

I remind myself of the Ivan Welton Fitzwater quote, "The future of the world is in my classroom today," and that the weapon that Nelson Mandela used was education. He said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

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As the only civilian center in North Africa and the Arab countries that is mandated to work on peace and security, women's status is on the top of the agenda. I work as a training officer. I believe that education is the key to change. Bringing the gender dimension to all the center's activities enables more people to realize how much women need to gain the rights back that they lost in conflict and crisis situations.

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