



Mediterranean Women Mediators Network/Cyprus

17 May 2019, 17:00 - 20:00

Ledra Palace Hotel, Nicosia

LAUNCH EVENT

The Challenge of Women's Meaningful and Effective Participation: Linking the Local to the Global

16:30 – 17:00 | Registration

17:00 – 17:20 | Welcome Remarks and Introduction

Ambassador Andrea Cavallari, Italian MFA

Sabine Freizer, UN Women

Kalliope Agapiou Josephides, MWMN/Cyprus

17:20 – 17:40 | Keynote Speech

Elisabeth Spehar, Special Representative of the UNSG in Cyprus & Head of UNFICYP

17:40 – 19:30 | Panel discussion on Best Practices, Challenges and Opportunities in terms of Women's Effective and Meaningful Participation Across Women Mediation Networks

The roundtable will discuss the challenges and opportunities for women's visibility and participation in peacebuilding by drawing on the experience of the existing regional women mediators networks. What best practices can be shared? How can synergies be fostered? What is the state of the art globally?

Moderator: Irene Fellin, MWMN Secretariat

Ambassador Birgitta Holst Alani, Swedish Women's Mediation Network

Mukondeleli Mpeiwa, Femwise-Africa Secretariat

Hafida Benchehida, Founding member MWMN, Algeria

Layik Topcan, MWMN/Cyprus

Magda Zenon, MWMN/Cyprus and Women Mediators across the Commonwealth (WMC)

Q&A

19:30 - 19:45 Closing

Emine Çolak, MWMN/Cyprus

The working language will be English

The event will be followed by a reception at the Home for Cooperation next door

