



The Road to 2020: Accelerating Action on Women, Peace and Security

Location: Conference Room 12, United Nations, New York.

Date: Friday 15 March 2019, 3:00 to 4:15p.m.

Purpose of the Event:

With the twentieth anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) fast approaching in 2020, Member States, international organizations and civil society have a unique opportunity to increase momentum and accelerate action towards implementation. This interactive session will offer space for participants at the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women to voice their ideas and concerns, as well as provide input to the priorities being shaped by key stakeholders and decision-makers. Speakers will explain their vision for 2020, including how to link the anniversary to the commemoration of Beijing+25 and the five-year review of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Moderator: Mavic Cabrera-Balleza, Chief Executive Officer, The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (TBC)

Opening Remarks from the 2018 and 2019 Chairs of the WPS Focal Points Network:

- H.E. Ms. Doreen Sioka, Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, Republic of Namibia (5 mins)
- Ambassador Christophe Heusgen, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations

Reflections on 2020 and beyond

- Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women (5 mins)
- Mr. Jean-Pierre LaCroix, UN Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations (TBC) (5 mins)

Speakers:

- H.E. Ms. Aline Gisèle Pana, Minister of the Promotion of Women, the Family and Child Protection, The Central African Republic (5 mins)
- The NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security (5 mins)
- Ms. Helen Kezie-Nwoha, Executive Director of Isis-WICCE (5 mins)
- Ms. Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls, Chair of Board of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (5 mins)
- Ms. Edita Tahiri, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Dialogue, Republic of Kosovo (1244) (5 mins)

Interactive Discussion between speakers and audience members (30 mins)

Closing Remarks from the 2020 chairs of the WPS Focal Points Network:

- Mr. Michael Callan, Director for Conflict Prevention, Stabilization & Peacebuilding, Government of Canada
- Ambassador Luiz Bermudez, Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations (5mins)