

## **Keeping the Faith in Sustainable Peace: Women of Faith Take the Global Stage at the United Nations General Assembly**

17 September 2018, New York: The role of women of faith in sustaining peace is the subject of a side event that will be held on 20 September at the United Nations in New York on the margins of the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. The side event is organized by the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID), the United Nations Interagency Task Force on Religion and the European Union.

The event will bring together women of faith who are working towards peace and reconciliation in conflict situations around the world, as well as UN diplomats and national policymakers to reference and acknowledge the efforts of women of faith in ending conflicts and building peace.

Religious leaders can be critical agents of change in a global context in which 80 percent of the world's population has a religious affiliation. In this context, women of faith play an essential role in the various aspects and areas of sustaining peace and their stories are slowly emerging. However, their voices tend to be less heard and their work and achievements less visible than those of other actors.

This event aims to provide a platform for women from different faiths to showcase on the global policy table their contributions and aspirations as agents of peace and social transformation. It also provides an opportunity to policymakers to engage and exchange views on how to develop synergies with women of faith on issues of common concern, including the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Tune in to the livestream via [webtv.un.org/](http://webtv.un.org/) and join the discussion on Twitter [#faithfulpeace](https://twitter.com/faithfulpeace).**

### About the UN Interagency Task Force on Religion

The UN Task Force annually convenes faith-based partners for a series of policy dialogues on diverse human rights, development and peace and security-related issues.

### About the European External Action Service (EEAS)

The EEAS is the EU's diplomatic service. It aims to make EU foreign policy more coherent and effective, thus increasing Europe's global influence.

### About the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)

KAICIID is an intergovernmental organization that promotes dialogue to build peace in conflict areas, by enhancing understanding and cooperation between people of different cultures and followers of different religions.