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Fourth Capital-level Meeting of the Women, Peace and Security Focal Points Network

18-19 May 2022, Geneva, Switzerland



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MAY 18, 2022 - 09:00 – 09:45 CEST || 03:00 – 03:45 EST

Opening Plenary – *Introductory Remarks*

- Ms. Livia Leu, State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
- Ms. Sima Bahous - Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of UN Women

MAY 18, 2022, 10:15 – 11:15 CEST || 04:15 – 05:15 EST

High-level Panel Discussion I – *Implementing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda through Multistakeholder Action*

Description: This high-level panel discussion will set the stage for the two-day capital-level Geneva meeting of the WPS Focal Points Network and reflect on more than two decades of the WPS agenda. It will build on recommendations of past capital and virtual meetings of the Network, which have urged Focal Points to strengthen commitments and to take concrete action to implement the women, peace and security agenda. Drawing from specific examples of conflict and multistakeholder action on women, peace and security, panelists will discuss how meaningful collaboration between States, regional organizations, civil society (women and youth organizations/networks, academia, private sector), UN entities and other stakeholders can prevent conflicts, address ongoing conflicts, and promote inclusive rebuilding post-conflict.

Panelists

- Candith Mashego-Dlamini, Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa
- Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, United Nations
- Bineta Diop, Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, African Union
- Simon Geissbühler, Assistant State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, , Switzerland

Facilitator: Juliet Linley, journalist

MAY 19, 2022 - 09:00 – 10:30 CEST || 03:00 – 04:30 EST

High-level Panel Discussion II – *Fulfilling the Promise of the WPS Agenda to Address Current Conflicts*

Description: New and ongoing conflicts around the world have drawn renewed attention to the slow implementation of the women, peace and security agenda. Despite a strong normative framework developed over more than two decades and many commitments made, the promise of the WPS agenda remains unfulfilled. As global peace and security approaches become more militarized, panelists will take stock of what this means for the WPS agenda in the coming decade as climate and socio-economic insecurity rise, and actions to ensure women’s full participation and leadership in all their diversity in peace and security processes, financing of the WPS agenda, protecting and promoting women’s human rights, and providing relief and recovery, are further deprioritized.

Panelists

- Thomas Gass, Head of the South Cooperation Department of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- Gwyneth Kutz, Director General, Peace and Stabilization Operations Program, Global Affairs Canada
- Alvaro Moerzinger, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations and other organizations in Geneva
- Amani Aruri, Generation Equality Global Youth Task Force
- Hanna Manoilenko, Researcher and woman peace activist, member of WILPF, Ukraine

Facilitator: Juliet Linley