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## "THE VOICE OF WOMEN OF IRAQ"

Over eighty Iraqi women will meet today to discuss their role in the decision making process about the reconstruction of their country.

Women representing a wide range of professions, areas of expertise, ethnic and regional groups will attend the first ever national women's event. They will take part in a series of workshops, dealing with issues most important to them.

Subjects for discussion include constitution and democracy, legal reform, education, health and social affairs, employment and the economy.

The conference is an important first step towards the goal of full inclusion of Iraqi women in the rebuilding process. It will bring together many of the women's groups now beginning to work more actively across the country. While differing views are likely to be expressed, there is one common aim – to see Iraqi women play a full role in society.

The organisation of the event has been led by a steering group of seven women, elected from a larger group who met with the CPA back in May. The steering group members are:

Dr Lina Abood  
Dr Fawzia Al Atia  
Maysoon Al Dhamlaji  
Awater Aswead  
Pascale Isha  
Narmin Othman  
Safia Al Souhail

The participants represent varying professional backgrounds such as human rights, law, economics, healthcare and business.

The event has been facilitated by the Coalition Provisional Authority.

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