



High-Level Side Event
60th Commission on the Status of Women – 2016

Launch

Programme on Women, Peace and Security: From United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325/2000 to 2242/2015

14 March 2016
15.00-16.30 PM
Conference Room 11
United Nations Building, New York

Introduction

Women's empowerment, representation, participation, and leadership are keys to ensuring better protection for women and guaranteeing women's participation in peace processes and in preventing and combatting sexual and other forms of violence in conflict and post-conflict settings. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), in collaboration with the Kingdom of Spain, has developed a Programme on Women, Peace and Security for peacekeeping contributing countries and other stakeholders in the field of Women, Peace and Security. The role of Member States, the UN and civil society organizations in reviewing the progress and challenges in implementing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda under SCR 1325 and all related resolutions is of key importance. The protection and empowerment of women and girls are crucial for conflict prevention, resolution, protection and peacebuilding. This requires enhanced responsibilities and awareness and it is essential for peacekeeping forces and other national and international stakeholders to develop capacities on gender equality, women's and girls' empowerment and the promotion and protection of the rights of women and girls in conflict and post-conflict settings.

Renewed Global Commitment on the Women, Peace and Security Agenda

The *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* presents an unprecedented opportunity to focus efforts on achieving gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment by 2030. Gender responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda needs leadership by women as well as the full and effective participation of women on all levels including in peace processes. Sustainable development cannot be realized without peace and security; and peace and security will be at risk without sustainable development. The new Development Agenda calls for redoubled efforts to resolve or prevent conflict and to support post-conflict countries, including through ensuring that women have a role in peace-building and state-building.

The Global Study on Women, Peace and Security was released on the 15th Anniversary of the adoption of the UN SC 1325 in October last year, and a new UN SC resolution 2242 was passed, chartering new ways towards a renewed global commitment of the full implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda. Progress has been slow over the past fifteen years and women remain underrepresented in conflict prevention, resolution, protection and peacebuilding. Resolution 2242 broadly takes up the gender recommendations of the Global Study while reaffirming many of the goals that resolution 1325 laid out fifteen years earlier: women's participation in peace and security processes, respecting human rights and humanitarian law, supporting local women's groups, and incorporating a gender perspective into peacekeeping operations—and proposed new areas of work, covering countering violent extremism and terrorism, and improving working methods.

High-level Side Event at the CSW 60

Against this background, UNFPA, ECLAC, the Government of Spain, Chile and Nepal, NATO, the UN Trust Fund on Human Security and the will co-host a High-Level Side Event during the 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women to be held at the United Nations from 14–27 March 2016. The panel brings together representatives from Member States, UN representatives and other development partners to discuss the role of Member States in peace-keeping efforts, including developing capacities of peace-keeping forces and other stakeholders in addressing the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda, including addressing sexual and other forms of violence in conflict and post conflict settings. The organizers will also launch a new Programme representing an innovative and comprehensive approach responding to the capacity development needs of peacekeeping and civilian personnel on key aspects related to the Women Peace and Security Agenda.

Panelists:

- Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- H.E. Claudia Pascual, Minister, National Service for Women (SERNAM), Chile
- H.E. Chandra Prakash Mainal, Minister of Women, Children and Social Welfare, Nepal

- H.E. Susana Camarero Benitez, Secretary of State for Equality and Social Services, Spain
- Ambassador Marriet Schuurman, NATO Secretary General’s Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security
 - Ambassador Mara Marinaki, Principal Advisor on Gender and the UNSCR 1325, European Union
 - Ms. Nieves Rico, Chief, Division for Gender Affairs, ECLAC
 - Ms. Mehrnaz Mostafavi, Chief, UN Huma Security Trust Fund
 - Ms. Lia van Brookhaven, Executive Director, Human Security Collective

Special remarks:

- Ms. Cristina Juarranz de la Fuente, General Director of Multilateral, Horizontal and Financial Cooperation, Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for Development
- Ms. Adoracion Mateos Tejada, General Director for Human Resources, Ministry of Defense, Spain

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