“Voices on the Rise: Afghan Women Making the News”

organized by

the Division for Gender Equality in the Office of the Director-General

and

the Division for Freedom of Expression, Democracy and Peace in the Communication

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on the occasion of

*International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women*

Monday 22 November, 4.30 p.m., Room II, 125 av. de Suffren, 75007 Paris

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**Preliminary agenda**

4:30 Conference “Voices on the Rise: Afghan Women Making the News”:

- Opening speech: *Mr. Janis Karklins*, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, and Representative of the Director-General of UNESCO, Ms Irina Bokova;

- Moderator: *Mr. Mogens Schmidt*, Director, Division for Freedom of Expression, Democracy and Peace, Communication and Information Sector;

- H. Exc. Mr. Mohammad Kacem Fazely, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Afghanistan to UNESCO
- Ms Khorshied Samad, Curator of the artistic exhibition “Voices on the Rise: Afghan Women Making the News”
- Ms Jane McElhone, Curator of the artistic exhibition “Voices on the Rise: Afghan Women Making the News”
- Ms Humaira Habib, Head of a Women’s Community Radio Station in Afghanistan
- Ms Horia Mosadiq, Afghan researcher for Amnesty International

5:30: Questions & answers

5:45: Presentation of the documentary film “Girls on the Air” by Ms. Valentina Monti,

5:50: Projection of the film (60 minutes, in Dari with English subtitles)

6:50: Inauguration of the artistic exhibition “Voices on the Rise: Afghan Women Making the News” (Salle des pas perdus)

- Mr. Janis Karklins, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information
- H. E. Mr. Omar Samad, Ambassador of Afghanistan to France
- Ms. Khorshied Samad and Ms. Jane McElhone, Curators of the exhibition