



## The vital role of women in countering violent extremism and building peace

### Panel Discussion

March 5, 2013

4:30 - 6:00 pm

10th Floor of the UN Church Centre  
777 1st Avenue, E 44th St, New York, NY

The Civil Society Network for Human Security invites you to attend a panel discussion highlighting the important role of women and their leadership in countering violent extremism. The panel consists of experts from the human rights, gender and peacebuilding communities and the UN. Panelists will give their perspective on the issue, whilst participants will be given the opportunity to engage with the panelists during the session.

### Speakers



**Asma Khader** is a prominent human rights activist and General Coordinator of Sisterhood is Global Institute/Jordan (SIGI/J), as well as Secretary General of the Jordanian National Commission for Women. Previously, Khader was the Minister of Culture for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.



**Robert Ochola** is a journalist, writer and commentator, focusing on youth and community development in Kenya and Africa. Currently runs the project 'From the Graves to the Grounds,' aimed at addressing issues related to extremism and crime in Nairobi neighborhoods, especially terror group Al-Shabaab.



**Mavic Cabrera-Balleza** is the International Coordinator of the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), and a member of the Advisory Committee of the UN NGO Committee on the Status Women. She among others initiated the 1325 national action planning process in the Philippines.



**Bondita Acharya** is a human rights defender from Assam and member of the Women in Governance Network India (WinG), a national level women network that works for creating democratic space within civil society, governance and politics.



**Edward J. Flynn** is the Senior Human Rights Officer of the Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate (CTED). He advises States, the CTC and CTED on strategies to effectively prevent acts of terrorism while upholding human rights. Previously worked for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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