

Block III: The way ahead – new and emerging topics 2017-2020

Wednesday 1 June 2016, 09:45-11:15

Workshop description	
Title	Women's Involvement in Conflict Early Warning and Response Systems (CEWR)
Focus and Key questions	<p>Involvement of women in conflict early warning and response systems (CEWR) is key to the efficiency of conflict prevention. However, in the decade since the adoption of UNSCR 1325, which called for improved participation and representation of women in peacemaking, the involvement of women in early warning systems has been largely overlooked and CEWR have consequently missed out on key information as well as crucial contributions to preventing conflict.</p> <p>Both examples from the field are in an early stage of elaboration. The workshop will familiarize participants with the concept and potential of CEWR for anticipating, preventing and resolving conflict, and the benefits a gender-sensitive CEWR could bear for sustaining peace.</p> <p>Key questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Potential of CEWR for conflict prevention?2) How to integrate a gender perspective in CEWR?3) How to link local early warning initiatives with a national system, and how to link early warning with an appropriate response?
Examples from the field	SCOPE (Sustaining a culture of peace), Tanzania IGAD-FAO partnership programme on drought resilience, Horn of Africa
Resource person(s)	Sonya Elmer (Tanzania) Abdullahi Khalif (Horn of Africa) Partner institutions: Swisspeace and Center for Security Studies ETH Zürich
Workshop procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Presentation of CEWR Concept, referring to experiences of FAST (International Early Warning Program) developed by Swisspeace and of a local peace committee initiated by women in Wajir in Kenya2. Presentation experiences from the field:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. SCOPE Tanzaniab. IGAD CEWR, HoA3. Discussion of key questions
Final result	Participants understand the concept of CEWR and its potential. They have discussed ways and means of integrating a gender perspective into conflict early warning and response systems.