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# WPS Focal Points Network 7th Capital-Level Meeting, Tokyo, Japan

February 4-6, 2025  
United Nations University



## 9:30-10:00 Opening Session

United Nations University U Thant Hall (3rd floor)

**Opening Remarks** Hisayuki Fujii (State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan)  
 Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik (State Secretary, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)  
 Kirsi Madi (UN Women Deputy Executive Director for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships)  
 Yoko Kamikawa (Former Minister of Foreign Affairs/President of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Parliamentarians' Network Japan/Member of the House of Representatives)  
 Tshilidzi Marwala (Rector of the United Nations University/ Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations)

**MC** Hirotaka Matsuo (Ambassador in charge of UN Affairs, Japan)

Working Languages : Japanese, English, French, Spanish

## 10:00-12:30 Plenary Session

United Nations University U Thant Hall (3rd floor)

**Speakers** Irene Fellin (NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security)  
 Miguel Rafael Villanueva Musngi (Assistant Director/Head of Poverty Eradication and Gender Division, ASEAN Secretariat)  
 Melanne Verwee (Executive Director, the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security)  
 Roselynn Finda Senesi (WPS Lead Expert/ Focal Person for Sierra Leone Mission to the UN New York)  
 Liliana Padilla (Political Affairs and Peacekeeping Coordinator, Mexico)  
 Daphne Iris Macatimbol (Country Manager, Nonviolence Peaceforce Myanmar)

**Moderator** Katsuhiko Takahashi (Ambassador for WPS, Japan)

Working Languages : Japanese, English, French, Spanish

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break United Nations University Reception Hall (2nd floor)

12:30-13:30 Lunch United Nations University Reception Hall/Multi-purpose Space (2nd floor)

## 13:30-17:30 Breakout Session 1

United Nations University Elizabeth Rose Hall (5th floor)

### The Role of Women in Peace Mediation and Peacebuilding, and as Human Rights Defenders

**Facilitators** Maria Victoria Cabrera Balleza (CEO, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders)  
 Pravina Makan-Lakha (Advisor: Women Peace and Security, ACCORD)  
 Alma Perez (Regional Adviser, Latin America and the Caribbean, UN Women)

**Discussants** Ayak Chol Deng Alak (Advisor for Peace Process Support, Inclusive Peace)  
 Darja Bavdaž Kuret (Ambassador-at-Large, Slovenia)  
 Daphne Iris Macatimbol (Country Manager, Nonviolence Peaceforce Myanmar)

Working Languages : Japanese, English, French, Spanish

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break United Nations University Elizabeth Rose Hall Lounge (5th floor)

## 13:30-17:30 Breakout Session 2

United Nations University Annex Space (1st floor)

### Further Elaboration of the WPS Agenda, Including Advancing Its Application to Disaster Risk Reduction

**Facilitators** Tonni Brodbor (Head of Secretariat, Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund, UN Women)  
 Norul Huda Mohamed Rashid (Asia Pacific Regional Policy Advisor for Governance, Peace and Security, UN Women)  
 Jonna Naumanen (Senior Advisor, External Action Service, EU)

**Discussants** Béatrice Le Fraper Du Hellen (Director for the UN, MOFA, France)  
 Mami Mizutori (Managing Director, Association for Aid and Relief Japan)  
 Sharon Rolls (Network Coordinator, Pacific Women Mediators Network (GPPAC Pacific))  
 Sintiki Ugbe (Director, Humanitarian & Social Affairs, ECOWAS COMMISSION)

Working Languages : English

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break United Nations University Annex Terrace (1st floor)

## 9:30-10:30 Plenary Session

United Nations University U Thant Hall (3rd floor)

### Rapporteurs

**Reflection** Zuhra Bahman (Country Director for Afghanistan, Search for Common Ground)  
 Paivi Kannisto (Chief for Women, Peace Security and Resilience Section, UN Women)

**Moderator** Harriette Williams Bright (Secretariat Coordinator, WPS Focal Points Network, UN Women)

Working Languages : Japanese, English, French, Spanish

## 10:40-13:00 Breakout Session 3(a)

United Nations University Elizabeth Rose Hall (5th floor)

### Significance of the Development and Implementation of National and Regional Action Plans

**Facilitators** Mirsad Miki Jacevic (Vice Chair, Inclusive Security)  
 Naruedee Janthasing (Programme Analyst, Women Peace and Security Thailand Lead, UN Women Thailand)  
 Stephanie Siddall (Director of Global Policy and Advocacy, Women for Women International)

**Discussants** Daniella Misail-Nichitin (Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova)  
 Oumou Diarra (Haut Fonctionnaire de Defense, Mali)  
 Susana Guadalupe Marcaida (Executive Director for Peace Sustainability, Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity)  
 Kartika Budhi Wijayanti (Project Management Officer, ASEAN-IPR)

Working Languages : Japanese, English, French, Spanish

## 10:40-13:00 Breakout Session 3(b)

United Nations University Annex Space (1st floor)

**Facilitators** Opati Amlagu Emily (Director of Gender, Kenya)  
 Cristina Fernandez Escorza (Programme Coordination Specialist ASEAN WPS, UN Women)  
 Genevieve Riccoboni (WPS Program Coordinator, WILPF)

**Discussants** Tatjana Macura (Minister without portfolio in charge of gender equality, prevention of violence against women and economic and political empowerment of women, Serbia)

Helena Jornada (First Secretary, Deputy Head, Division for International Peace and Security, MOFA, Brazil)  
 Tomoko Matsuzawa (Director for International Cooperation on WPS, Gender Advisor, Ministry of Defense)  
 Rita Rached Salameh (Projects Development Coordinator, National Commission for Lebanese Women)

Working Languages: English

## 10:40-13:00 Breakout Session 3(c)

United Nations University Committee Room (5th floor)

**Facilitators** Ruangkhao (Ryce) Chanchai (ASEAN Governance and WPS Regional Programme Lead/Programme Specialist, UN Women Indonesia CO)  
 Teresa Finik (Deputy Director, WPS Policy, Global Affairs Canada)  
 Robinah Rubimbwa (National Coordinator, Coalition for Action on 1325, Uganda)

**Discussants** Maziah Binti Che Yusoff (Secretary General, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia)  
 Sarra Chaouani (Ambassador, Tunisia)  
 Olena Khomenko (Parliamentarian of Ukraine)  
 Keiko Mizoe (Senior Director, Office for Gender Equality and Poverty Reduction, Governance and Peacebuilding Department, JICA)

Working Languages : English

11:45-12:00 Coffee Break United Nations University Annex Terrace (1st floor)/ Elizabeth Rose Hall Lounge (5th floor)

13:00-14:00 Lunch United Nations University Reception Hall/Multi-purpose Space (2nd floor)

## 14:00-15:00 Wrap-up and Closing Session

United Nations University U Thant Hall (3rd floor)

### Rapporteurs

**Reflection** Maria Victoria Cabrera Balleza (CEO, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders)  
 Shoko Ishikawa (Deputy Director of Policy Programme and Intergovernmental Division, UN Women)

### Presentation of draft communique

**Closing Remarks** Katsuhiko Takahashi (Ambassador for WPS, Japan)  
 Signe Guro Gilen (Special Envoy for WPS, Norway)

**Moderator** Tatsuhiko Furumoto (Director for Gender Mainstreaming Division, MOFA, Japan)

Working Languages : Japanese, English, French, Spanish

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break United Nations University Multi-Purpose Space (2nd floor)

## 15:30-17:30 Public Symposium

United Nations University U Thant Hall (3rd floor)

### Women, Peace and Security 25th : Towards intergenerational initiatives

**Opening Remarks** Hisayuki Fujii (State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan)  
 Signe Guro Gilen (Special Envoy for WPS, Norway)

**MC** Naoko Matsuura (Director, Development Coordination Division, International Cooperation Bureau, MOFA, Japan)

**Panelists** Manuela-Elena Mihai (National Focal Point/ Chief of Gender Management Office, Ministry of National Defense, Romania)  
 Sabrina Mowlah-Baksh (National Focal Point/ Gender Specialist/Woman Peace Builder, Trinidad and Tobago)  
 Melanne Verwee (Executive Director, the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security)  
 Ilwad Elman (Chief Operating Officer, Elman Peace and Human Rights Centre)  
 Misaki Katayama (Postgraduate student at the University of Tokyo)  
 Carolyn Kitione (Regional Representative, Shifting the Power Coalition)  
 Riyuka Suzuki (Undergraduate Student at International Christian University)

**Moderator** Sawako Shirahase (Senior Vice-Rector, United Nations University/Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations)

**Closing Remarks** Kirsi Madi (UN Women Deputy Executive Director for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships)

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