TURNING THE TIDE:
Engaging Religiously-Motivated Peacebuilders in Conflict Zones

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PANEL I (10:00AM - 11:30AM)
Forging Relationships and Building Trust in Local Communities:
Track I Engagement with Religious Actors and Peacemakers

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Kai Sauer, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations

Peacemaker Ms. Maria Ida “Deng” Giguiento, Philippines
Peacemaker Mr. Azhar Hussain, Pakistan
Peacemaker Ms. Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, South Africa

Track I officials, international agencies, NGOs and local governments are increasingly seeking out religious actors — women and men who have the trust of their communities — in their efforts to prevent, mitigate, resolve and transform global conflicts. Join us to hear from religiously motivated Peacemakers and the government officials who work with religious actors in pursuit of peace.

PANEL II (11:35AM - 1:00PM)
Alternative Approaches to Combating Extremism:
Grassroots Initiatives of Religious Actors and Peacemakers

Peacemaker Mr. Ricardo Esquivia, Colombia
Peacemaker Ms. Dishani Jayaweera, Sri Lanka
Peacemaker Ms. Sakena Yacoobi, Afghanistan
Ms. Faiza Patel, Co-Director of the Liberty and National Security Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law

Mr. Andrew Tomlinson, Director & Quaker UN Representative

As military and diplomatic efforts are made to thwart radicalism and prevent individuals from feeling marginalized, alternative approaches are also being developed and implemented at the grassroots level, often by women. Join us to hear from religiously motivated Peacemakers and civil society leaders who are introducing and advocating for grassroots initiatives to address extremism.

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