

The Working Group on the Status of Palestinian Women Citizens of Israel

Study Day

For the Presentation of Research on the Status of Palestinian Women Citizens of Israel and the Completion of Preparation for the Second Alternative Report to be Presented to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

Saturday 9 April 2005, Sami Ramis Hall, Shafa' Amr

The Program

9:30 - 10:00 Meeting and Registration

The First Session

10:00 - 11:00 Introduction

- ⊕ The History of the "Working Group on the Status of Palestinian Women Citizens of Israel" - Aida Toma-Suleiman, Director, *Women Against Violence*
- ⊕ The Working Mechanisms of CEDAW and International Advocacy - Attorney Sonia Boulos, Board Member, *Kayan Feminist Organization*
- ⊕ Overview of Preliminary Report submitted to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women 2005 - Nabila Espanioly, Director, *Al-Tufula: The Pedagogical and Multipurpose Women's Center*

11:00 - 11:30 Break

The Second Session

11:30 - 13:00 Discussions in Three Workshops

Workshop One: The Position of Women in the Unrecognized Villages

Facilitator Amal El-Sana, *Maan: The Forum of Bedouin Women*

Speakers

- ⊕ Hanan El-Sana, *Maan: The Forum of Bedouin Women*
- ⊕ Orly Alme, Coordinator of Unrecognized Villages Project, *Physicians for Human Rights*
- ⊕ Dr. Amer Abu-Qarn, Lecturer, *Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University*

Workshop Two: Violence Against Women and the State's Policies of Intervention

Facilitator Aida Toma-Suleiman, Director, *Women Against Violence*.

Speakers

- ⊕ Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Lecturer, *Institute of Criminology, The Hebrew University*
- ⊕ Eva Samaan, Board Member, *Association of Arab Heads of Welfare Offices*
- ⊕ Na'ila Awad-Rashid, Social Worker and Coordinator of the Escort of Victims through the Legal Process, *Women Against Violence*

Workshop Three: Health

Facilitator Rina Rosenberg, International Advocacy and Development Director, *Adalah: The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel*

Speakers

- ✦ Mohammed Khatib, Ph.D. Candidate in Health Education & Director of the General Program, *The Galilee Society*
- ✦ Prof. Julie Swickel, Director of the Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion, *Ben-Gurion University*,
- ✦ Juhaina Hussein, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, *The Hebrew University*

13:00 - 14:00 Break and Lunch

The Third Session

14:00 - 15:30 Discussions in Three Workshops

Workshop Four: Social and Economic Rights

Facilitator Mohammed Zeidan, General Director, *Arab Association of Human Rights*

Speakers

- ✦ Barbara Swirski, Director, *Adva Center*
- ✦ Iman Kassis, Economic and Organizational Specialist and Consultant
- ✦ Attorney Sawsan Zaher, Coordinator of the Legal Project, *Kayan Feminist Organization*

Workshop Five: Personal Status

Facilitator Rula Deeb, Director, *Kayan Feminist Organization*

Speakers

- ✦ Prof. Lynn Welchman, Specialist in Personal Status Law in Muslim Countries, *Department of Law, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London*
- ✦ Attorney Saida Muhsin-Baidseh, Director, *Women and Horizons*
- ✦ Attorney Nihida Shehadeh, Chairperson, *Women Against Violence*

Workshop Six: Gender Stereotyping and its Effects on the Education System

Facilitator Nazha Rouhana, Coordinator of Women's Programs, *Al-Tufula: The Pedagogical and Multipurpose Women's Center*

Speakers

- ✦ Fathieh Sughair, Instructor in Gender Equality, *Ministry of Education*
- ✦ Dr. Hala Espanioly, Doctor of Pedagogic Counseling, *Al-Tufula: The Pedagogical and Multipurpose Women's Center*

15:30 - 16:00 - Break

The Fourth Session

16:00 - 16:30 Summary and Recommendations of the Workshops