EVENT INVITATION

Preventing Mass Atrocities:
The Role of Women in the Advancement of the Responsibility to Protect

12 December 2016
6:30-8:30pm
The Church Centre for the United Nations, 2nd Floor
777 First Avenue at 44th Street, New York, NY 10017

On 9 December, the world will observe the annual International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime. Genocide and other atrocity crimes disproportionately affect women and girls at an alarming rate as they often are directly targeted and also bear the brunt of the economic and social consequences of such crimes. However, women are not just impacted by atrocities, as they have a vital role to play in the implementation and advancement of the Responsibility to Protect (RtoP) and an inherent right to participate in the norm’s advancement. The impact of women’s meaningful participation in peace and security processes has been proven to improve the probability for sustainable peace and support the strengthening of resiliency.

In this vein, the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect (ICRtoP) would like to mark this year’s International Day with a public event exploring the relationship between the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) and Responsibility to Protect agendas in order to foster discussion, increase awareness, and produce recommendations for concrete action. The International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect is pleased to invite you to join us for the event entitled “Preventing Mass Atrocities: The Role of Women in the Advancement of the Responsibility to Protect,” on 12 December from 6:30pm-8:30pm at The Church Centre for the United Nations (777 First Avenue at 44th Street, NY, NY).

The event will feature civil society experts working throughout the world to advance the WPS and RtoP agendas. By convening civil society, UN, and Member State participants, the event will also serve as an opportunity to hear diverse viewpoints, and link actors working on these issues so as to raise and consider recommendations to enhance women’s participation and leadership in atrocity prevention.

As space will be limited, please RSVP by 5:00pm on Monday, 5 December if you plan to attend.
An agenda will follow this invitation.
To RSVP, please contact wfmint5@wfm-igp.org

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