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9:00 am - 10:30am (London) [CEST, MENA ]\*  
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## CHEMICAL WEAPONS & DISARMAMENT

### 34th anniversary of chemical attack on Halabja



moderator

**Dr. Phill Gittins** is a practitioner-scholar with over 20 years' leadership, programming, and analysis experience in the areas of peace and conflict, education and training, youth and community development, counselling and psychotherapy. He is the Education Director for World BEYOND War. He is also a Rotary Peace Fellow, KAICIID Fellow, Kathryn Davis Fellow for Peace, and Positive Peace Activator for the Institute for Economics and Peace.

#### The Panelists



**Ms. Elaheh Pooyandeh** was born and raised in Arak, Iran. She has a MA of Peace, Conflict and Development Studies from University of Bradford, UK as a Rotary Peace Fellow and has a LL.M in international law from Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran, Iran. From 2012-2021 she has worked with and volunteered for the Tehran Peace Museum (TPM). TPM is an NGO established by survivors of chemical weapons from Iran-Iraq war which tries to raise awareness about the consequences of wars and to promote a culture of peace.



**Ms. Homeyra Karimivahed** is a Rotary Peace Fellow studying MA Sustainable Development at Bradford University from Iran. She is a second-generation of victims of chemical weapons of Sardasht in Iran who lost 11 family members in attack in Sardasht in 1987. Since 2013, she has been working voluntarily as a member of the International Committee and Women's committee of The Organization for Defending Sardasht Victims of Chemical Weapons (ODVCW), an NGO based in Sardasht.



**Mr. Zmnako Ahmed** is the birth name given to a baby born in Halabja just three months before the deadly attack of March 16, 1988. The baby was taken to Mashhad, Iran following the attack. He was adopted by a nurse who herself was a victim of the Iran – Iraq war and was named Ali. When Ali was 18 years old, his Iranian mother passed away, and in 2009, Ali returned to Halabja. Using DNA test and comparing the results to families who had lost their children during the attack, he was reunited with his birth mother after 22 years.



**Professor Mostafa Ghanei, MD** is a prominent physician and researcher in the field of medical treatment of Chemical Weapons (CW) survivors as well as on training medical professionals on how to provide medical care for them. He currently works at Baqiyatallah University of Medical Sciences in Tehran, Iran. He is a specialist in pulmonology which he has put indirect use for treating CW survivors and researching the effects of CW, especially Sulphur mustard. He is currently a member of OPCW's Scientific Advisory Board and the chief editor and coordinator of the editorial panel of OPCW's medical guidebook on medical treatment of chemical warfare victims.



**Dr. Paul Walker** is the Coordinator of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), an international network of non-governmental and civil society stakeholders in support of the CWC and its implementing organization, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). Walker is also the Vice-Chair of the Arms Control Association Board of Directors in Washington DC. He is also on the Board and Jury of the Right Livelihood Foundation in Stockholm, Sweden which recognizes "courageous people solving global problems" annually with its "Alternative Nobel Prize." Walker received this award in 2013.

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