



Afghanistan and Libya: Two Short Documentary Films

As a **signatory organisation to the Dutch National Action Plan (NAP) on UNSCR 1325**, Gender Concerns International is committed to support women`s political participation and female leadership in fragile democracies. Gender Concerns does this by **building the capacity** of national institutions on **gender-focused electoral reforms** and by establishing a sustained partnership with major national **women and civil society organisations** to enhance their national and international lobby skills.

Within the NAP of 2016, Gender Concerns International will continue to work in Afghanistan and Libya. To highlight some of our current and future work in these focus countries we would like to present two short documentary films at NAP Launch Event on 8th March 2016.

Focus country Afghanistan **Bayan: Women at a Flash Point, Challenges and Opportunities Beyond 2016** Focus country Libya **Our Revolution our Constitutions**

Bayan: Women at a Flash Point, Challenges and Opportunities **Beyond 2016**

Almost 15 years passed since national and international actors have been supportive to promote women`s self-organisation and women`s inclusion in Afghan politics. Yet women in Afghanistan remain **deprived of the opportunity to fully participate in public discourse, peace processes, security forces, political leadership and economic empowerment**. Unless guarded and further reinforced, the progress of the last decade and a half with regards to Afghan achievement on gender-equality agenda is at great risk.

The short documentary depicts the challenges posed to Afghan women amidst a **deteriorating security situation**, and highlights Afghan women`s sustained and evergrowing resilience to change these challenges into catalyzed opportunities.



Our Revolution, our Constitution

Our Revolution, Our Constitution is a documentary film to **voice the voice** of women in Libya. It was released in 2014 on the occasion of the anniversary of the Libyan revolution, to reiterate the vital role of women in democratic processes and constitutional inclusion. The film was first shown to a large number of national and international stakeholders in Tripoli at the opening ceremony on **International Women's Day Program**.

During the state building process women in Libya were marginalized in the areas of political governance and constitutional inclusion, despite having played a very active role in the revolution. The popular Libyan television presenter, Ms. Zainab Ali Elzaiby, emphasized that Libyan people '**need to support women and youth**, [because] if they don't participate in decision-making, there will be no actual state or true rebuilding'. Furthermore, the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Culture and Civil Society, Ms. Jamila Fallag, argues that there is no hope for Libyan women, except if they constitutionalize the rights they are entitled to. Gender Concerns International is actively engaged in **strengthening the position of women in the constitutional drafting process**. Cooperation between women and civil society organisations, members of the Constituent Assembly, and the international community, resulted in the **Gender-Sensitive Constitution**, which was presented to the **Libyan Constitution Drafting Assembly (CDA)**. Organisation is following the work with various stakeholders and is praised for its work by many national and international actors.

Gender Concerns International has extensive expertise in capacity-building, gender election observation missions (GEOM) and gender-focused political reform within Afghanistan, Pakistan, Myanmar, Sierre Leon and MENA region and Southeast Asia. The expertise of Gender Concerns International is based on 12 years of intense consultations with various stakeholders, from local women's organisations to governmental institutions like

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