Day One Tuesday, 11 November 2008 GCC Hall Time **Event** 11:00 Start of Inaugural session 11:00 A recitation of the Holy Quran 11:05 Speech of H.H Shiekha Fatima Bint Mubarak Conference Chairperson and President of Arab Women Organization AWO Speech of H.H. Sheikha Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa First Lady of the Kingdom of Bahrain and former President of the AWO Speeches of their Majesties, Highnesses and Excellencies the First Ladies Speech of Professor Wadouda Badran Director-General of the AWO 01:00 pm Launch of the "Arab Women's Media Strategy" 01:100 pm Launch of the "Network of Arab Women in the Diaspora" Presentation of awards to the winners of AWO research 01:20 pm scholarships and of the "Arab Women Prize" in Science and **Technology for Development** 01:30 pm End of Session 1:30 - 3:00 pm Lunch Break 3:00 - 4:00 pm A session on the sidelines of the Conference: "Strategy and Projects of the Dubai Women's Development Society" Etihad Hall (1) Session Chair: Dr. Sheikha Seif Al Shamsi Former Assistant Undersecretary of Education President of the Arab Citizenship and Development Center

Speakers	- Mrs. Aisha Khalifa Al Suwaidi
	Director of the Department for the Development of Women'sLeadership Skills
	- Mrs. Shamsa Mohammad Saleh
	Director of the Department of Strategy and Institutional Planning
	- Mrs. Majda Mohammad Al Naqi
	Director of the Department of Policy and Excellence

	Day TWO
	Wednesday, 12 November 2008
10:00 - 12:00 pm	First Working Session:
	"Redefining Security: How Far have Women been Taken into Consideration?"
Etihad Hall (1)	Session Chair: Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazala
	Secretary-General of the National Council for Family Affairs
	Member of the Executive Council of the AWO, Jordan
	Professor Bahgat Korani
Speaker	Head of the Conference Scientific Team
	Professor of International Relations at the American University in Cairo (AUC)
	Professor at the University of Montreal, Canada
	Director of the AUC Forum, Egypt
Panelists	1. Mrs. Zohour Al Horr
	Head of the Family Matters Chamber at the Supreme Council of the Judiciary
	Professor at the Higher Institute for the Judiciary, Morocco
	2. H.E. Ambassador Dr. Nassif Hitti
	Director, Mission of the Arab League, Paris

	3. Professor Lloyd Axeworthy	
	President, University of Winnipeg, former Foreign Minister Canada	
	4. Dr. Robin Ludwig	
	Senior Political Affairs Officer and Chief, Research and Policy Unit United Nations (UN)	
	5. Anne Helen Cubilie	
	Policy Officer, Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs United Nations	
Session	Professor Ola Abel Aziz Abu Zeid	
Rapporteur	Director of Planning and Programmes at the AWO, Professor of Political Thought, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University	
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Break	
Parallel Workshops		
12:30 - 2:30 pm	Second Working Session	
	"Women's Security: A Cultural Perspective"	
Etihad Hall (1)	Session Chair: H.E. Dr. Boushra Kanfani	
	Director of Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Member of the Executive Council of the AWO, Syria	
	Professor Muhammad Abdelbaqi Al-Hermassi	
Speaker	President of the High Council of Communication, Professor of Sociology at Tunisian universities and the University of California Former Minister of Culture, Tunisia	
Panelists	1. Professor Ensaf Hamad	
	Professor of Epistemolgy and Logic, Faculty of Literature, Damascus University Syria	
	2. Professor Gaber Asfoor	
	Professor of Arabic Literature and Criticism	
	Director of the National Translation Centre, Egypt	

	3. Dr. Pinar Bilgin
	Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Bilkent University Turkey
	4. Professor Gerd Nonneman
	Director, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University United Kingdom
Session	Professor Hania Sholkami
Rapporteur	Research Professor, Social Research Center, the American University in Cairo
12:30 - 2:30 pm	Third Working Session:
	"Economic Globalization: How Far and in What Way has it Impacted Women's Security ?"
12:00 – 14:00	Session Chair: H.E. Professor Fadia Kiwan
	Member of the National Commission for Lebanese Women
	Member of the Executive Council of the AWO, Lebanon
Speaker	H.E. Dr. Fatima S. Al-Shamsi
	Secretary-General of the United Arab Emirates University - UAE
Panelists	1. Dr. Ebtisam Al-Huwaidi
	Assistant Professor of Insurance, Faculty of Commerce and Economics Sa na'a University, Yemen
	2. Dr. Raed Safadi
	Chief Economist, Department of Economic Development
	Government of Dubai
	3. Dr. Francie Lund
	Associate Professor, University of KwaZulu-Natal
	South Africa
	4. Professor Emma Murphy
	Professor of Political Economy, School of Government and

	International Affairs Durham University, UK
Session	Dr. Maya Morsi
Rapporteur	Specialized Researcher on Women's Security
12:30 - 3:00 pm	Fourth Working Session
	"Women's Securityand Health/Environmental Issues"
Etihad Hall (3)	Session Chair: H.E. Mrs. Sarra Kanoun Jarraya
	Minister of Women, Family, Childhood and Elderly Affairs
	Member of the Executive Council of the AWO, Tunisia
Speakers	1. H.E. Professor Nada Haffadh
	Lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine, Arabian Gulf University
	Former Minister of Health, Bahrain
	"Women's Security and Health Issues"
	2. Dr. Balgis Osman-Elasha
	Senior Researcher at the Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources Sudan
	"Gender and Climate Change in the Arab World"
Panelists	1. H.E. Mohammed Ahmed Al Bawardi
	Secretary General of the Executive Council, Abu Dhabi
	UAE
	2. Dr. Nasira Kadad
	Director at the Ministry of Health, Population and Hospital Reform Algeria
	3. Dr. Bawba bint Al Khalis
	Head of the Marine Science Authority, Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy Mauritania
	4. Professor Gita Sen
	Professor, Indian Institute of Management - India
	5. Professor Jane Parpart

	Professor, University of the West Indies, Centre for Gender & Development Studies Trinidad and Tobago 6. Professor Rita Giacaman Professor and Research and Program Coordinator, Institute of Community and Public Health, Birzeit University, Palestine
Session	Professor Ola Abel Aziz Abu Zeid
Rapporteur	Director of Planning and Programmes at the AWO, Professor of Political Thought, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Lunch break
4:00 - 5:30 pm	A session on the sidelines of the Conference: "Surveying Young Arab University Students' Opinion on Women's Issues and Human Security"
Etihad Hall (1)	Session Chair: Dr. Salma Abdel Gabar, Professor of Philosophy at Al-Fatah University Member of the Executive Council (AWO), Libya
Speaker	Dr. Moataz Billah Abd Al-Fattah Professor, Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University and Central Michigan University, USA
Young Arab	1. Ms. Ahlam Abdul-Raheem Al-Silwi, Yemen
Panelists	 Ms. Eva Jamal-Eddin Afghani, Palestine Ms. Shamsah bint Ahmed bin Sultan Al-Hossani, Oman Mr. Philip Abou Zeid, Lebanon

Day Three	
	Thursday, 13 November 2008
09:30 –11:30	Fifth Working Session: "Education: The Key to Women's Security"

Etihad Hall (1)	Session Chair: H.E. Professor Farkhonda Hassan Secretary-General of the National Council for Women, Executive Member of AWO - Egypt
Speaker	Dr. Munther Wassef Al-Masri
	Head of the National Center for Human Resources Development – Jordan
Panelists	1. Dr. Mohammad Akram Al-Kesh
	Secretary General, Supreme Council for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Syria
	2. H.E. Dr. Shaikha Mariam bint Hassan Al Khalifa
	Vice Chairwoman of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW)
	President of the Center of Constitutional and Legal Studies, University of Bahrain
	3. Professor Lisa Anderson
	Professor of International Relations, Provost, American University in Cairo and Dean Emeritus, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, NY, USA
	4. Dr. Philip Robins
	Faculty fellow and University Lecturer in Middle East Politics
	St. Antony's College, Oxford University, UK
Session	Professor Hania Sholkamy
Rapporteur	Research Professor, Social Research Center, American University in Cairo
9:30 - 11:30	Sixth Working Session:
	"Women's Security and Social Security: Social Policies"
Etihad Hall (2)	Session Chair: H.E. Professor Lulwa Al-Awadi
	Secretary-General of the Executive Council (SCW)
	Member of the Executive Council (AWO), Bahrain

Dr. Kamal Hamdan
Director, Consultation and Research Institute, Beirut
Lebanon
1. Dr. Saida Rahmouni
General Director of the Center for Information, Documentation, Studies and
Research on Women, Tunisia
2. Professor Thurayia Al-Torki
Professor of Anthropolgy, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
American University in Cairo (AUC)
3. Professor Robin Luckham
Post-retirement Research Associate, The Institute of Development Studies
University of Sussex, UK
4. Ms. Joanne Sandler
UNIFEM Deputy Executive Director -UN
Dr. Maya Marsi
Specialized Researcher on Women's Security
Seventh Working Session:
"Wars, Armed Conflicts and Women's Security"
Session Chair: H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash
State Minister for Foreign Affairs UAE
Professor Ali Al-Jarbawi
Professor of Political Sciences at Birzeit University
Palestine
1. H.E. Ambassador Dr. Nassif Hitti
Director, Mission of the Arab League, Paris

	2. Professor Khaldoun Al-Naqib
	Professor of Sociology, Kuwait University
	3. Professor Earl L. Sullivan
	Professor of Political Science, Provost Emeritus, American University in Cairo
	4. Professor Cilja Harders
	Professor of Political Science, Director of the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics, Freie Universit.t Berlin, Germany
Session	Professor Ola Abou Zeid
Rapporteur	Director of Planning and Programmes at the AWO, Professor of Political Thought, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Break
12:00 - 2:00 pm	Seminar
Etihad Hall (1)	Session Chair: Professor Bahgat Korani
	Head of the Conference Scientific Team
	Professor of International Relations at the American University in Cairo (AUC)
	Professor at the University of Montreal, Canada,
	Director of the AUC Forum, Egypt
Panelists	1. H.E. Lakhdar Brahimi
	Former Foreign Minister, Algeria
	Former Advisor to the UN Secretary-General
	2. H.E. Dr. Jamal Sanad Al-Suwaidi
	Director-General, Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR)
	3. H.E. Dr Maitha Al Shamsi
	Adviser to Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak, and State Minister, UAE

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	4. H.E. Ambassador Mirvat Tillawi
	General Coordinator of the Arab Economic Summit, League of Arab States
	5. H.E. Minister Nouara Saadia Djaafar
	Minister by the Minister of National Solidarity, Family and National Community Abroad charged with family affairs and the condition of women, Algeria
	6. Professor Gita Sen
	Professor, Indian Institute of Management, India
	7. Ms. Joanne Sandler
	UNIFEM Deputy Executive Director, UN
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	Research Professor, Social Research Center, American University in Cairo
	3. Dr. Maya Marsi
	Specialized Researcher on Women's Security
2:00 - 3:00 pm	An introductory Session on the Rural Women's Employment Project: Arab Labour Organization/Arab Women Organization
Etihad Hall (2)	Session Chair: H.E. Samia Ahmed Mohamed
	Minister of Social Welfare, President of the Supreme Council, AWO – Sudan
Speakers	- H.E. Professor Ahmed Loqman
	Director-General of the Arab Labour Organization
	- Professor Osama Abdul-Khaleq
	Preparer of the Project Document

3:00 - 4:00 pm	Lunch break	
Concluding Session	Concluding Session	
4:00 pm	All participants and guests to gather in the GCC Hall	
4:00 pm	Their Majesties, Highnesses and First Ladies, and their Excellencies the heads of the delegations to congregate in the Majlis of the GCC Hall	
4:10 pm	Their Majesties, Highnesses and First Ladies, and their Excellencies the heads of the delegations enter the GCC Hall	
4:20 pm	Photographers enter the Hall	
4:25 pm	Concluding Statement of the Conference	