

**PWWSD participated in a panel discussion with Irish Minister of Justice Helen McEntee and Ireland's Ambassador to the United Nations**

at the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York



at Ireland's Mission during [#csw68](#).

12<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Organized by Karama, a network of women's human rights defenders, PWWSD participated in a panel discussion with Irish Minister of Justice Helen McEntee and Ireland's Ambassador to the United Nations.

Both representatives from PWWSD, Rana Khalil and Shahd Sataria, presented the plight of women in Gaza due to the Israeli genocide war. PWWSD emphasized the necessity of stopping the war immediately, lifting Gaza's blockade, and providing humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza in a dignified manner, without

compromising Palestinian dignity, and stressed the need to send a delegation to the Rafah crossing to advocate for its opening. They also provided a brief statement regarding the realities of emergency projects in Gaza, highlighting the challenges of operating under limited resources and unsafe conditions.

It was underlined how crucial it is for Ireland to take a political stance in favor of the Palestinian cause. This helps to fortify the feeling of solidarity with the Gaza victims, which in turn helps the Palestinian citizens remain steadfast and determined in the face of international double standards.

Minister of Justice Helen McEntee continued by expressing her gratitude to the PWWSD for helping to portray truth and image, as well as Irish support for Palestine and humanitarian aid. Amidst the challenges women experience in Gaza, she also emphasized the significance of supporting humanitarian programs and creating safe places for them. She emphasized Ireland's ongoing support for UNRWA and the need to make sure that its services are still offered during this trying period.

Rana Khalil and Shahd Sataria are representing #PWWSD at the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York. This event will provide a space for meaningful conversation within the context of the priority theme of CSW68. Activists from around the world will share experiences and insights to develop this discourse.

Karama does critical work on women's political participation & ending violence against women in the Middle East & Africa.