



# Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment Strategies The Case of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

November 28, 2021 Conference Agenda

8:30 - 9:30

COVID-19 rapid antigen test and registration

## Conference Opening

10:00 - 10:05

**National Anthem of Iraq**  
**National Anthem of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq**

10:05 - 10:15

**Opening Remarks**  
Mr. Bill Rammell, President of the University of Kurdistan Hewlêr

10:15 - 10:30

**Keynote Speech**  
His Excellency Nechirvan Barzani, President of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

10:30 - 10:45

**Speech:** Dr. Rewaz Faiq Hussein, Speaker of the Kurdistan Region Parliament

10:45 - 11:00

**Speech:** Ms. Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, Special Representative for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq

11:00 - 11:08

**The First Decade**  
(Video Presentation)

11:08 - 11:20

**Speech:** Mr. Mark Bryson-Richardson, UK Ambassador to Iraq

11:20 - 11:30

**Speech:** Ms. Yanna Hormova, Secretary General for Demography and Family Policy and Gender Equality

## First Session:

11:30 - 12:50

**First Panel: International Crises for Women in Post-ISIS Societies & Its Implications in the Kurdistan Region**

**Moderator:**

- Dr. Nezar Ismet Taib, Former Director General of Health in Duhok

**Panelist:**

- Ms. Vian Dakhil, Member of the Parliament of Iraq

- Dr. Choman Hardi, Associate Professor, Founder & Director of the Center for Gender & Development Studies at AUIS

- Ms. Sharizaan Minwalla, Human Rights Lawyer

- Ms. Sozan Safar, President of Dak Organization, Yazidi Activist, Duhok

12:50 - 2:00

**Lunch Break**

## Second Session:

2:00 - 2:10

**Speech:** Dr. Khanzad Ahmad, Secretary General of the Kurdistan Region's High Council for Women's Affairs

2:10 - 3:30

### Second Panel: Gender Equality: Milestones & Determinants

**Moderator:**

- Ms. Isabel Uribe, Former Head of United Nations Development Program, Erbil Office

**Panelist:**

- Dr. Nazand Begikhani, Vincent Wright Chair, Visiting Professor, Sciences PO, Paris

- Mr. Salah Sedeeq Saeed, Country Director, Heartland Alliance International

- Ms. Pakhshan Zangana, Former Secretary General of Kurdistan Region's High Council for Women's Affairs

- Dr. Hamdia Mirkhan, Director of the Gender Center at Hawler Medical University

3:30 - 3:45

### Coffee Break

## Third Session:

3:45 - 5:05

### Third Panel: Women's Empowerment, Education, Constitution & Policy

**Moderator:**

- Ms. Marie Paret, Head of EU Liaison Office in Erbil

**Panelist:**

- Dr. Muna Yaqo, Head of Independent Commission for Human Rights

- Ms. Khanim Raheem, Senior Advisor of the President of Iraq on Women and Civil Society Affairs

- Dr. Zhiya Abbas Qader, Head of the Department of Social Work, University of Sulaimani

- Dr. Zubeida Seydsalih, Department of Sociology, University of Duhok

## Conference Closing

5:05 - 5:20

### Closing Speech

- Mr. Qubad Talabani, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government

5:20 - 5:30

### Concluding Remarks

Dr. Jawhar Fattah, President of Salahaddin Univeristy - Erbil

5:30

### Reception