



## NGO CSW65 Virtual Forum - Parallel Event

# “Amman Principles” of National Mechanisms for Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2021

**Time:** 11:00 AM EST (New York), 4:00 PM CET (Germany), 5:00 PM EET (Amman)

**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Language:** English

**Interpretation:** Arabic, French, and Spanish

### *The Agenda*

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Opening Remarks	<b>Katia Schnellecke</b> , Director of the Political Feminism Project (MENA Region), Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.
Background, progress, and limitations of national mechanisms	<b>Mervat Rishmawi</b> , Senior Human Rights Consultant, Researcher and Policy Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Specialist.  <b>Dr. Salma Nims</b> , Secretary General, The Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW).
The Amman Principles Project	<b>H.E Asma Khader</b> , CEO and Consultant, Solidarity is Global Institute (SIGI-Jo).
Q&A	<b>Dr. Ibtesam Al Atiyat</b> , Professor of Sociology, Race and Ethnic Studies, and Women’s and Gender Studies, St. Olaf College (moderator).
Closing Remarks and wrap up	<b>H.E Asma Khader</b> , CEO and Consultant, Solidarity is Global Institute (SIGI-Jo).

### *About the Speakers*

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**Mervat Rashmawi** is a Palestinian human rights researcher and policy analyst specialized in the MENA region. Her recent work focusses on women’s rights including the Women Peace and Security Agenda; economic, social, and cultural rights; and the Sustainable Development Agenda. Rishmawi has a distinctive expertise in the human rights standards and mechanisms of the League of Arab States. She is a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Palestine Independent Commission for Human Rights (the Palestine NHRI); a member of the Council of the IBA’s Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI); the Editorial Board of the Journal of Human Rights Practice; and sits on the boards of other international human rights organizations. She is a Fellow at both the Human Rights Law Centre at the University of Nottingham, and the Human Rights Centre of the University of Essex (UK). Rishmawi holds an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex and has previously worked as the Legal Advisor to the MENA region with the International Secretariat of Amnesty International for approximately 12 years.

**Dr. Salma Nims** is the Secretary-General of the Jordanian National Commission for Women since 2014. She has 19 years' experience in the areas of Gender and development and has been an activist for women's rights since the early 1990s. Dr. Nims holds a PhD. in Development Planning and a MSc. in Sustainable Development from University College London, University of London. Dr. Nims served as a member of the Advisory Group to the High-Level Task Force on Financing for Gender Equality for the United Nations. She sits on the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Women Empowerment and co-chairs the "National Committee on Pay Equity" with the SG of the Ministry of Labor. In 2019, Dr. Nims received Said Foundation Outstanding Achievement Prize, which is awarded to individuals judged to have contributed significantly to the development of the region.

**H.E Asma Khader** is a leading human rights lawyer based in Amman. She has over 40 years of experience as a specialized lawyer in human rights and legal protection of victims of human rights violations. Khader is a civil society activist in Jordan at the national, regional, and international levels, and is the CEO and Consultant of Solidarity is Global Institute-Jordan. Khader is the co-founder and leader of many Jordanian and Arab NGOs and a member of the Royal Commission for the Drafting of the Jordanian National Charter. She played an important role as a member of the Royal Commission for Human Rights and was appointed as a board member of its successor, the National Centre for Human Rights. Khader's national appointments include Minister of Culture; Minister of State and the official spokesperson for the Jordanian Government; Member of the Jordanian Senate; Secretary General of the Jordanian National Commission for women; and Commissioner at the Independent Election Commission.

### *Welcome note by*

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**Katia Schnellecke** is the Director for the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung's regional Political Feminism Project in the MENA region. Through the project, FES aims to address issues regarding the future of work and provide feminist perspectives on current socio-political and economic issues by facilitating the development of innovative strategies, by creating space for feminists from across the MENA region to share their experiences with other progressive actors, and by fostering long-term alliances that link feminism with broader social justice movements.

### *Moderator*

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**Dr. Ibtesam Al-Atiyat** is professor of sociology, race and ethnic studies, and women's and gender studies at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN in the United States. She is the author of the Jordanian Women's Movement: Activism, Strategies and Discourses, published in 2004 by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Amman, Jordan, and editor of Arab Women Post the Arab Uprisings, published in 2017 by the Kettering Foundation, American University Beirut, and the Arab Network for the Study of Democracy. She has also published articles on Jordan's Civil Society, Arab women, refugees, and political Islam. Al-Atiyat is also a founding member of the Arab Network for the Study of Democracy, a regional research network based in Beirut.



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