

# WHAT'S

UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE EVENT

WOMEN LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE AND COMPLEX CRISES IN ASIA

# YOUR PEACE?

**Organizers:** Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

**Date:** 3 December 2023 'Relief, Recovery and Peace Day'

**Time:** 09:00 - 09:45 am (Dubai time)

**Venue:** COP28 Finland Pavilion, Expo City, Dubai (blue zone)

**More information:** [UN Women/ROAP](#)

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## SUMMARY

Climate change is forcing countries and communities across Asia to rethink what peace and security mean to them. Rather than being passive victims of climate change, women are at the frontlines of these dialogues and efforts. The rich tapestry of women's lived experiences and grassroots solutions provide a blueprint for resilience, showcasing the synergies between gender equality, peacebuilding and climate action.

This event delves into the synergistic potential of climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, gender equality and peace, from the perspective of both grassroots action and normative environment.

For the very first time, join us on 'Relief, Peace and Recovery Day' at COP28 to hear from the esteemed speakers and explore good practices and forward-looking strategies for the Women, Peace and Security agenda to better incorporate climate considerations at both the national level and in the global normative framework.



## SPEAKERS

**Welcoming remarks from Finland:** Mr. Ville Tavio, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development

**Opening remarks from UN Women:** Ms. Sima Bahous, UN Women Executive Director

### Panel

- **Prof. Rufa Cagoco-Guiam**, peacebuilder, transitional justice negotiator and civil society leader from the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao in the Philippines (BARM); Associate Professor, Mindanao State University, and author of research on extreme weather events and conflict in Maguindanao province.
- **Ms. Ameera Adil**, climate activists and educator, feminist, founder of the Pakistan Youth Climate Network and an NGO 8clim.org; Assistant Director of the Office of Sustainability at the National University of Science and Technology.
- **Ms. Alexandra Fong**, Climate Security Mechanism representative and Chief, Policy and Guidance of the Policy and Mediation Division of the UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs.
- **Mr. Juha Savolainen**, Deputy Director General, Department for Development Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland.

### Moderator

**Mr. Nick Nuttall**, Strategic Communications Director, We Don't Have Time, and former spokesperson, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)