



## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Highlights of the year**

#### **Main activities during 2021**

During 2021 the Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa has actively been preparing for the establishment of its headquarters in Amman. In parallel, the Institute had an intense year of activities, hosting, co-hosting, and taking part in numerous conferences, workshops, webinars, and other activities, incl. consultations with a broad spectrum of stakeholders.

This report includes the highlights from the year 2021 and a summary of main activities, within the Institute's three focus areas: Peace and Security, Sustainable Development, and Inclusive Participation.

#### **The Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa** *Building trust, promoting pluralism and peace through dialogue*

The Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa is a governmental agency that serves as a platform for contacts and dialogue between on the one hand Sweden and the countries of Europe and, on the other hand, the countries of the Middle East and North Africa.

It was established by the Swedish government in 1998 and is an integral part of the Swedish Foreign Service. The Institute is located in Amman, Jordan (previously in Alexandria, Egypt, as the Swedish Institute Alexandria/SwedAlex).

In its activities, the Dialogue Institute addresses issues that are important for the political, economic and social development in the MENA region, or for relations between the countries, or that help increase mutual understanding in the areas of culture and religion. It also promotes the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.

The Dialogue Institute operates through conferences, workshops and other activities and primarily focuses on the following areas: Peace and Security, Sustainable Development, and Inclusive Participation.



## **Director's introduction**

*Dialogue, and dialogue alone, has the power to transform flawed interactions into constructive cooperation and civilizational progress. Dialogue for us is a means, not an end in itself. So, we ask ourselves, what kinds of dialogues could help us define a new roadmap toward sustainable peace and development? How can the Dialogue Institute create tools that contribute to peace, stability, and prosperity, to decisively reverse climate change and socio-economic inequality, and to reinforce respect for human rights, good governance, and democratic principles?*

*We are living in a world that is increasingly complex and interconnected. As recognized by the Agenda 2030, addressing the world's many challenges - ending poverty, protecting the planet, and creating a more peaceful and prosperous world - requires collaboration and concerted action. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), are integrated, and clearly recognize that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic, and environmental sustainability.*

*The last couple of years have been particularly challenging for the world. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an extra burden at individual, societal, national, and regional levels, in addition to already alarming challenges, such as climate change, conflicts, poverty and shrinking civic space.*

*In the MENA region conflict and post-conflict conditions prevail in several countries. Climate and environmental challenges - incl. water stress - are extensive. This contributes to increasing the risk of conflict, while tensions and geopolitical interests simultaneously impact both ongoing conflicts and conditions for sustainable development. The region is also seeing growing socio-economic divides, high unemployment rates (especially amongst young people), weak governance structures, lack of freedoms and gender inequalities.*

*What happens in one country or region, affects developments in other countries and regions. Many of our main challenges are transboundary, others have spill-over effects. This is not least true between neighbouring countries and regions, such as the MENA region and Europe where our mutual interdependence is growing.*

*Today's challenges demonstrate the urgent necessity of strengthening international and regional cooperation. They also illustrate the need for dialogue, inclusion, and innovation. It is more important than ever to provide open and safe spaces that bring people together to talk with one another, rather than about the other. And to create "rooms" (physical or digital) where we can listen and learn, exchange, and eventually collaborate in developing new ideas and contribute improvements and changes.*

*That is what the Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa aims to do. Together with others, we seek to contribute to contacts, networking, and exchanges between the MENA region and Europe. Our objective is to build mutual understanding and trust, and to promote pluralism and peace. We want to serve as a "bridge" and meeting place for people from different countries, for inclusive dialogues between people of different genders, ages, walks of life, backgrounds, and views, and to channel recommendations to policy and decision makers.*

*Welcome to join our journey building trust and promoting pluralism and peace through dialogue.*

*Charlotta Sparre*

*Director*

*Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa*

# Peace and Security

## Women, Peace and Security (WPS)

Since many years the Dialogue Institute has arranged and/or participated in many activities on the Women, Peace and Security agenda. During 2021 this work continued with a number of initiatives, including:

**Webinar: “How Inclusive is Inclusive Peacebuilding?”**: On the occasion of International Women's Day 2021 the [Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs](#) at [American University of Beirut \(AUB\)](#) and the Dialogue Institute hosted a panel discussion/webinar highlighting the importance of diversifying peacebuilding actors across various sectors, to advance the Women, Peace, and Security agenda. It was an opportunity for distinguished speakers from diverse sectors and backgrounds to reflect on their roles in the media, the private sector, security, civil society, and academia in building and promoting inclusive peace. Key take-aways from the meeting: a) Peace building needs to be recognized at all levels, from high-level negotiations to grass root work and stronger links are needed between them, b) Human Security should lie in the heart of peacebuilding efforts and could contribute to higher degrees of inclusivity, and c) Negotiating and mediating teams should be guided by empathy; curiosity; and active listening.

For more information read: [How Inclusive is Inclusive Peacebuilding](#). The event can be watched at [Youtube: How inclusive is inclusive peacebuilding?](#) and here is the [summary report](#).

The poster for the webinar "How Inclusive is Inclusive Peacebuilding?" is titled "#InternationalWomensDay #IWD2021". It is moderated by Karina Damak and Charlotte Spence. The speakers listed are Ann Danner, Robert Egnell, Hana Mattabi, Mohamed Nadeem, Soraya Saiguel, and Chir Selim. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 11:00 am (Beirut Time). Logos for the American University of Beirut and the Swedish Dialogue Institute are present.



## **Roundtable discussion: “Women Building the Future of Syria”**:

In March, in the margins of the Brussels V Conference on Supporting Syria, the Swedish Foreign Minister Ann Linde hosted an online panel discussion on “*Women Building the Future of Syria – A Conversation About Realising a Feminist Peace*”. The meeting was organized by the Swedish Foreign Ministry, the Folke Bernadotte Academy, and the Dialogue Institute, in cooperation with the [Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation](#). Women activists from and in Syria participated and provided their perspectives on the way forward. The event also represented a continuation of Swedish efforts to support the Women, Peace, and Security agenda in Syria.

For more information read: [Women Building the Future of Syria](#).

**Webinar: “The Life Phases of a Yemeni Woman”:**

In April the Dialogue Institute participated in and moderated a webinar hosted by the [Sana'a Center For Strategic Studies](#), launching a gender report titled "[The Life Phases of a Yemeni Woman](#)", examining the diversity of experiences of women and girls in Yemen who face differing gender dynamics and daunting challenges at various stages in their lives.

The event can be watched at [YouTube: Sana'a Center Report Launch: The Life Phases of a Yemeni Woman](#).



**Webinar: “Inclusive participation in Libya’s peacebuilding and political process”:**

At the end of June, the Dialogue Institute and the Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU hosted an informal discussion with Libyan women peacebuilders, leaders and senior officials from EU institutions and member states, on inclusive participation in Libya’s political process. Among other highlights, the meeting stressed the importance of holding the elections as planned in December 2021 and of adapting a legal framework to support the democratic process and the participation of women in Libya, building on progress made in a country where women are now more involved than before and with a society that has become more accepting. The speakers highlighted the important role that the EU can play in the critical period after the election, and stressed that gender equality should be integrated into all initiatives.

For more information read: [Inclusive participation in Libya’s peacebuilding and political process – report from an informal discussion with Libyan women peacebuilders and leaders](#).



## Youth, Peace and Security (YPS)

### **Workshops on intergenerational partnerships to deliver on the YPS agenda in the MENA**

During 2021 the Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa, the [Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation](#) and the MENA Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security held two workshops to seek the input of young peacebuilders from the MENA region and other key stakeholders. The workshops discussed recommendations to build meaningful, authentic, and equal intergenerational partnerships to advance the YPS agenda within the region. The following recommendations were put forward by the participants in the workshops:

- **Create safe spaces for engagement**, for instance donors including protection policies (developed in consultation with youth groups) in their funding strategies, and donors, governments, and UN agencies supporting development of digital security systems, while advocating for an end to cyber harassment and other harmful practices.
- **Improve outreach and youth inclusion**, by seeking participation of a diverse set of young voices, from different regions of a country, different socio-economic backgrounds, religious backgrounds and different genders and sexual orientations, while also addressing structural and cultural barriers to participation faced by those groups.
- **Strengthen youth leadership and mutual capacity development**, by recognizing youth civil society as a partner with agency and expertise, while also improving financial management, follow-up, and youth-led programming in capacity building programmes.
- **Increase the accessibility and quality of funding available to young people**, by increasing overall funding, simplifying application and reporting requirements, diversifying funding models, and developing funding priorities in consultation with young people.
- **Develop regional and intergenerational cooperation and implementation mechanisms**, by strengthening synergies, coherence, and coordination between local, national, and regional actors working on YPS, growing their institutional capacities to engage youth, and developing more intergenerational platforms, and growing the institutional capacity to engage youth.

For more information read: [January workshop on Youth, Peace and Security \(YPS\)](#) and read full [report](#) and [December workshop: Recommendations from Young Peacebuilders in the MENA region](#)

In November the Institute hosted a **roundtable discussion on the YPS Agenda**, in Amman. A group of prominent YPS-advocates and young peacebuilders from Jordan and other countries in the region met for an exchange of experiences and to discuss pathways towards the implementation of the YPS-agenda in the region.

For more information read: [Roundtable discussion on the YPS Agenda in the MENA region](#)

During the year discussions have also been held with different Swedish actors, incl. the [Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [the Folke Bernadotte Academy – Swedish agency for peace, security and development](#) and [the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency \(Sida\)](#) on how Sweden can continue to support young peacebuilders in the MENA region.

## Other activities on Peace and Security

### Workshop on Yemen - "Beyond the Tracks in Peace Processes"

In mid-November, the Dialogue Institute hosted its first workshop "in person", since moving to Amman. The meeting was hosted jointly with the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) and focused on peacebuilding in Yemen, with interactive discussions about conflict analysis, peace-building initiatives and mediation initiatives. The background to the meeting was a growing realization that the violent conflicts of our time are characterized by complexity, fragmentation of conflict actors and societies, as well as incoherent responses from the international community. Complexity requires increased efforts to work at different levels of society to create lasting and inclusive peace. Discussions were building on a paper from 2020 - [Beyond the Tracks? Reflections on Multitrack Approaches to Peace Processes](#) – co-authored by FBA and the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue, ETH Zurich and SwissPeace.



For more information read: [Workshop on Yemen - "Beyond the Tracks in Peace Processes" - Sweden Abroad](#)

### Regional conferences

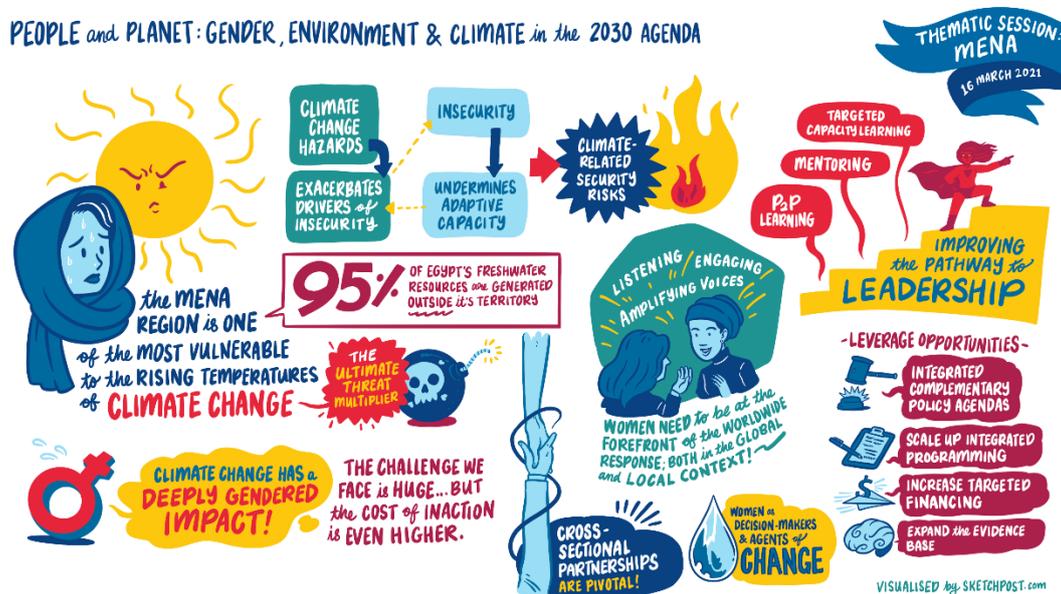
During 2021 the Dialogue Institute also participated in a wide range of conferences on regional security, arranged by different universities, think tanks, and other organizations – on-line and off-line.

# Sustainable Development

## Conference: “Gender, climate and security”:

One of the Dialogue Institute’s major activities during the spring was a three day Learning Conference in March. The conference was arranged together with [Sida Partnership Forum](#), [UN Women](#), [UN Environment Programme \(UNEP\)](#), and [Stockholm Environment Institute](#). With over 150 participants from approximately 100 different organisations, the event focused on gender, environment, and climate. The Dialogue Institute hosted a regional hub for the MENA region with discussions focused on the nexus of gender, climate, and security, with special attention given to water security. The programme included presentations of and discussions concerning recent reports on the topic, as well as networking and exchanges of knowledge and experiences in peer-to-peer learning. Participants came from a variety of partner organizations in the region, among others [EcoPeace Middle East](#), [Geneva Water Hub](#), [Global Water Partnership Mediterranean \(GWP-Med\)](#), [Middle East Desalination Research Center \(MEDRC\)](#), [Stockholm International Water Institute \(SIWI\)](#), UNEP and the [Union for the Mediterranean \(UfM\)](#). Some of the key recommendations emerging from the conference were: a) strengthening governance and meritocratic processes, b) addressing statistical shortcomings, c) designing appropriate policy proposals, with application of gender mainstreaming, d) modernizing working conditions, concentrating work to normal working hours to allow for work-life balance, and e) working on overcoming resistance to change, incl. raising awareness and investing in capacity building, mentorships etc.

For more information read: [Gender, climate and security – report from MENA hub on development.](#)



In connection to this conference the Dialogue Institute also participated in a webinar arranged by Geneva WaterHub and GWP-Med, launching the report [Empowering Women in Water Diplomacy in the Middle East and North Africa - A Comparative Study of Egypt, Jordan](#). The launching event can be watched at [YouTube: Publication Launch - Empowering Women in Water Diplomacy in the Middle East and North Africa](#)



### **Creation of an informal regional water network**

One concrete outcome of the Global Learning Conference arranged by Sida, in March 2021, was the development of a regional water network. Development partners attending the Conference expressed an interest to maintain contacts and continue experience sharing, in an informal network of professionals active on **gender, water, and security in the MENA region**, with the Dialogue Institute acting in a co-ordinating role. The purpose of the network is to create a platform for sharing information, experiences and ideas, to develop relevant policy recommendations, and to strengthen connectivity amongst professionals and organisations across the region with like-minded agendas, contributing to effective advocacy, and ultimately supporting efforts to solve the complex and often inter-connected challenges in the fields of gender, water, and security.

At the end of November, the Dialogue Institute hosted the first network meeting with participation by professionals from some 20 organisations working in the water sector, including amongst others the Geneva Water Hub, IWMI, UfM, GWP-Med and EcoPeace-Middle East. The theme of the meeting was *“Overcoming Resistance to Change and Effective Coalition-Building”*. To explore the topic two speakers, Majd Mashharawi, Founder and CEO of Sunbox and Greencake, and Rami Boujawdeh, Deputy General Manager, Berytech, were invited to talk about their work to overcome challenges and forge alliances to make progress. This was followed by a brainstorming session that resulted in a comprehensive set of recommendations that were later shared with the [4th Mediterranean Water Forum 2021](#), and will be shared with the [9th World Water Forum](#), in Dakkar in March 2022. The next water network meeting is planned for the spring 2022.

For more information read: [Water network gathering](#) and [Recommendations from water network meeting](#).

### **Other meetings**

Within the field of sustainable development the Dialogue Institute has during the past year also explored a number of other potential areas of future work, incl. discussions with Sipri, UNEP and Sida on climate, water and security, with SIWI on water diplomacy and, with other partners, topics such as “governance and resilience in the post-Covid-19 era”, “the role of entrepreneurship in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda” and “inclusive economic development and women’s participation”.

## **Inclusive participation**

### **Civic space**

#### **Webinar: “Arab uprisings – 10 years on”**

In the beginning of 2021, ten years after the Arab uprisings, the Dialogue Institute hosted a webinar on where the region is a decade later. Three prominent MENA analysts - Hafsa Halawa, Nadim Houry and Khaled Mansour - and two Swedish ambassadors - Ann Dismorr (Lebanon/Syria) and Anna Block-Mazoyer (Tunisia/Libya) - took part in the panel and shared reflections on the importance of the calls for change. In their recommendations they stressed the importance for the EU to engage with the MENA region based on a value-driven policy and that the entry-point for engagement should be based on the perspective of being co-dependant partners that together need to develop innovative policy solutions to meet mutual challenges. They also pointed to the need of dialogues, by creating an environment for constructive exchanges between actors from different parts of society, to bridge the trust gaps in the region.

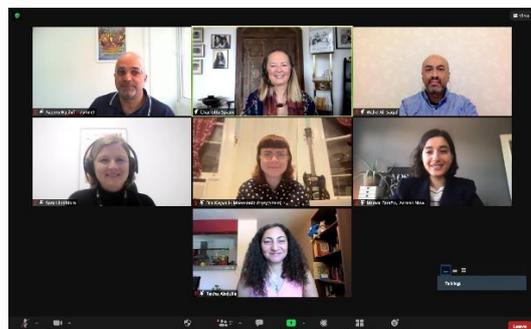
For more information read: [Webinar on the Arab uprisings – 10 years on](#)

#### **Round table discussion: “Digital space - the new frontier of civic space”**

As part of the [2021 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development](#), a forum co-hosted by Sipri and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Dialogue Institute hosted a round table discussion titled “Digital space - the new frontier of civic space”. The session explored links between civic space and digital space, looking at challenges to and opportunities for creating a safe and conducive digital space that can foster gender equality, democracy, dialogue, and participation in the Middle East and North Africa. Participants stressed the need to globally defend, reclaim and expand civic space and human rights, incl. online. They highlighted a need for greater transparency from social media platforms, concluding that tech companies must be held accountable for their conduct. They also recommended that policies and practices should be developed in partnership between tech companies and civil society, academics, and others, suggesting a need to build networks of intra-regional solidarity and support.

For more information read the full report at: [Digital space - the new frontier of civic space – dialogue at Stockholm Forum](#). The session can also be watched at: [YouTube: Digital space—the new frontier of civic space](#).

**STOCKHOLM FORUM**  
**on Peace and**  
**Development** **2021**



## **Youth participation and engagement**

As part of the Swedish Government's [Drive for democracy](#) the Dialogue Institute has held a number of meetings in the past years on meaningful youth participation in the MENA region. A first meeting was a [CSO Forum](#), held in September 2020, where participants from the MENA region and Sweden discussed challenges and opportunities and presented a set of [recommendations](#).

### **Roundtable discussion: “Meaningful youth participation in MENA”**

In June 2021 the Dialogue Institute hosted a roundtable discussion with young leaders from the MENA region, with the State Secretary for International Development Cooperation Ms. Janine Alm Ericson and representatives from the Swedish Foreign Ministry, Sida, FBA and civil society. Participants emphasized the importance of expanding civic space, and in particular freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. They highlighted the need to approach youth participation from a rights-based perspective and a wider citizenship-angle, to push for legal reform, and to facilitate political participation and access to credible platforms, for instance through the development of reliable and representative political parties and a reduction of the voting age.

For more information read: [Report from a roundtable discussion](#).

### **Webinar: “Youth Participation in the MENA region”**

In November the Dialogue Institute f hosted a webinar on Youth Participation in the MENA region. Four prominent activists, civil society representatives and commentators discussed key challenges facing youth in the region, opportunities and reforms needed for meaningful youth participation and pathways for creating conducive environments to unleash young people's full potential, agency and participation. The panel consisted of Asma Khalifa (Libyan activist and researcher, co-founder of the Tamazight Women Movement), Rania Sabaayon (Executive Director at Masar association and Secretary of the Youth Forum for Youth Policy in Lebanon), Sarah Anne Rennick (Deputy Director at the Arab Reform Initiative) and Seif El Khawanky (Program Officer at the Center for International Private Enterprise in Egypt).

For more information read: [Webinar on Youth Participation in the MENA region](#)



### **Workshops on the role of influential actors in unlocking meaningful youth participation**

In November the Dialogue institute hosted two workshops in Amman on the role of influential actors in unlocking meaningful youth participation in the MENA region. One workshop was held with young participants and another with influential actors. Recommendations emerged included: Build mutual interest and a common ground for dialogue, Conduct inclusive outreach, Build alliances, Address fear of change, Identify and communicate “selling points” for inclusive participation, and Promote intergenerational cooperation and dialogue.

For more information read: [Workshops on Youth Engagement in the MENA region](#)

## **Creation of an informal network of Swedish organisations supporting youth participation**

Since 2020 an informal network has been developed of Swedish CSOs working with democratic development and youth participation in the MENA region, with the Dialogue Institute acting in a co-ordinating role. A couple of meetings have been convened for this network. The meetings aim at sharing information, experiences and best practices.

## **Gender equality**

### **Webinar: "Portrayal of Women and Gender Roles in Films - How Does it Reflect on Society?"**

As part of [Malmö Arab Film Festival \(MAFF\)](#), the leading and largest film festival dedicated to Arab cinema outside the Arab world, the Dialogue Institute hosted a webinar on gender roles in film. A panel of prominent women in the film industry discussed how films - and other cultural expressions – reflect on society and are part of societal change and how films can either reinforce stereotypes or contribute to changing perceptions and norms. The webinar aimed at raising awareness of ongoing changes, challenges, and opportunities in the Arab world and Europe, contributing to discussions on gender equality and bridge-building between people and cultures.

For more information the event can be watched at [YouTube: Portrayal of Women and Gender Roles in Films - How Does it Reflect on Society?](#)



### **Webinar: "Female Economic Participation in the MENA region"**

In December the Dialogue Institute f hosted a webinar entitled, "Female Economic Participation in the MENA region – Opportunities and Challenges", with a panel consisting of Dr. Gaëlle Ferrant (OECD), Mary Nazzal (CEO), Rania Tarazi (UNDP), and Professor David Yanagizawa-Drott (University of Zurich). With the female labour force participation rate in the MENA region being the lowest in the world, the panel emphasized obstacles such as legal discrimination, conservative social norms, and lack of attention by policy-makers to low levels of female employment. They also pointed to new research and data suggesting that the depth and strength of conservative social values may in fact be exaggerated, with many men in the MENA region actually being in favour of women working.

For more information read: [Webinar on Female Economic Participation in the MENA region](#)

## **EU – MENA relations**

Within its mandate the Dialogue Institute shall promote contacts and dialogue in the MENA region as well as between the region and Europe. During 2021 the Institute hosted or took part in a several activities, including:

### **Webinar: “The EU’s new agenda for the Mediterranean: Will it make a difference?”**

In April the Director of the Dialogue Institute, Charlotta Sparre, participated in a webinar titled “*The EU’s new agenda for the Mediterranean: Will it make a difference?*”, hosted by the [Centre for European Policy Studies \(CEPS\)](#). The webinar discussed the European Union’s “Renewed Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood - A new agenda for the Mediterranean”, prospects for this new agenda, what leverage the EU has to effect it, and how the EU can raise its political game in the region.

For more information the event can be watched at [YouTube: The EU’s new agenda for the Mediterranean: Will it make a difference?](#)



### **Webinar: “EU and the MENA region – good neighbours?”**

In May the Dialogue Institute hosted a webinar on challenges and opportunities facing the MENA region and the EU-MENA relations. The discussion was held with five prominent scholars, officials and commentators: Julien Barnes-Dacey (ECFR), Youssef Cherif (Columbia University, Tunis), Carl Hallergård (EEAS), Kristina Kausch (GMF) and Heba Morayef (Amnesty International, Beirut), as well as with ambassador Ulrika Sundqvist, Special envoy at the Swedish Foreign Ministry.

For more information read: [Webinar: “EU and the MENA region – good neighbours?”](#)

## Other activities

### Webinar: “Religion and diplomacy”

At the end of February 2021 the Dialogue Institute hosted a webinar on religion and diplomacy. Four prominent panellists, Prof. Azza Karam (Secretary General of Religions for Peace), Ambassador Ulrika Sundberg (Sweden’s Special Envoy for interreligious and intercultural dialogue), County Governor Georg Andrén (former ambassador and CSO director) and Mrs. Merete Bilde (EEAS) reflected on why “religious literacy” is important for diplomacy and for diplomats, on what roles faith based organisations are playing for peace and security and socio-economic development, and on how diplomats can become better dialogue partners to faith based organisations.

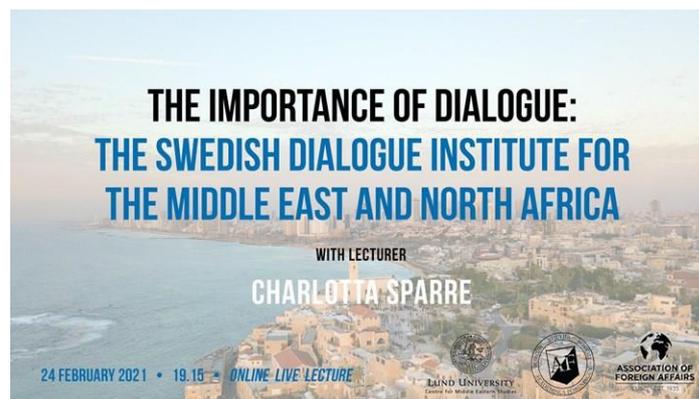
For more information read: [Webinar on Religion and Diplomacy](#)



### Lecture on Dialogue:

In March the Director of the Dialogue Institute, Charlotta Sparre, was invited to give an online lecture on dialogue, at an event arranged by [UPF Lund - The Association of Foreign Affairs](#) and the [Centre for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies Lund University](#). In her talk she spoke about dialogue, why it is important and how the Institute works on creating spaces for dialogue. Based on her own experiences of decades of diplomatic work, she shared thoughts and reflections on the intersection of foreign policy and culture and stressed the importance of empathy, curiosity and active listening.

For more information the event can be watched at [Lecture on the importance of dialogue - Sweden Abroad](#).



### **Monthly webinars on MENA related topics**

During 2021 the Dialogue Institute hosted monthly webinars to stimulate learning, exchanges and discussions, with and for colleagues in the Swedish Foreign Service, as well as for colleagues from other relevant government agencies and from organisations such as International IDEA, Sipri, SIWI and the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. Prominent analysts on the MENA region were invited to reflect on topics related to the regional developments in the Middle East and North Africa. While these webinars were arranged by invitation only, summary reports with main findings are published on the Institute's website.

- January: [Webinar on the Arab uprisings – 10 years on](#)
- February: [Webinar on Religion and Diplomacy](#)
- March: [Webinar on the US and MENA](#)
- April: [Webinar on Turkey and MENA](#)
- May: [Webinar on the EU and MENA](#)
- June: [Webinar on Russia and MENA](#)
- September: [Webinar on China and MENA](#)
- November: [Webinar on Youth Participation in the MENA region](#)
- December: [Webinar on Female Economic Participation in the MENA region](#)

In addition to activities mentioned in this newsletter, the Dialogue Institute has participated in meetings arranged by other organisations and has held many consultative meetings to build networks, identify future work areas and possible synergies with other partners.