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Rubina Feroze Bhatti

is a founding member and general secretary of Taangh Wasaib Organization (TWO), a rights-based development group working for communal harmony and equality through its many programs addressing issues of violence against women, religious intolerance and sectarianism and discriminatory laws and policies against women and minorities. With TWO, Bhatti works to abolish separate electorates which prevent non-Muslims from voting. In 2000 and 2001, the organization launched a massive campaign for religious minorities to boycott local elections. The campaign was successful and the government restored the joint electorate system. Bhatti also has established educational and healthcare facilities for children working in Pakistan's carpet-weaving industry, written scripts for theater productions on human rights and peace issues that were performed throughout the Punjab and North West Frontier Provinces, and been selected as one of the 1,000 women nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005. Bhatti was a Woman PeaceMaker at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice in 2009.



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is the director of the Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights. In her most recent research, supported by the Ford Foundation, Cohn examines gender mainstreaming in international peace and security institutions, a central focus of which is the passage of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325 and the on-going efforts to ensure its implementation at the international, national and grassroots levels. She has conducted a series of workshops at the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations, designed to help headquarters staff develop an action plan for implementing 1325 and mainstreaming gender in peacekeeping operations. Cohn has led other workshops on implementing 1325 for the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard; with women leaders from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Melanesia and Kosovo/a; and with the Iraqi Ministries of Women's Affairs and Human Rights. Cohn is now working with the Social Science Research Council to design a Global Centre for Research on Gender, Crisis Prevention and Recovery for the U.N. Development Programme.



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Brigid Inder

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Sarah Akoru Lochodo

2010 Woman PeaceMaker at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, is the only woman negotiating among the semi-nomadic and pastoralist communities in her native Turkana District of northwestern Kenya. She was appointed assistant chief of Kainuk Sub-Division by the Kenyan government in 2002, at a time when gun violence had become inherent to the banditry and cattle rustling common between the community's Turkana and Pokot tribes. Within one month of becoming assistant chief, Lochodo averted a massive revenge killing after a Pokot herdsboy was killed by a Turkana warrior from her own community. Lochodo is a founding member of Rural Women Peace Link, which played a major role in stabilizing communities after Kenya's violent 2008 election riots. In addition to her official governmental duties, Lochodo is now working to combat female genital mutilation and discourage early marriages in rural communities.



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Doreen Malambo

a Zambian police officer, was until August 2010 the police gender adviser and an inspector for the Victim Support Unit for the U.N. Mission in Liberia (UNMIL). In these capacities she was also adviser and mentor for the Liberia National Police, attached to the Women and Children Protection Section.



Agnès Marcaillou

a French national, has had a distinguished career in the United Nations, with over 20 years of experience in disarmament and non-proliferation, as well as in political affairs, in New York, Geneva, The Hague, Iraq and Cambodia. She currently directs the Regional Disarmament Branch of the U.N. Office for Disarmament Affairs and oversees the activities and operations of U.N. regional centers for peace and disarmament in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Marcaillou is also known for her work on security sector matters. Her most recent achievement was the negotiation and adoption by ministers of Central African countries of the Kinshasha Convention, or the "Central Africa Convention for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons, their Ammunition, Parts and Components that can be used for their Manufacture, Repair and Assembly." Marcaillou initiated the Gender Action Plan of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, the first gender action plan in the U.N. Secretariat.



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Sandra McEvoy

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Monica McWilliams

has been chief commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission since September 2005. Co-founder of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition political party, McWilliams was elected to a seat at the Multi-Party Peace Negotiations, which led to the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement in 1998. She was one of only two women to sign the agreement. She served as a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly for five years until her appointment as chief commissioner. As a professor of women's studies, currently on leave from the University of Ulster, McWilliams' published works focus on domestic violence, human security and the role of political conflict on women's lives. Her work has been recognized by a special Profile in Courage Award from the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, the Frank Cousin's Peace Award and several honorary doctorates. McWilliams is a graduate of Queen's University Belfast and the University of Michigan.



Luz Méndez

is vice-president of the Executive Board of the National Union of Guatemalan Women (UNAMG), which works for gender equality, social justice and peacebuilding. She participated in the table of peace negotiations as part of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity's delegation, where she dedicated special attention to the incorporation of gender equality commitments in the accords. After the end of the war, she was a member of the National Council for the Implementation of the Peace Accords. She was also the coordinator of the Women Agents for Change Consortium, an alliance of women's and human rights organizations working for the empowerment of women survivors of sexual violence during the armed conflict, seeking justice and reparations. In the international sphere, Méndez was a speaker at the first meeting that the U.N. Security Council held with women's organizations leading up to the passage of resolution 1325. She was a Woman PeaceMaker at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice in 2004.



Merlie "Milet" B. Mendoza

2010 Woman PeaceMaker at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, has over two decades of peacebuilding experience in the Philippines. Mendoza served for a decade in various presidential departments, including the Peace Commission and the National Unification Commission. She then assisted the official Government Peace Negotiating Panel for Talks with the Communist Party of the Philippines, organizing consultations to understand the issues facing those in conflict areas. She transitioned from the government to the grassroots in 1999, becoming executive coordinator of Tabang Mindanaw ("Help Mindanao"), a national coalition for peace, development, humanitarian assistance and human security in Mindanao. Mendoza coordinated emergency humanitarian assistance for the 1 million civilians displaced by the war between government forces and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. She is a founding member of the Asian Disaster Response and Reduction Network – an alliance of more than 30 national and local humanitarian and social development organizations in 16 countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region.



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Olenka Ochoa

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Manal Omar

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