



## Speakers' Biographies

**Ms. Sarah Taylor**  
**Women, Peace and Security Advocate**  
**Human Rights Watch**  
**New York**



**Sarah Taylor** Sarah Taylor is the women, peace and security advocate of the women's rights division, where she focuses both on international accountability to women's rights in conflict, and on women, peace and security concerns in specific country situations. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch in 2015, Sarah was the Executive Coordinator of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security, a senior level leadership coalition of NGOs that holds the UN Security Council accountable to its obligations on women's rights. She has worked and conducted research in Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador, particularly on women conflict negotiators, and she has written on numerous aspects of the women, peace and security agenda. Sarah holds an MA and a PhD in Political Science.

**Ms. Hiba Hussein**  
**Legal advisor to peace negotiations**  
**Al-Mustakbal Foundation**  
**Ramallah**



**Hiba Hussein**, a prominent Palestinian lawyer, currently chairs the legal Committee to Final Status Negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis. Since 1994, she has served as legal adviser to peace process negotiations. Ms. Hussein serves on the boards of various educational and non-profit organizations. She served as the vice chair of the Palestine Securities Exchange from 1998 through 2005. She is a founding member of Al-Mustakbal foundation, a non-partisan organization aimed at promoting economic development and rule of law in Palestine. Ms. Hussein holds a JD from Georgetown University, a master's degree in Political Science from George Washington University, a master's degree in finance from the University of Sorbonne and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Tennessee.

**Ms. Lihi Joffe**  
**Board member**  
**Coalition of Women for Peace**  
**Tel Aviv**



**Lihi Joffe** is a feminist, and a human rights activist. She takes part in various protest activities and she has worked mainly with Israeli youth educating against militarization and promoting critical thinking and political accountability. She represents the Coalition of Women for Peace, a feminist organization which is against the occupation of Palestine and for a just peace, bringing together women from a wide variety of identities and groups. CWP is committed to creating a more just society, while enhancing women's inclusion and participation in the public discourse.

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