.

His main work areas are environmental legislation and its implementation, both on the European and national level, circular economy, renewable energies, biodiversity and sustainable development as well as advocacy and lobbying.

He holds an M.A. in law from the University of Vienna and 2 post-graduate degrees, M.Sc. in humanitarian management & logistics from the University of Lugano and M.A.S. in renewable energy systems from the Technical University of Vienna.



Sudqi Al Omoush is the Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations as of July 2019.

He is the political coordinator for the Mission team and committee files, and in charge of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) of the United Nations General Assembly and the coordinator of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's file.

He holds a master's degree in diplomacy from Lancaster University in the United Kingdom. Previously, he was the Deputy Secretary General of the Union for Mediterranean Business Development in Barcelona- Spain, and before that he was the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom to the League of Arab States and Deputy Head of Mission at the Jordan Embassy to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

**Sudqi Atallah Abd Alkadetr Al
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Deputy Permanent Representative at
the Permanent Mission of the
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the
United Nations