



Women, Peace and Security in the Post 2015 development agenda

Side event at the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

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30 September 2015, 4.00 – 5.30pm

Conference Room 3

Moderator: Cristina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

Welcoming Remarks

- ◆ Hon. Paolo Gentiloni, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- ◆ H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Namibia
- ◆ H.E. Don Pramudwinai, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand
- ◆ H.E. Anne Waiguru, Minister of Devolution and Planning, Kenya
- ◆ H.E. Reem Al Hashimy, Minister of State, UAE
- ◆ H.E. Jesús Gracia, Secretary of State for International Cooperation and for Latin-American, Spain

Panel discussion

- ◆ Ms Amina J. Mohammed, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning (TBC)
- ◆ Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, UNWOMEN (TBC)

HL Programmed intervention from the floor

- ◆ Ministers and high level representatives inscribed in a dedicated list of speakers

Q&A

Background

2015 is a crucial year for the empowerment of women. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the adoption of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security (WPS). A global study on its implementation is currently underway and will be reviewed in October by the Security Council under the Spanish Presidency. Concurrently, leaders will commit to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls (Goal 5) by 2030 in the Summit to Adopt the Sustainable Development Agenda in September.

There have been significant achievements since the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, where the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action were adopted. There are more girls enrolled in schools and more women have entered the workforce; more women have sought public office and other leadership positions. Despite these advances, women still face a myriad of challenges. The new framework of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and SDGs offers a real opportunity to create a platform to empower women and advance the rights of women and girls by integrating gender equality into all dimensions of sustainable development.

The WPS Agenda and the Post 2015 development agenda are intertwined: sustainable peace is not possible without the meaningful participation of women and girls in development.

This side event will provide a platform for experts on gender equality and the post-2015 development agenda to discuss the synergies between these two agendas, capitalizing on the international attention they are currently receiving in the United Nations.

Main objectives

- ◆ Discuss synergies between the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Women, Peace and Security Review Process.
- ◆ Bring attention to the forthcoming Global Study on the Implementation of SCR 1325 (2000) in light of the upcoming High-Level Review on Women, Peace and Security in October 2015 under the Spanish Presidency in the Security Council.
- ◆ Encourage exchange of ideas and concrete proposals that may inspire the upcoming SC debate in October.

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