

# Women, Peace and Security

Side events linked to the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)

## PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS (updated 8 November 2012)

### SEPTEMBER

#### Thursday and Friday, 6 - 7 September

##### **Two-day Symposium: “Strengthening Gender Justice through International Prosecutions Symposium.”**

Panelists will examine obstacles and best practices during the investigation and pre-trial stages of a case, the development of prosecution strategies and courtroom proceedings. Panels will also consider access for, and the participation of victims/survivors in justice and reparations processes; the role of States Parties in supporting the development of a global system of justice and peace; and the jurisprudential developments particularly for gender-based crimes over the past 15 years from a judicial perspective.

The Symposium will feature a special panel with four chief prosecutors and leaders from the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Co-organized by Women’s Initiative for Gender Justice and UN Women.

Location: The Hague. For more information, please see:

[http://www.iccwomen.org/news/berichtdetail.php?we\\_objectID=170](http://www.iccwomen.org/news/berichtdetail.php?we_objectID=170)

#### Thursday, 20 September

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm: “Electoral Justice and the Rule of Law.”** On the occasion of the High-Level Meeting on the Rule of Law, the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN and International IDEA, in collaboration with UNDP and the Electoral Assistance Division of UN DPA, will hold an Interactive Panel Discussion on Electoral Justice and the Rule of Law on Thursday, 20 September 2012. The discussion will address the links between the rule of law and the electoral process, particularly in terms of electoral justice, with a focus on the development and strengthening of capacities within newly established democracies and countries in political transition.

Location: Conference Room 5, North Lawn Building, UN Headquarters

#### Thursday, 24 September

**1:15 pm – 2:45 pm: “High-level lunch-time event on women’s access to justice.”** As the world leaders gather to the 67th General Assembly to discuss the Rule of Law, Finland, South Africa and UN Women wish to encourage all Member States, UN and regional organizations, and civil society to focus on strengthening women’s access to justice. Participants are invited to make concrete commitments to action and highlight initiatives to address key challenges in women’s access to justice, for example in the areas of legal reform, women’s rights and access to justice within traditional and informal justice systems, or in conflict and post-conflict contexts.

Location: Ambassador's Riverview Tent, NY. For more information, please see:

[http://www.unrol.org/article.aspx?article\\_id=168](http://www.unrol.org/article.aspx?article_id=168)

### Thursday, 25 September

**11:15 am – 12:30 pm: “Preventing sexual and gender-based crimes in conflict and securing justice for survivors.”** Event co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the UK to the UN, UN Women, the Nobel Women's Initiative and the Office of the Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict. Notable participants will include UK Foreign Minister, the Rt.Hon. William Hague and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General, Zainab Bangura other distinguished guests will include women Nobel Peace Laureates, Shirin Ebadi, Leymah Gbowee and Jody Williams.

Location: Conference Room 6, UN North Lawn Building, UN Headquarters

### Thursday, 27 September

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm: “High-level launch of the United Nations Guidance for Effective Mediation.”** Event organized in cooperation with the Group of Friends of Mediation – a grouping of UN member states co-chaired by Finland and Turkey who have taken an active and supportive interest in developing the UN's conflict mediation capacities. Distinguished speakers include the President of the General Assembly Vuk Jeremić, UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson, and Foreign Ministers Ahmet Davutoğlu of Turkey and Erkki Tuomioja of Finland. They will be joined at a panel discussion by senior mediators and mediation experts including the Joint Special Representative for Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi.

Location: Permanent Mission of Turkey to the UN. For more information, please see:

[http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/undpa/main/issues/peacemaking/mediation\\_guidance](http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/undpa/main/issues/peacemaking/mediation_guidance)

## OCTOBER

### Wednesday, 10 October

**1:15 pm – 2:45 pm: “Adjudicating Gender-based Crimes: The Legacy of the Special Court of Sierra Leone.”** Event organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada on behalf of the Friends of 1325. To RSVP, please contact Lydia Fleurimond (lydia.fleurimond@international.gc.ca or 212-848-1153).

Location: Permanent Mission of Canada, One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 885 Second Avenue (entrance on 48th street), 14th Floor.

**6:15 pm – 8:00 pm: “[Empowering Women in Post-Conflict Justice](#)”** Event co-organized by UN Women, the United Nations Development Programme and The International Peace Institute (IPI) featuring the Principals for the Special Court for Sierra Leone: the President of the Special Court, Justice Shireen Avis Fisher; Prosecutor Brenda Hollis; Principal Defender Claire Carlton-Hanciles; and Registrar Binta Mansaray. The Principals will discuss the work of the Special Court in the context of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325. The event will offer an opportunity for an in-depth discussion on the meaning of empowering women to fully participate in post-conflict justice and how this is actually achieved. Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-

General on Sexual Violence in Conflict will be the discussant on the panel. Senior representatives from UN Women and the United Nations Development Programme will make introductory remarks at the event.

Location: International Peace Institute, IPI, New York. For more information, see flyer.

### **Tuesday, 16 October**

**9:30 am – 5:00 pm: “High-level conference and dinner to discuss the prevention of violence against women and girls in humanitarian emergencies.”** Event organized by IRC- UK.

Location: Oxfordshire, UK

### **Thursday, 18 October**

**9:00 am – 5:30 pm: “Women in peacebuilding: Access to justice of women in post-conflict countries.”** All-day event followed by dinner organized by the Regional Women’s Lobby for Peace and Security and Justice of Southeast Europe.

Location: Zagreb, Croatia

### **Monday, 22 October**

**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm: “Launch of Sourcebook on Women, Peace and Security”** Event organized by UN Women to launch a collection of cutting-edge resources intended to raise awareness, provoke policy, support training, advocacy and share lessons learned on implementation of the women, peace and security agenda and to provide practitioners, advocates and policy-makers with practical guidance.

Location: 19<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, UN Women, DNB 220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, NY. For more information, please see: <http://www.unwomen.org/publications/un-women-sourcebook-on-women-peace-and-security/>

### **Wednesday, 24 October**

**5:00 – 7:00 pm: “Launch of Report of the NGOWG Monthly Action Points”.** Event organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN, the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN.

Location: Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN, 633 Third Avenue, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor. For more information, see flyer. To access report, please see: <http://www.womenpeacesecurity.org/>

### **Monday, 29 October**

**NOTE:** All events re-scheduled or postponed due to the impact of Hurricane Sandy. The planned Open Debate of the Security Council on women and peace and security will take place on **30 November** – see below.

**1:30 pm-3:00 pm: “The Role of Women’s Civil Society Organizations in Peace building in Timor-Leste”**

The Mission of Liechtenstein in partnership with DPKO, UN Women, PeaceWomen and the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination (LISD) at Princeton University will host on a side-event offering valuable insight into the critical role that women’s organizations play in consolidating peace and improving community security in Timor-Leste. Speakers at this event will discuss the successes and challenges of women’s peace activism in Timor-Leste and make strategic recommendations for how to consolidate hard-won gains in the wake of mission drawdown. The event will also mark the launch of a new lecture series on Women, Peace and Security organized by the Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the United Nations in New York in close partnership with the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination (LISD) at Princeton University, and the PeaceWomen Project of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. The series will support implementation efforts and awareness-raising through a series of panel discussions in New York followed by lectures at Princeton University. For more information, please see flyer.

Location: Conference Room 6 (NLB). **POSTPONED**

**Tuesday, 30 October**

**9:30 am – 11:00 am: “Conflict prevention and UNSCR 1325 – What's in it for us?”**

Public panel co-organized by GPPAC and the Center for Women's Global Leadership/CWGL Location: 10<sup>th</sup> floor UN Church Centre, 70 United Nations Plaza, New York For more information, please see: <http://www.peaceportal.org/web/taking-women-beyond-1325/home1> **POSTPONED**

**Wednesday, 31 October**

**8:30 am – 10 am: “Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Peace Mediation: Experts Discuss Current Challenges”**

Organized by the Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN, Crisis Management Initiative (CMI) and the West Africa Network for Peace-Building (WANEP). Location: 866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 222. For more information, see [flyer](#).

**8:30 am - 10:15 am: “What the Women Say: Key Findings from the first MENA/Asia Women's Rights Peace and Security Forum”** Event organized by the International Civil Society Action and the International Peace Institute.

Location: UN Church Center, 12th Floor

**10:00 am - noon: “Consultative Meeting on the Multi-Stakeholder Financing Mechanism (MFM) for 1325 & 1820 NAPs”**

Consultative meeting organized by the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, Cordaid, the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the UN and UN Women (By invitation only). Location: The event will be held at the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the UN at 666 Third Avenue, 19th floor, (Between 42nd and 43rd street).

**1:15 pm –2:30 pm: "Implement Locally, Inspire Globally"** The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders - International Civil society Action (GNWP-ICAN) in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Norway and UN Women will hold a panel discussion entitled "Implement Locally, Inspire Globally" to analyze how the ongoing GNWP project on localizing UN Security Council resolutions 1325 and 1820 into local community development initiatives is contributing to the implementation of the women, peace and

security agenda at the national and local levels and share best practices and lessons learned from countries where it is being implemented. Featuring national and local leaders from Burundi, Colombia, Nepal, the Philippines and Sierra Leone. For questions and to RSVP, please contact Anna Keye at [anna.gnwp@gmail.com](mailto:anna.gnwp@gmail.com)

Location: Conference Room 6 (NLB). For more information, please see flyer.

**3:00 pm - 4:30 pm: “Civil Society Engagement on Countering Violent Extremism”** Event co-organized by Civil Society Network on Human Security, Cordaid, and GPPAC.

Location: UN Church Center, 2nd Floor

**4:30 pm - 6:00 pm: “UNSCR 1325: Realities from unrecognized conflict countries”** Event co-organized by the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, Cordaid, WIn G India, Red Nacional de Mujeres Colombia. For questions and RSVP, please contact: [eleonore.gnwp@gmail.com](mailto:eleonore.gnwp@gmail.com)

Location: UN Church Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

## NOVEMBER

### Thursday, 1 November

**10:00 am-12:00 pm : "The Women's Situation Room in Senegal: the Role of Women's Civil Society Organizations in Early Warning and Prevention of Conflict".**

Event co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN, the Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN and Femmes Africa Solidarité. The discussion will focus on women’s integral role in conflict prevention, resolution and peacebuilding, as reflected in United Nations Security Council 1325 on women, peace and security, and the importance of early warning mechanisms in reducing tension and violence in communities. Using the example of the Women’s Situation Room established during the 2012 elections in Senegal, panelists will discuss how women networks mobilized to monitor the elections and how they were able to coordinate rapid response and action, using mediation and ICT tools to prevent the escalation of violence.

Location: Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN. RSVP to [mairead.glynn@dfa.ie](mailto:mairead.glynn@dfa.ie) (capacity is limited). For more information, see [flyer](#).

**1:15 pm - 2:45 pm: “Roundtable Discussion on SGBV in conflict-affected communities in Burundi & Nepal co-sponsored with UNFPA”** Hosted by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Global Network of Women Peace builders -International Civil Society Action Network (GNWP-ICAN).

This roundtable discussion will focus on key findings of ongoing research on sexual and gender-based violence and the access to relevant health care services in conflict-affected communities in Burundi and Nepal. Part of the GNWP-ICAN initiative on civil society monitoring of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 [UNSCR 1325], the research outcomes are used to solicit accountability from Member States and other duty bearers under the protection and prevention pillars of UNSCR 1325. The

roundtable discussion will also present good practices in provisioning of health care services to victims and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence in conflict-affected communities in Burundi and Nepal. Light lunch will be served. For more information, see flyer

Location: Bahai International Center, 866 United Nations Plaza

### Friday, 2 November

**10:00 am - 11:45 am: "Women, Peace and Security and the 2012 Cooperation 'Addis' Agreement between South Sudan and Sudan."** Event co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the UN, the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN, the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP) and Operation 1325 in partnership with the Institute for Inclusive Security. Throughout the event, women civil society and government representatives will share their experiences in the 2012 Addis Ababa peace agreement and how it impacts the future of South Sudanese women including the UNSCR 1325 NAP process. For more information and RSVP: [anna.petterson@gov.se](mailto:anna.petterson@gov.se) Location: Permanent Mission of Sweden to the UN, One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 885 Second Avenue (entrance on 48th street), 46th floor

**1:00 pm - 2:45 pm: "Panel discussion on women's participation in the peace talks between the Colombian government and the FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia)"** Event co-sponsored by the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, WILPF/Peace Women, Cordaid, IPI and the Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN. For more information and RSVP, please contact: [sofie@peacewomen.org](mailto:sofie@peacewomen.org)

Location: IPI at the Church Center, 777 UN Plaza, 12th floor.

### Monday, 5 November

**1:15 pm - 2:45 pm – "Ensuring Afghan Women's Security during and post-Transition."** A lunch-time discussion for Afghan experts and women, peace and security experts organized by the Afghan Women's Network, Cordaid, the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), a program of the Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) and the Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN. RSVP: Ms. Johanna Antila ([johanna.antila@formin.fi](mailto:johanna.antila@formin.fi) or tel. +1 646 515 7795) at the latest on 2 November 2012 to facilitate access and catering. Light lunch will be served.

Location: Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN, 866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 222.

### Tuesday, 6 November

**1:15 pm - 2:45 pm: "Presentation of the results of the civil society monitoring of 1325."** The Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN and the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders will present the findings and recommendations of the 2012 Civil Society Monitoring Report on the Implementation of SCR1325, with a focus this year on the situations in Afghanistan, Colombia, DRC, Fiji, Liberia, Nepal, the Netherlands, Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden and Uganda. To RSVP, please contact Lydia Fleurimond ([lydia.fleurimond@international.gc.ca](mailto:lydia.fleurimond@international.gc.ca) or 212-848-1153).

Location: Permanent Mission of Canada, One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 885 Second Avenue (entrance on 48th street), 14th Floor.

## Wednesday, 14 November

**10:00 am – “Women and Militarization – Before, During and After Wars.”** The event featuring Cynthia Enloe, research professor at Clark University, is part of a new lecture series on Women, Peace and Security organized by the Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the United Nations in New York in close partnership with the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination (LISD) at Princeton University, and the PeaceWomen Project of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. The series will support implementation efforts and awareness-raising through a series of panel discussions in New York followed by lectures at Princeton University. RSVP to [sharna@peacewomen.org](mailto:sharna@peacewomen.org)

Location: UN Church Center, NY (777 UN Plaza East 44th St and First Ave, New York). Please see [flyer](#).

## Friday, 30 November

**All-day event:** [OPEN DEBATE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY](#). To mark the 12th anniversary of the UN Security Council resolution 1325, the Security Council will hold an Open Debate with a focus on “the Role of Women’s Civil Society Organizations in Contributing to the Prevention and Resolution of Armed Conflict and Peacebuilding.” The debate will be webcast live from 10:00 a.m. (New York time).

Location: Security Council Chamber (GA-TSC-01)