

Programme

Taking Practical Action to Implement the Women, Peace and Security Agenda through Inter-Regional Cooperation

Inter-Regional Meeting of the WPS Focal Points Network
6 to 7 December 2022 - DIRCO, OR Tambo Building - Pretoria, South Africa
Simultaneous Interpretation in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese

Day 1 (6 December 2022)

Time	Session
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Registration</p> <p><i>Meeting Facilitator:</i> Mmabatho Ramagoshi, Special Advisor to the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities</p>
09:30 – 10:20	<p>Opening Plenary Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naledi Pandor, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa - Mutuuzo Peace Regis, Minister for Gender and Culture Affairs of Uganda - Nicolas Brühl, Ambassador of Switzerland to South Africa - Aleta Miller, UN Women Representative, South Africa Multi Country Office <p>Group Photo</p>
10:20 – 10:50	Coffee/Tea Break
10:50 – 12:20	<p><i>Plenary Panel Discussion 1 - Ensuring women's participation in peace processes – the role of women mediator networks and national action plans</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Pravina Makan-Lakha, Advisor: Women, Peace and Security, African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signe Gilen, Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security, Norway - Cyril Brennan, Director, Conflict Resolution Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland - Mary Nkosi, Member, FemWise-Africa - Wegayehu Biaydgilgn, Director of Women and Social Affairs, Ministry of Peace, Ethiopia - Molly Dhlamini, Member, Gertrude Shope Women Mediators Network

12:20 – 13:00

Showcasing Women, Peace and Security Innovation
20-minute rotating sessions

CANADA (Group A)

- Ulric Shannon, Director General of Peace & Stabilization Operations Program, Global Affairs Canada
- Virginie Tardif, Senior Policy Advisor, Global Affairs Canada

NAMIBIA (Group B)

- Morina Muuondjo, Acting Director, International Women's Peace Centre, Namibia
- Loide Paulus, Foreign Relations Officer, International Women's Peace Centre, Namibia

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00

Civil Society Perspectives on WPS Inter-Regional Cooperation

Moderators:

- Shuvai Nyoni, Executive Director, African Leadership Centre
- Molline Marume, Programme Specialist, EVAW/WPS, UN Women South Africa Multi Country Office

Panelists:

- Pravina Makan-Lakha, Advisor: Women, Peace and Security, African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes
- Yasmine Janah, Associate Program Officer on Gender and Peacebuilding, Swisspeace
- Caryn Dasah, Executive Director, Hope Advocates Africa and General Coordinator, Cameroon Women's Peace Movement
- Dwi Rubiyanti Kholifah, Secretary General and Indonesia Country Representative, Asian Muslim Action Network

15:00 – 17:00

Participants will break into three Working Groups

Working Group Session 1

Women's participation in peace processes – role and operationalization of women mediator networks

Facilitators:

- Talia Wohl, Senior Adviser on Women, Peace and Security, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- Quraysha Ismail Sooliman, Programme Director, Science and Public Engagement, Centre for Mediation in Africa

Speakers:

- Joane Holliger, Mediation, Senior Program Officer, Center for Security Studies - ETH Zurich
- Theodore Koinam, Director General of Gender Promotion, Central African Republic
- Cristina Lesnic, Gender Expert, Institute for Democracy and Development, Moldova

Working Group Session 2

WPS action plans – sustaining financing and civil society engagement

Facilitators:

- Cheryl Hendricks, Executive Director, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation
- Mavic Cabrera Balleza, CEO, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders

Speakers:

- Rita Salameh, Projects Development Coordinator - National Coordinator of the 1325 NAP, Lebanon
- Marijn van Blom, Coordinator, National Action Plan 1325, Netherlands
- Ms. Rokeya Kabir, Executive Director, Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS)

Working Group Session 3

Regional and sub-regional organizations and strengthening WPS collaboration

Facilitators:

- Marie-Josée Kandanga, Regional Adviser on WPS for West and Central Africa, UN Women
- Kealeboga Dambuza, Programme Officer - Gender Based Violence, Gender Program, Southern African Development Community (SADC)

Speakers:

- Diago Ndiaye, Réseau Paix et Sécurité Pour les Femmes de l'Espace CEDEAO (REPSFECO)
- Martinho Chachua, Head of DPPA-SADC Liaison Team, UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
- Lydia Umar, National President, Network on Peace and Security for Women in the ECOWAS Region (NOPSWECO)

18:30

Young Women Peacebuilders Awards Gala Night

Venue: Protea Hotel Fire and Ice!

Day 2 (7 December 2022)

Time

Session

08:30 – 09:00

Welcome Coffee/Tea

09:00 – 10:30

Plenary Panel Discussion 2 - Strengthening inter-regional WPS collaboration and the role of action plans and strategies

Facilitator: Ouriatou Danfakha, Chief of Staff, Office of the African Union Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security

Speakers:

- Roberto De León, Deputy Director for Political Issues and Peacekeeping, Mexico
- Kealeboga Dambuza, Programme Officer - Gender Based Violence, Gender Program, Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- Maude Peacock – Mano River Women's Peace Network (MARWOPNET)
- Victor Mugaruka, Assistant Program Officer, Gender Program, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)

10:30 – 11:00

Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00

Presentation and Outcomes of the Working Groups

- Working Group Facilitators
- Frozan Nawabi, Former Director of Human Rights & Women International Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Afghanistan

12:00 – 12:30

Wrap-Up Session and Closing Remarks

Facilitator: Harriette Williams Bright, Secretariat Coordinator, WPS Focal Points Network

Speakers:

- Katrina Fotovat, Senior Official, Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI), United States Department of State
- Nthabiseng Malefane, National Focal Point on WPS, Director: Vulnerable Groups, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa
- Talia Wohl, Senior Adviser on Women, Peace and Security, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

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Lunch

14:00 – 17:00

Excursion to Freedom Park



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