

Women of South Yemen: Past, Present and the Future

Independent Diplomat (ID) and the Academic Forum Muhammad Ali Luqman cordially invite you to a special public panel discussion.



Opening remarks & Moderator

Charlotte Isaksson
Senior Gender Advisor to the European
External Action Service

Panelists

Huda al-Attas
Lecturer of Sociology at the University of Aden
& Women's rights activist

Entesar Ali Mused al-Hadali
Political activist, President of the National
Council for Southern Women & of the
Association 'Min Haki' (I have the right)

Sanaa Mubarak
Founding Member of the Academic Forum
Muhammad Ali Luqman, & member of the
Southern Transitional Council's National
Assembly

Hend Omairan
Human Rights Defender, Member of the
South Independent Group

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the panel discussion will explore the vital role South Yemeni women have played in their decades long struggle for peace, and the challenges ahead for advancing women's participation in the UN-led political process.

A retrospective **photo exhibition** of women's roles in public life will also be on display, accompanied by remarks from Fatima Ali al-Baiti, Chairperson of the [South Arabian Women's Association](#) in Germany.

Thursday, 7 March at 9:00am - 10:30am (breakfast will be served)

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Huda al-Attas is an activist for women's rights, an author of short stories and a teacher of sociology at the University of Aden, whilst also studying for a PhD. Al-'Attas is from a well-known family in Hadhramawt, an eastern province in South Yemen, but has lived in Aden since the 1980s.

Entesar al-Hadali is a political activist from South Yemen. She is the president of the National Council for Southern Women and the chairperson of the Association 'Min Haki' (I have the right) that promotes women's participation in politics. Her son was killed for his activism in the Southern Movement.

Sanaa Mubarak is a pediatrician who holds a Master degree from Cairo University. As a feminist and political activist from South Yemen, she blogs and regularly writes for various Arabic and local Yemeni newspapers and platforms. She is a founding member of the [Academic Forum Muhammad Ali Luqman](#)

Hend Omairan is a Human Rights Defender from South Yemen who regularly participates at the Human Rights Council in Geneva to amplify southerners' calls for self-determination. She is a member of the South Independent Group (SIG), and studies Human Rights at Malmö University. Before moving to Sweden Hend worked as a Programme Coordinator at the Training and Research Center in Aden.

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