

## **\*\* Invitation \*\***

The Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UN Women and the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security cordially invite **civil society colleagues** to a

### **Multi-stakeholder Forum on Women, Peace and Security**

ahead of the United Nations Security Council open debate on Women, Peace and Security

8.30am – 2.00pm

Tuesday, 23 October 2018

UN Women, CR 19th floor, 220 East 42nd Street, New York

RSVP by 17 October 2018 to

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*Due to space restrictions registration is limited to one person per entity*

#### **Objective**

A multi-stakeholder forum, engaging Civil Society from across the world, Security Council members and the UN, in a substantive exchange on global efforts to implement and advance the Women, Peace and Security agenda.

The forum will serve to energize the open debate on this year's topic on advancing women's meaningful participation and look ahead to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of resolution 1325 in 2020. By facilitating dialogue and interaction, the forum will contribute to increased visibility, accountability and joint action for the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda.

#### **Format**

The forum will be a half-day interactive event providing an opportunity for participants to partake in focused discussions on women's meaningful participation in peace processes and peace agreements; peacekeeping and stabilization; peacebuilding in post-conflict settings; and, political inclusion and decision-making.

## Programme

<p><b>8.30am – 9.00am</b> <i>Breakfast provided</i></p>	<p><b>Opening of the forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Welcome remarks by Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, H.E. Ms. Margot Wallström</li> <li>– Remarks by Executive Director of UN Women, Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka</li> <li>– Remarks by Executive Director of NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security, Ms. Kaavya Asoka</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.00am – 9.45am</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Outline, scene setting and highlights from the Expert Group Meeting on Women’s Participation in Negotiating Peace and the Implementation of Peace Agreements by facilitator, Dr. Anne Marie Goetz</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.45am – 12.00pm</b> <i>Rolling coffee break</i></p>	<p><b>Working groups: Advancing women’s meaningful participation in conflict and post-conflict settings</b></p> <p>Working groups to discuss women’s meaningful participation in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Political inclusion and decision-making</li> <li>– Peacekeeping and stabilization</li> <li>– Peace processes and peace agreements</li> <li>– Peacebuilding in post-conflict settings</li> </ul> <p>Working groups are encouraged to consider how the Security Council can support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overcoming obstacles to women’s participation</li> <li>2. Strengthening gender sensitive and responsive conflict-analysis</li> <li>3. Implementing women, peace and security commitments</li> </ol>
<p><b>12.00pm – 1.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion highlights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Presentation of key insights from the working groups</li> </ul>
<p><b>1.00pm – 2.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b> <i>Forum concludes</i></p>