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Syria stands at the cusp of a transitional phase with national, regional and international discussions taking place on the possible political transition. Started behind closed doors and within international circles, these discussions have addressed issues related to constitutional reform, the reconstruction of Syria, early recovery and return of refugees, from an exclusionary, hegemonic and male-dominated perspective.

The panel will discuss the key priorities and ways in which Syrian women, along side women organizations, and women political leaders, have led an array of interventions during the transitional phase after failed attempts to reach a political solution.

Panelists will share lessons learnt from their experiences in challenging the exclusionary spaces within the different political processes on Syria, how they transformed this lack of inclusion into victim-centered and gender-sensitive initiatives and movements, and the recommendations they have for key Member States and UN agencies on how to support Syrian women’s initiatives during the transitional phase.