

STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY AND FINANCING FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND PEACEFUL SOCIETIES: 2016 HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

July 5, 2016

In 2015, governments for the first time recognised that peace is part of sustainable development, by adopting [Sustainable Development Goals](#) including stand-alone goals on gender equality (Goal 5) and peace (Goal 16).

Next week, governments will meet for the first time to assess and review the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the 11-20 July [High-Level Political Forum](#) (HLPF) at UN Headquarters in New York.

As part of WILPF's work to strengthen [conflict prevention](#) and promote accountability on gender equality and peace, WILPF will monitor the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF). We will also leverage this space to build momentum on strengthened [accountability and financing](#) of gender equality and peace with a [workshop](#) and [side event](#) on Women, Peace and Security Financing.

ABOUT THE HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

The [High Level Political Forum](#) is the main accountability mechanism of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The priority theme this year is: "Ensuring that No One is Left Behind."

The HLPF will result in a ministerial declaration as well as voluntary [commitments](#). In addition, twenty-two member states will be submitting national voluntary reviews: China, Colombia, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Madagascar, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Norway, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, and Venezuela.

WILPF will monitor the High Level Political Forum for issues of gender equality and peace as part of our on-going conflict prevention work.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY FINANCING

In addition to monitoring the HLPF, WILPF is leveraging this space to bring together women human rights defenders and peace activists working on security issues to mobilise together for strengthened accountability and financing for the Women, Peace and Security agenda.

We will host a two-day [workshop](#) on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Financing on 7-8 July in collaboration with a variety of partners including the Women's Major Group and NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security. At the workshop, we will map financial flows available for gender equality and peace, share good practice examples in development and security arenas on strengthening WPS financing, and map strategies for building synergies and action for change.

We will also report back from the workshop at a [side event](#) oriented toward member states on Monday 11 July and share our findings and recommendations for action.

GET INVOLVED!

Almost 9 months after the [Global Study](#) on UNSCR 1325 and more than 15 years after UNSCR 1325, it is time to move the money from a political economy of war to a political economy of gender justice and peace. The Sustainable Development Goals provide one clear opportunity for action.

There can be no development without disarmament and women's full and equal human rights.

Join us in demanding that your government implement the SDGs through a women's human rights lens for peace, and step up financing of gender equality and peaceful societies.

It is time to demand action. Join us!