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Auditorium Ivan Pictet,
Maison de la Paix, Geneva

15 Years of UN Security Council Resolution 1325

ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY – REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Programme (Draft)

Context

The 31st of October 2015 marks fifteen years since the United Nations Security Council passed the landmark Resolution UNSCR 1325 on women, peace and security. Switzerland and the international community in Geneva in particular have made a unique contribution to gender equality in the field of peace and security. This conference aims to contribute to the global review of UNSCR 1325 by giving voice to local, national and international actors and delivering that message to the United Nations in New York where the main deliberations on the review will be held.

Mounting evidence shows that when women are included, peace processes are more sustainable, which results in greater state stability and in functional security and justice institutions. But many barriers remain and prevent women from participating in peace processes. States and their security and justice institutions still fail to provide security and safety for women and men alike. They also fail to address the widespread impunity and ongoing violations of women's rights during conflict and as part of the transformation and state building processes post conflict.

This conference will critically review the implementation of UNSCR 1325 and explore new approaches and strategies to move forward. It will examine three interconnected issues related to women, peace and security:

1. Gender Equality in Peace Processes – Making Women's Influence Count: Women's participation and representation increases the quality of peace agreements considerably in terms of sustainability. How can we strengthen women's meaningful participation in peace processes to promote gender equality, as well as stable, peaceful societies? What are its obstacles? What are good practices? How did UNSCR 1325 contribute to this, if at all?

2. Creating Security for All: Security is a deeply gendered concept. Women, men, girls and boys perceive their own security and insecurity in different ways. Has the women, peace and security (WPS) agenda helped transform our understanding of security provision? Has the WPS agenda helped transform security institutions' mandates and how? What does this mean for the reform of security and justice institutions? What is the role of civil society?

3. Gender Equality from the Peace Table to Peacebuilding and State Building: Post-conflict transformation processes provide a momentum to promote women's empowerment and may serve as a catalyst for broader societal change. How can we make use of UNSCR 1325 to advance gender equality beyond peace making in contexts of fragility and in peacebuilding and state building processes? How can we strengthen the rule of law and build a state with institutions that promote gender equality?

Conference Objectives

- > Review the implementation of UNSCR 1325 and share good practices for how to realize gender equality, peace and security.
- > Create a platform for exchange between women's civil society organizations, security sector personnel, government ministries and the international community in Geneva.
- > Contribute to international and Swiss policy review processes, including the UN High-Level Review of UNSCR 1325, by giving voice to international Geneva on 1325 and delivering that message to New York.

Conference languages: English and French

Wednesday 9 September

08:45-09:00 **Arrival and Registration**

09:00-10:00 **Opening:**

- > Ambassador Heidi Grau, Head of the Human Security Division, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)
- > Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Deputy Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

First Keynote:

- > Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter, Head of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

Second Keynote:

- > Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), Addis Ababa (tbc)

Welcoming Remarks:

- > Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva

10:00-10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30-11:45 **Gender Equality in Peace Processes – Making Women’s Influence Count**

Moderator: > Ambassador (ret) Helga Hernes, Senior Advisor at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Panelists:

- > Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini, Co-founder of the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN), Washington DC
- > Thania Paffenholz, Director of the Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative, Graduate Institute, Geneva
- > Nang Raw Zahkung, Assistant Director of Nyein (Shalom) Foundation, Myanmar
- > Ambassador Pamela Hamamoto, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva

Discussion

11:45-13:00 **Creating Security for All**

Moderator: > Daniel de Torres, Deputy Head of Operations III at the Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), Geneva, representing the Maison de la Paix Gender and Diversity Hub

Panelists:

- > Ambassador Marriët Schuurman, NATO Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security, Brussels
- > Gary Barker, International Director and Founder of Promundo, Washington DC
- > Sabiha Husić, Director of Medica Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- > Elisabeth Prügl, Professor of International Relations, Director of the Programme on Gender and Global Change (PGGC), Graduate Institute, Geneva

Discussion

13:00-14:30

Lunch Break

14:30-15:45

Gender Equality from the Peace Table to Peacebuilding and State Building

Moderator:

- > Barbara Haering, President of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), representing the Maison de la Paix Gender and Diversity Hub

Panelists:

- > Clare Castillejo, Senior Researcher at the Foundation for International Relations and Foreign Dialogue (FRIDE), Madrid
- > Sima Samar, Chairperson of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC), Kabul
- > Francis A. Munu, Inspector General of the Sierra Leone National Police
- > Annemarie Sancar, Senior Programme Officer for Gender and Peacebuilding at the Centre for Peacebuilding (KOFF), swisspeace, Berne

Discussion

15:45-16:15

Coffee Break

16:15-17:00

Dialogue Geneva – New York

Moderator:

- > Caty Clément, Senior Programme Advisor and Senior Fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), representing the Maison de la Paix Gender and Diversity Hub

Panelists:

- > Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Deputy Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)
- > Ambassador Heidi Grau, Head of the Human Security Division, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)
- > Päivi Kannisto, Chief of the Peace and Security Section of UN Women, New York (inv)

Discussion and Closing Remarks



Venue:

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Registration: Please use the conference homepage for registration until 28 August: www.dcaf.ch/swiss1325