



## The Role of Syrian women's rights organisations in the future of Syria *Side Event – Brussels VII Conference*

Friday 9 June 2023 – 11:30 to 13:30  
Venue : Residence Palace - Rue de la Loi, 155  
1040 Brussels (Maalbeek Room)

### **INVITATION**

In preparation of Brussels VII Conference “Supporting the future of Syria and the Region” on 14-15 June 2023, EuroMed Feminist Initiative and Syria Gender Advocacy Group would like to invite you to a panel discussion,  
*in person and [on-line](#).*

#### ***The Role of Syrian women's rights organisations in the future of Syria***

The side event will tackle the indispensable role of women's rights organisations in the discussion on the future of Syria. It will go beyond the challenges they face and will highlight concrete recommendations for their support and inclusion in all debates and decision making on political, educational, economic, and social agendas and legislation, as well as for their structural involvement in all stages of peace building processes for and in Syria: from preparation to follow up on implementation and monitoring and evaluation, to make sure that sound gender inclusive policies are designed, and reforms do not remain “on the books”.

#### ***Opening Remarks:***

**Mr. Christoffer Burnett-Cargill** - Counsellor, Head of Development Cooperation,  
Embassy of Sweden in Beirut, Embassy of Sweden in Damascus

#### ***Panellists from Syria Gender Advocacy Group:***

**Ms. Wejdan Nassif** – Member, *Syrian Feminist Lobby*  
**Ms. Nour Burhan** - Coordinator, *I am She Network*  
**Ms. Thuraya Hijazi** – Executive Director, *Release Me Organisation*

#### ***Closing Remarks:***

**Mr. Dimiter Chalev** - Head of Office, UN Human Rights Office for Syria

#### ***Moderator:***

**Ms. Lilian Halls-French** - Co-President EuroMed Feminist Initiative

This event is supported by Sweden. EU Representatives, International Organisations, experts, UN officials as well as representatives from NGOs and the press are invited. Please note that the event will provide English-Arabic translation.

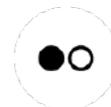
Following the remarks of the panellists, the floor will be opened for participants. We look forward to engaging with you in this important discussion.

Register to join us [on-line](#)

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