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Presentation Summaries

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Session IIIa

Women Supporting Each Other – Inspiring Journeys and Projects

Celebrating women's successes across various fields and the importance of support networks.

Ms. Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Former Prime Minister, Finland

This speech by Anneli Jäätteenmäki emphasizes the power of women supporting one another and highlights women's vital roles in both family and professional life. She notes that despite cultural differences, women worldwide share similar challenges in balancing responsibilities and striving for equality. Through encouragement, mentoring, and collaboration, women can uplift each other and foster social gender equality. Jäätteenmäki stresses the importance of kind words and positive reinforcement, especially for women who often stand in the background. She expresses faith in the younger, highly educated generation of women and underscores the need to mentor them. Sharing her experience helping Bosnia-Herzegovina join the Council of Europe, she illustrates how dialogue and connection can promote reconciliation after conflict. The speech concludes that progress begins with empathy, trust, and shared efforts – showing that women's collective strength, even in small actions, contributes profoundly to healing societies and shaping a better world.

Ms Rahela Sidiqi, Founder Rahela Trust and Omid International, Afghanistan

Pathways to Peace and Development Through Women's Initiatives highlights the transformative power of women's education, creativity, and solidarity. The presentation celebrates grassroots and young women whose journeys through art, business, and academia exemplify resilience and empowerment despite adversity. It emphasizes the role of mentorship and organic support networks in fostering confidence, leadership, and social impact. The Rahela Trust's work is featured, illustrating how access to education becomes a catalyst for personal and community development. Poetic reflections express the awakening of knowledge as light that dispels ignorance, portraying women as torchbearers of progress. Themes of diaspora engagement and global collaboration underscore the importance of collective empowerment across borders. The presentation concludes as a tribute to women's courage, emphasizing that through learning, mutual support, and creativity, women transform challenges into opportunities, inspiring hope and

paving the way toward peace, equality, and sustainable development for future generations.

Ms. Anila Prethi, Journalist & Founder of EchoPodcasts, WFWP Repres., Albania

The presentation highlights the transformative power of women supporting one another through storytelling and collaboration. It shares two inspiring examples where journalism and empathy sparked meaningful action – turning a sad story into an act of kindness and creating impactful projects from simple ideas. The theme emphasizes that when women unite, they build trust, foster empathy, and create lasting solutions. The “Invisible Ones” project showcases how media can give a voice to women who carry unseen burdens, promoting values of fairness, empowerment, and connection. The collaboration between journalism and the Women’s Federation for World Peace Albania underscores shared commitments to accurate information, gender equality, and women’s participation in leadership. Overall, the presentation celebrates the strength, compassion, and creativity that arise when women embrace technology, amplify one another’s voices, and use their ideas to bring positive change to their communities and beyond.