GLOBAL EFFORT AND GENDER INITIATIVES
Increasing the Number of Women in UN Peacemaking Operations

by Dr. Naima Charafi
Training Specialist and Tenured Professor, United Nations

Monday, March 14, 2016
3:00pm-4:00pm
Center for the Arts - Lecture Hall (1P, Room 119)

Refreshments will be served.

Dr. Charafi is a Training Specialist and tenured Professor at the United Nations Headquarters, where she has served since September 2003. With expertise in delivering training on issues relating to political activity and media outreach to Francophone countries, she holds a Ph.D. in Social Studies as well as dual Masters Degree in Teaching in Foreign Language and Adult Education and Leadership from La Sorbonne, Paris. She is also an honorary member of the College of Staten Island, Eta Lambda chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. Dr. Charafi’s initiative is to protect people against violence behavior based on gender. Dr. Charafi trains people to be peacekeepers for the UN and has recently served in Niger, Rwanda, Benin, Burkina Faso and Cameroun.

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In August 2009, the United Nations launched a Global Effort to recruit more women into UN police operations around the world. Why? Experience has shown that women greatly increase the effectiveness of UN peace operations and help build trust with populations.

During her highly acclaimed, broad-based service to the UN, Naima Charafi, PhD., Training Specialist of Political and Security Issues, has rendered valuable and crucial support to the development of training materials focusing on security reports, awareness of gender-based violence in countries in conflict, and peacekeeping issues such as the electoral process and civilian human rights protection.

Dr. Charafi was the Course Director of the pilot program for the all-female training course, which took place in Rwanda, and for similar courses in several sub-Saharan countries. In all, she has trained more than 600 African female police officers.

Her presentation will focus on her groundbreaking experiences, and aims to inspire more women to become part of this important global effort to make a difference by serving in countries in conflict.

«By empowering women within the United Nations we are not just upholding the principles for which we stand. We are making ourselves a better organization. This is particularly true when we increase the participation of women police officers in peacekeeping. By empowering women we build stronger societies. When a crowd needs to be controlled, a house searched or a suspect questioned, a policewoman’s presence can defuse tension and guard against offence.»

Ban Ki-moon
UN Secretary-General