

Invitation to the KOFF Roundtable

Empowering women to act for their rights in Israel

At 14:00 - 15:30 on 1 December 2016, swisspeace, Sonnenbergstrasse 17, Bern

with the participation of

Rafah Anabtawi Director, Kayan – Feminist Organisation

Valentina Maggiulli Program Coordinator Middle East, cfd

In the highly segregated society in Israel, Arab women face an up hill battle to claim their rights and advocate for gender equality. Women of Palestinian and Druze origin live in a patriarchal Arab society and are increasingly experiencing discriminatory policies as “second class citizens” by the Israeli state. The Kayan - Feminist Organisation from Haifa, engages daily in this field of tension and conflicting policy and practice. Rafah Anabtawi is from Shefa-Amr. She has been working at Kayan since 2006 and became director in 2013. Before her engagement with Kayan she was working as a social worker with drug addicts and elderly people. Rafah Anabtawi has an MA in Social Work from the University of Haifa.

The KOFF roundtable aims to shed light on the current situation of Arab women in Israel based on the longstanding engagement of the Kayan - Feminist Organisation with Arab communities in northern Israel. The event takes place within the framework of the international Campaign of 16 Days against Gender Based violence.

KOFF is happy to share this space for exchange in cooperation with cfd. We are looking forward to active participation and lively discussions.

Best wishes,

KOFF

Annemarie Sancar

Program

14:00 Welcoming Remarks & Introductions

14:15 Inputs by Valentina Maggiulli and Rafah Anabtawi

15:00 Open Discussions

15:30 End of Event

Moderation

Annemarie Sancar, Senior Program Officer, KOFF