



**Peace Forum  
Commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325  
Program of Events**

October 28-30, 2015, Church Center for the United Nations, 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY

**Opening Panel: Men on the Stand – Wednesday, October 28, 2015 3 PM – 5 PM**

**Registration Links:**

<https://peaceforumreception.eventbrite.com>

<https://peaceforumday1.eventbrite.com>

<https://peaceforumday2.eventbrite.com>

**Program Agenda:**

<i>Address</i>	Harriett Jane Olson, CEO and General Secretary of United Methodist Women
<i>Moderator</i>	Cora Weiss, UN Representative and former President, International Peace Bureau  Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women, Representing the Secretary-General
<i>Video</i>	Margot Wallström, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Government Offices of Sweden  Magdy Martínez---Solimán, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP New York  H.E María Emma Mejía Vélez, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations
<i>Performance</i>	Singer Juahn Cabrera  Ann---Sofie Stude, Ambassador, Women, Peace and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland  Jan Kickert, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations  Dean Peacock, Co---Founder and Executive Director of Sonke Gender Justice  Matt Howard, Iraq Veterans Against War
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Former Under---Secretary---General and High Representative of the UN, Initiator of UNSCR 1325

*Announcements*

**Background:**

The UN Secretary---General's Network of Men Leaders established in 2009 calls on men to speak out and take action to prevent and end violence against women and girls. It highlights men's crucial roles as





fathers, brothers, husbands, friends, decision makers, and community and opinion leaders, in ensuring



that priority attention is given to the issue; and in providing positive role models for young men and boys, based on healthy images of masculinity. Similar initiatives to prevent and end violence against women exist. Among them are the White Ribbon Campaign, Men Against Violence against Women, and Man Up Campaign.

Building on the above---mentioned initiatives, the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), International Peace Bureau, the United Methodist Women, World Council of Churches, WILPF, The National Council of Negro Women, Baha'i International Community and other partners present the panel discussion “Men on the Stand: Men’s roles in implementing UNSCR 1325.” The focus is men’s roles in the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and its supporting resolutions. It will examine how to ensure their full **Participation** in peacebuilding and decision---making at all levels, how men and women can work together in **Preventing** violent conflicts; and identify ways in which men can help promote and **Protect** women and girls’ rights.

The panel discussion in conjunction with the 2015 Security Council High Level Review of the implementation of UNSCR is the opening panel that will be followed on October 29 and 30 by a series of parallel events and a peace fair that showcases civil society contributions to the implementation of UNSCR 1325. The themes are: implementation that works for women; participation of men in advancing the women and peace and security agenda; and prevention of violent conflicts.

**Participant Bios:**

*Harriett Jane Olson*

Ms. Olson has served as chief executive officer of the United Methodist Women’s national administrative and policymaking arm since 2007. United Methodist Women is a nearly 800,000---member organization within the United Methodist Church in the United States. A Harvard Law School graduate, Ms. Olson practiced real estate and environmental law at a N.J. law firm that is now part of Day, Pitney, before working for the church full---time. From 1996---2007, Ms. Olson was senior vice---president for publishing, editor for church school publications and United Methodist Church book editor at the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, TN. Ms. Olson has a bachelor's degree from Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y., where she serves on the board of trustees.

*Cora Weiss*

Cora Weiss was one of a handful of civil society women who, together with UNIFEM, drafted what unanimously became in 2000, SCRes 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. She has spent her lifetime in the movements for civil rights, women's rights, disarmament and peace. She was President of the International Peace Bureau, which she now represents at the UN, and is President of the Hague Appeal for Peace which produced the Hague Agenda For Peace and Justice for the 21st Century (UN ref A/54/98). A recipient of many awards, she is fond of the Appreciation Award from United Methodist Women. This year she received the Doctor of Laws degree, Honoris Causa, from Adelphi Univ.

*Phumzile Mlambo+Ngcuka*

Phumzile Mlambo---Ngcuka is United Nations Under---Secretary---General and Executive Director of UN Women. She was sworn into office on 19 August 2013 and brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this position, having devoted her career to issues of human rights, equality and social justice. Ms. Mlambo---Ngcuka has worked in government and civil society, and with the private sector, and was actively involved in the struggle to end apartheid in her home country of South Africa.

*Magdy Martínez+Solimán*

Magdy Martínez---Solimán is UNDP’s Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support. Prior to this appointment he was the Deputy Director, Bureau for Development





Policy. Mr. Martínez--Solimán is a lawyer by training, a former practicing barrister and Assistant Professor of International Law. He has worked and written on Political Systems and provided legal counseling in Constitutional and Administrative Law. In his professional career, he has been State Secretary for Youth in the Spanish National Government, CEO of two public corporations and member of the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games in Barcelona 92. He was also Deputy Minister of the Prime Minister's Office, in charge of relations with the Parliament of Andalusia, and elected member of the Municipal Council of his hometown Malaga, Spain.

*Ambassador María Emma Mejía Vélez*

María Emma Mejía is a Colombian journalist and diplomat with broad experience in international affairs. She has held various senior positions in the government for over the course of the past two decades. Likewise, she has devoted much of her career to the issues of peace and relations between the Latin American countries. Ambassador Mejía is a journalist from the University del Valle, with studies at the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana. She also took the film director and production course at the BBC, later linking the Latin American radio service to that entity.

*Ambassador Ann-Sofie Stude*

Ann-Sofie Stude currently serves as Ambassador and National focal point for UNSCR 1325 at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (2014-) chairing the National Follow Up-Group with representatives from across government, civil society and academia. Ms. Stude has served the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1992. From 2009 – 2013, she was Minister Counsellor and Head of the Political Section at the Embassy of Finland in Washington, D.C. Over the years she has held several positions dealing with human rights and UN affairs. Ms. Stude holds a Master of Political Science from Åbo Akademi University, Finland and a Master of Law from Cambridge University, United Kingdom.

*Dean Peacock*

Since joining the End Conscription Campaign as a high school student in 1985 to oppose Apartheid army violence, Dean Peacock 's work, activism and teaching has focused on gender equality, HIV and AIDS, human rights and social justice. He is co--founder and Executive Director of the Sonke Gender Justice, a South African NGO working across Africa and globally to address HIV and AIDS and to promote gender equality, human rights and social justice. He is also co---founder and co---chair of the Global MenEngage Alliance, an honorary senior lecturer at the University of Cape Town's School of Public Health and an Ashoka Fellow. He serves on the steering committee of the Nobel Women's Initiative Campaign to Stop Rape in Conflict and is an advisor to the UN Secretary General on engaging men to end violence against women.

*Matt Howard*

I served in the Marine Corps from 2001 to 2006 as a helicopter mechanic and completed two tours in Iraq. My experience guarding Iraqi workers engaged in manual labor on the FOB I was attached to and witnessing their poor treatment by the military dramatically changed my views about the wars in the Middle East and American foreign policy. After my service I attended UC Berkeley while I worked in the evenings. During my time in California I helped reignite the Bay Area Chapter of IVAW in 2011 and organized with IVAW's first campaign Operation Recovery at Fort Hood, TX in 2012. In recent years I helped launch the Right to Heal Initiative an effort meant to seek remediation for the health impacts of the Iraq war for veterans and Iraqis. I have coordinated press with the organization as the Communications Director and fielded dozens of interviews with outlets such as MSNBC, the New York





Times and CNN. I am presently the Co-Director of IVAW with Maggie Martin and I'm based in New York City.

*Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury*

A career diplomat and an international civil servant, Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury has been the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN (1996-2001) and served as Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the UN (2002-2007). Ambassador Chowdhury also served as President of the United Nations Security Council for two terms (2000 and 2001) and Chairman (1985-86) and President (2000) of the UNICEF Executive Board. His initiative in March 2000 as the President of the Security Council achieved the political and conceptual breakthrough that led to the adoption of the groundbreaking UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women and peace & security. Under his stewardship, the United Nations General Assembly adopted in 1999 the landmark UN Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace. He is a member of the UN High Level Advisory Group for the Global Study on the 15-year implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000).

**\*Opening Panel Followed by Reception**

**Workshops Thursday, October 29, 2015**

**Registration Link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-peace-forum-commemoration-of-the-15th-anniversary-of-uns-cr-1325-workshops-day-1-tickets-18232246139>

Time	Room	Description	Organizers
10:00 – 11:30 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Understanding Our History <i>A historical overview of the origins of UNSCR 1325</i>	International Peace Bureau/ International Institute on Peace Education and Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury
11:30 am -5:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	Peace Fair Exhibitions  <i>Art exhibit by Shirakat, 1:30 --- 2:30pm</i>	Peace Boat US, Shirakat, Center for Awareness Promotion, International Institute on Peace Education
12:00-1:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Peace IS the Path: Dialoguing Between the Women of Ukraine and of the Russian Federation	United Methodist Women/World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations
12:00-1:30 pm	Boss Room 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Strategic Re/Engagements: Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda over the Next Fifteen Years and Beyond  <i>The role of local efforts, policy analyses, and men's engagement will be explored. The panel hopes to create a dialogue in which individuals from</i>	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom



		<i>multiple perspectives can share and learn from one another enabling and exploring the potential for growth.</i>	
12:00-1:30 pm	10th Floor	The South Sudanese Peace Agreement: Implications on Women's Participation in Peacebuilding and Political Processes	Global Network of Women Peacebuilders
12:00-1:30 pm	Hardin Room 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1325: Women's Power Crossing the DMZ <i>On the 15th anniversary of UNSCR 1325, several delegates will reflect on the significance of the DMZ crossing to peacebuilding in Korea, reviving the women's peace movements in South Korea, and global awareness of the need to end the 62---year old Korean War.</i>	Women Cross the DMZ
3:00-4:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Peoples' Action Plans: Empowering Civil Society to Implement 1325 <i>A panel presentation on the rationale, the processes of producing and enacting Peoples' Plans of Action to address peace and security from the perspective of women currently excluded from most national plans, such as women on contested borders and women under long term military presence.</i>	International Institute on Peace Education
3:00-4:30pm	Boss Room 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor	From Deep in the Shadows of War and Peace: A Feminist Critique of Power and Politics in Peace Building <i>This panel brings together reflections by women human rights defenders working in conflict---affected communities. These reflections, carried out collectively through peer---to---peer conversations as well as individually as personal observations, pose a critique to the way power and politics are played out in peacemaking and peace building processes and articulate their implications to women's leadership for conflict transformation.</i>	Asia Pacific Women's Alliance for Peace and Security
3:00-4:30pm	10th Floor	Girl Ambassadors for Peace and the Localization of UNSCR 1325 and 1820 <i>The panelists will present a local and national perspective on collaboration with local partners to develop and integrate resolutions 1325 and 1820 in local development plans. The girl ambassadors will share their experience and comment on new approaches related to women and peace and security.</i>	Synergie des Femmes pour les Victimes des Violences Sexuelles

<p>3:00-4:30pm</p>	<p>Hardin Room 11<sup>th</sup> Floor</p>	<p>The Achievements and Challenges of Localization in Colombia and the Experience of Indigenous and Afro Colombian Women in the Monitoring of UNSCR 1325</p> <p><i>The panel discussion will present the results, achievements and challenges that indigenous and afro Colombian women experienced during their monitoring efforts of UNSCR 1325.</i></p>	<p>CIASE/Red Nacional de Mujeres</p>
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**Workshops Friday, October 30, 2015**

**Registration Link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-peace-forum-commemoration-of-the-15th-anniversary-of-uns-cr-1325-workshops-day-2-tickets-18720264816>

Time	Room	Description	Organizers
10:00 am -5:00 pm	2nd Floor	Peace Fair Exhibitions  <i>Performance by Shadrack Theater Group, 1:30 - 2:00 pm</i>	Peace Boat US, Shirakat, Center for Awareness Promotion, International Institute on Peace Education
10:00-11:30 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Film screening: Six Days  <i>A film about three female human rights defenders in Liberia, Abkhazia/Georgia and Iraq.</i>	The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation
10:00-11:30 am	Boss Room 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Roundtable – Transforming violent masculinities to move the WPS agenda forward  <i>This event highlights several concrete pioneering examples of work on transforming violent masculinities and engaging men and boys as part of gender transformative approaches to the women, peace and security agenda</i>	MenEngage
10:00-11:30 am	10th Floor	Theater for Women's Rights and Peace Building  <i>Participants will learn why theatre is so effective in the communities in Pakistan. How theatre can be used as a tool to educate people, how to act and make a play on any issue and how theatre can be used for Humanism</i>	The Young Changemakers
10:00-11:30 am	Hardin Room 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Engaging communities in promoting women's rights, security and peace in South Central Somalia  <i>The panel will discuss how CISP and International Alert together with the communities are working on promoting women's rights and contributing on building peace in four districts of Mogadishu. This work includes community activities that involve both men and women, girls</i>	International Alert/ Comitato Internazionale Per Lo Sviluppo Dei Popoli

		<i>and boys in conversation about peace from the individual to the community level.</i>	
12:00-1:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	<p>Conversations with Men: Accelerating Women's Leadership in Peace and Security</p> <p><i>This Forum will feature a Keynote and a panel discussion on engaging men in leadership roles to identify solutions on how best to accelerate women's leadership in the peace and security space globally.</i></p>	Impact Leadership 21/Foundation for the Support of the United Nations
12:00-1:30pm	Boss Room 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<p>How do women make the news on peace and security? What civil society in 15 transitional and conflict countries discovered. What can we do to intervene</p> <p><i>Participants will be introduced to the media monitoring tool and methodology that may be replicated in their own contexts. The workshop will develop a strategy that faith-based, women's and other civil society groups working to secure women's full and equal participation in peace processes can apply to encourage more supportive media.</i></p>	World Association for Christian Communication
12:00-1:30pm	10 <sup>th</sup> floor	<p>Women's NGO's in Israel Advancing National Action Plan to Implement UNSCR 1325 as a Tool to Advance Peace</p> <p><i>The civil Action Plan contains many operative suggestions and measurement goals to promote women's participation in politics, to increase women's protection against violence and to advance peace in Israel. The initiative will be presented with a focus on the challenges that have come up.</i></p>	Itach-Maaki, Women Lawyers for Social Justice
12:00-1:30pm	Hardin Room 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<p>15 years after 1325: Positive Masculine Impact on the Army and the Police in the DRC</p> <p><i>Screening of a documentary on the impact of Resolution 1325 and how it has promoted a positive impact among the military and police through some practices and actions observed both within these institutions and in social life.</i></p>	Centre d'études sur la Justice et la Resolution 1325
3:00-4:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	<p>On the Frontlines Against Militarism &amp; Extremism: Women's Stories from the Middle East, North Africa and Asia</p> <p><i>Presentation of six short documentary films from</i></p>	Peace Is Loud

		<i>The Trials of Spring featuring women on the frontlines of the Arab Spring. Film shorts discuss their subsequent transitions and work for human rights and peacebuilding, as well as a compilation of interviews with women human rights activists from the Middle East, North Africa and Asia regions.</i>	
3:00-4:30pm	Boss Room 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor	#ImamsForShe: Engaging Religious Men and Women Leaders in Empowering Women  <i>The event will share and discuss grassroots and state-level initiatives underway in changing societal mindsets on gender equality, human rights and women's empowerment and participation in Muslim societies, particularly in working within the Islamic framework to reform discriminatory legislation and to counter harmful cultural practices.</i>	Muslims for Progressive Values
3:00-4:30pm	10 <sup>th</sup> floor	A Feminist Roadmap for Peace: Toward a More Transformative Women, Peace and Security Agenda  <i>This workshop will provide a space to radically rethink, broaden and deepen the current Women, Peace and Security Agenda. The goal is to create a more gender-equitable and sustainable peace.</i>	Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights
3:00-4:30pm	Hardin Room 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor	UNSCR 1325: Toward Human Security and Planetary Survival  <i>The session will comprise a panel of presentations based on a feminist framework for comprehensive human security. The framework is grounded on the assertion that authentic national security lies in the human wellbeing of a nation's people.</i>	International Peace Bureau/ International Institute on Peace Education

## ACTIONS EXTRACTED FROM UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION (UNSCR) 1325

### **"Actions called for extracted from Resolution 1325 (2000) Adopted by the Security Council at its 4213th meeting, on 31 October 2000**

The Security Council,

1. Urges Member States to ensure increased representation of women at all decision-making levels in national, regional and international institutions and mechanisms for the prevention, management, and resolution of conflict;
2. Encourages the Secretary-General to implement his strategic plan of action (A/49/587) calling for an increase in the participation of women at decision making levels in conflict resolution and peace processes;
3. Urges the Secretary-General to appoint more women as special representatives and envoys to pursue good offices on his behalf, and in this regard calls on Member States to provide candidates to the Secretary-General, for inclusion in a regularly updated centralized roster;
4. Further urges the Secretary-General to seek to expand the role and contribution of women in United Nations field-based operations, and especially among military observers, civilian police, human rights and humanitarian personnel;
5. Expresses its willingness to incorporate a gender perspective into peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to ensure that, where appropriate, field operations include a gender component;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide to Member States training guidelines and materials on the protection, rights and the particular needs of women, as well as on the importance of involving women in all peacekeeping and peacebuilding measures, invites Member States to incorporate these elements as well as HIV/AIDS awareness training into their national training programmes for military and civilian police personnel in preparation for deployment, and further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that civilian personnel of peacekeeping operations receive similar training;
7. Urges Member States to increase their voluntary financial, technical and logistical support for gender-sensitive training efforts, including those undertaken by relevant funds and programmes, inter alia, the United Nations Fund for Women and United Nations Children's Fund, and by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other relevant bodies;
8. Calls on all actors involved, when negotiating and implementing peace agreements, to adopt a gender perspective, including, inter alia: (a) The special needs of women and girls during repatriation and resettlement and for rehabilitation, reintegration and post-conflict reconstruction; (b) Measures that support local women's peace initiatives and indigenous processes for conflict resolution, and that involve women in all of the implementation mechanisms of the peace agreements; (c) Measures that ensure the protection of and respect for human rights of women and girls, particularly as they relate to the constitution, the electoral system, the police and the judiciary;
9. Calls upon all parties to armed conflict to respect fully international law applicable to the rights and protection of women and girls, especially as civilians, in particular the obligations applicable to them under the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the Additional Protocols thereto of 1977, the Refugee

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Convention of 1951 and the Protocol thereto of 1967, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women of 1979 and the Optional Protocol thereto of 1999 and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child of 1989 and the two Optional Protocols thereto of 25 May 2000, and to bear in mind the relevant provisions of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;

10. Calls on all parties to armed conflict to take special measures to protect women and girls from gender-based violence, particularly rape and other forms of sexual abuse, and all other forms of violence in situations of armed conflict;

11. Emphasizes the responsibility of all States to put an end to impunity and to prosecute those responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes including those relating to sexual and other violence against women and girls, and in this regard stresses the need to exclude these crimes, where feasible from amnesty provisions;

12. Calls upon all parties to armed conflict to respect the civilian and humanitarian character of refugee camps and settlements, and to take into account the particular needs of women and girls, including in their design, and recalls its resolutions 1208 (1998) of 19 November 1998 and 1296 (2000) of 19 April 2000;

13. Encourages all those involved in the planning for disarmament, demobilization and reintegration to consider the different needs of female and male ex-combatants and to take into account the needs of their dependents;

14. Reaffirms its readiness, whenever measures are adopted under Article 41 of the Charter of the United Nations, to give consideration to their potential impact on the civilian population, bearing in mind the special needs of women and girls, in order to consider appropriate humanitarian exemptions;

15. Expresses its willingness to ensure that Security Council missions take into account gender considerations and the rights of women, including through consultation with local and international women's groups;

16. Invites the Secretary-General to carry out a study on the impact of armed conflict on women and girls, the role of women in peace-building and the gender dimensions of peace processes and conflict resolution, and further invites him to submit a report to the Security Council on the results of this study and to make this available to all Member States of the United Nations;

17. Requests the Secretary-General, where appropriate, to include in his reporting to the Security Council progress on gender mainstreaming throughout peacekeeping missions and all other aspects relating to women and girls;

18. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.