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About ICAN

About Us

Founded in 2006, ICAN is a registered non-profit, US based organization whose mission is to support civil society activism in promoting women's rights, peace and human security in countries affected by conflict, transition and closed political space. ICAN aims to support women's efforts through bridging the divisions between activists and the policy community, elevating the voices and experiences of women activists, building skills, and ensuring the exchange of knowledge and resources. ICAN achieves its mission through trainings, information generation, sharing and exchange, and dialogue facilitation.

Mission

ICAN places partnership and collaboration as a core principle of its interactions with other NGOs as well as academic institutions and multilateral organizations. We pride ourselves in listening to and responding to the needs of our partners in conflict affected countries. By virtue of establishing strong ties with globally renowned institutions, we can bridge the north-south divisions, and foster a mutually beneficial exchange of expertise and knowledge and practice. ICAN also believes in elevating the voices and profile of national experts onto the global arena. As such we strive to identify and work with local activists and scholars where possible.

Services & Areas of Expertise

Gendered early warning, political and security

Inclusivity, gender & mediation

Male gender issues in conflict and fragile settings

Women's rights and activism in Islamic contexts

Executive training and institutional action

Trainings on gendered dimensions of:

Movement and coalition building in politically

Peer-to-peer & south-south knowledge exchange

Civil society/government development of

Localization of UNSCR 1325 & 1820 and NAP

Monitoring national implementation and the

Education and advocacy for a CEDAW

Using media to raise public awareness of UNSCR

Geographic Outreach



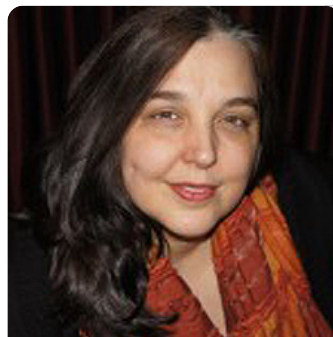
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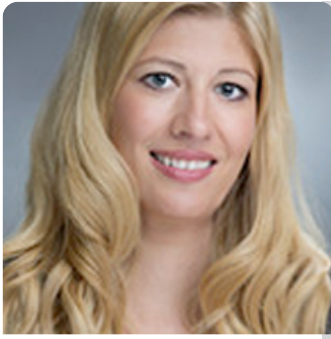
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