

A New Agenda for Women, Peace and Security & Mediation

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EVENT SUMMARY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

- Thursday, September 22nd, 2016, 8:00am - 9:30am
- Side Event
- Conference Room 2
- [Concept Note](#)

ORGANIZED BY

- UN Women
- Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN
- Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN
- Permanent Mission of Namibia to the UN
- Permanent Mission of Spain to the UN
- Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to the UN

PANELISTS/PARTICIPANTS

Panel 1:

- Moderator: Cristina Gallach, Under Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information
- H.E. Paolo Gentiloni, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- H.E. Bert Koenders, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Namibia
- Sheika Lubna bint Khalid Al Qasimi, Cabinet Member and Minister of State for Tolerance, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Panel 2:

- Moderator: Dr. Thania Paffenholz, Director of the Inclusive Peace & Transition Initiative
- Mr. Yannick Glemarec, Assistant-Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women
- Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, UN TBC
- H.E. Mm. Bineta Diop, Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, African Union Commission
- Ms. Mara Marinaki, European External Action Service Principal Advisor on Gender

Others:

- Andre Haspels, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Ignacio Ybanez, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Spain
- Miroslav Jenca, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs

EVENT DESCRIPTION

- Hashtag: #WPSandMediation
- This event consisted of two panels. In the first, representatives from Italy, the Netherlands, Namibia, and UAE discussed the status of each of their countries with respect to Women, Peace and Security concerns more broadly, and when applicable,

mediation concerns in particular. The representative from Namibia issued resounding support of 1325, citing the 2030 development agenda and the Global Study as important steps. Namibia also discussed progress made by the African Union, which now has an office dedicated to Women, Peace and Security. The representatives from the UAE and the Netherlands both discussed the importance of women's participation in peace processes. Deputy Minister Koender pointed out the ongoing need for Yemeni women, in particular, to be represented at the negotiating table.

- Whereas the first panel was dedicated to case studies, the second panel was more geared towards debate around action, and discussing the *how* of bridging gaps in implementation. Questions were asked around meanings of the often overly general use of the term “women’s inclusion,” as well as UN Women’s role in not only bringing women to the table, but ensuring their “influence” once they got there.
- Issues and actions that came up included: achieving gender parity in UN Peacekeeping missions, building the capacity of women negotiators and mediators, strengthening frameworks of preventative techniques.

QUOTES

- “We’re here to support the inclusion of women in peace processes”
- “A task for member states should be to build the capacity of female mediators and nominate them” - Thania Paffenholz



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Side event at the 71st Session of the
United Nations General Assembly
United Nations Headquarters, New York

22 September 2016, 8:00 – 9:30 am
Conference Room 2

In the context of today's global and complex peace and security challenges running from terrorism to climate change, poverty eradication to desperate migrations, and from fighting health pandemics to tackling major international crises, preventive diplomacy and mediation is seen not only as a moral imperative, but also as a strategic investment to create more peaceful and stable environments. In this context, ensuring that women are able to meaningfully participate in and influence peace processes is proving instrumental for the effectiveness of peace and security initiatives. Key findings from the Global Study on the implementation of resolution 1325 highlighted the links existing between women's meaningful inclusion in peace processes and the likelihood of more durable and stable peace.

Starting from the analysis of ongoing and recently-concluded negotiations, participants to the event will share views on the strategies that have been used to advance women's meaningful participation to secure gender positive outcomes in peace agreements, and will discuss ways to transform the best practices of women's participation in mediation and peace processes into standard practices in the field of mediation and diplomacy and in UN-led peace processes.

Opening Session
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Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

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HL Programmed Interventions from the floor
Ministers and high level representatives inscribed in a dedicated list of speakers
For delegations wishing to take the floor, please refer to the contacts provided

Q&A
Interpretation service to French and Spanish will be provided

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Cristina Gallach, Netherlands at UN, UAE Mission to UN and 2 others



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