

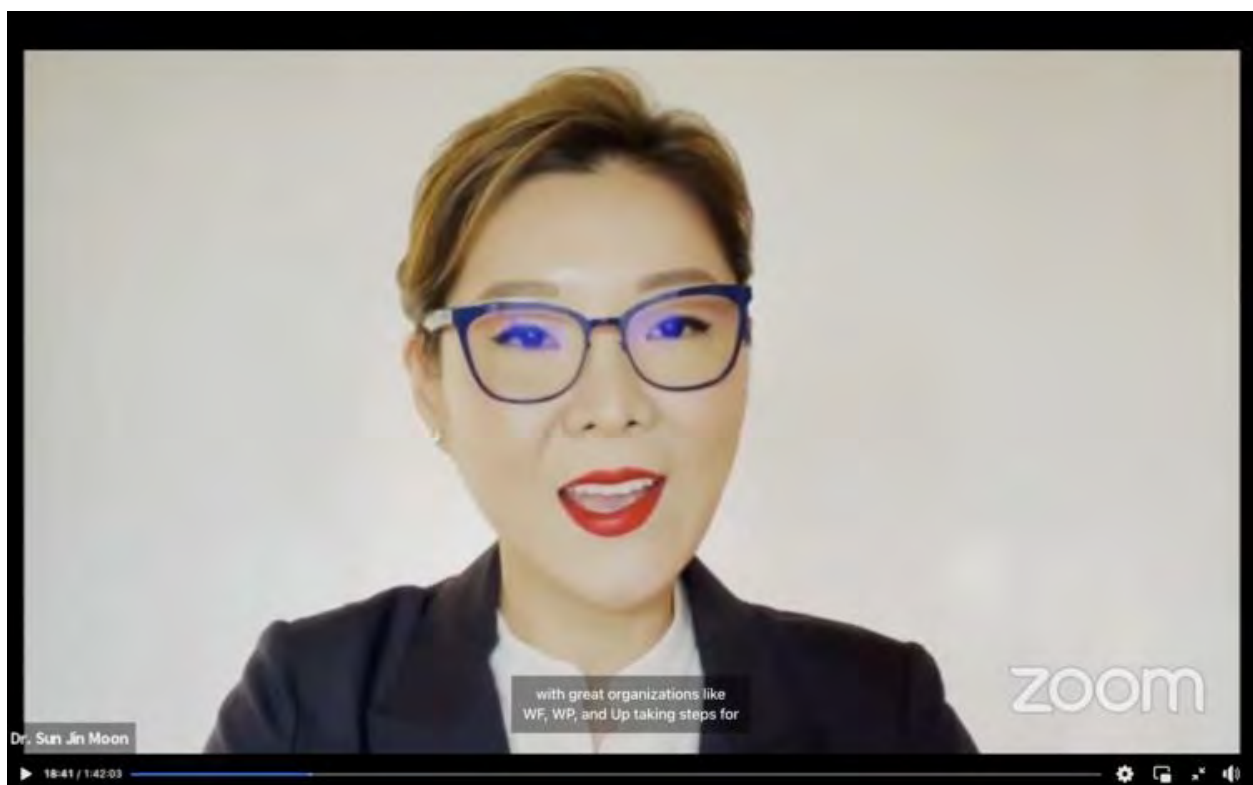
## WFWP Europe and Middle East: Emerging Power Of Women's Peace Diplomacy

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UN Women's Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka completed her term in August 2021, after eight years at the helm of the organization. Civil Society partnership has been one of her key priorities. The public was invited to join a virtual celebration and send-off for Director Ngcuka on August 19, 2021.

During the celebration, many members of civil society and those in leadership, expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the legacy of Director Ngcuka.



"The women of the European Union of Women congratulate Madame Phumzile on her achievements on behalf of the women of the world. Please continue to inspire girls and women where ever your life takes you."

-Margaret Hales, President

"Thank you for your exemplary service on human rights and gender inclusion! You broke barriers and shattered glass ceilings. Indeed, it sounds nice to pronounce women's rights as human rights and declare leadership a service transcending gender, race and color! Well done!! Expecting more fire from you as you move on!!! You are empowered to empower!"

-Foluke Ademokun, Executive Coordinator at Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation, Nigeria



"Dear Phumzile, Kudos to your sincerity, dedication, and commitment to the cause of women. I appreciate your unprecedented contribution to UN Women. Coming together and parting is a part of life, but when it comes to a person like you, we feel sad and disappointed.

Your work will bring a lot of insights into solving future problems, and tangible results. Civil societies are fortunate to have association of you. My best wishes on behalf of my NGO, and hope you will continue your fight against injustice of helpless women."

-Dr. Ashok Yende, President of Global Vision India Foundation, Mumbai, India

The UN Secretary-General, António Guterres has appointed Under-Secretary-General Pramila Patten as officer-in-charge of UN Women, effective August 18, 2021. Ms. Patten, who has since April 2017, served as the United Nations Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, will lead UN Women during the transition period to the incumbency of the next Executive Director, succeeding Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka after her eight-year tenure.

