



WPS Focal Points Network Ministerial-Level Side Event

81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly

*“Delivering on WPS: Consolidating Implementation and Accountability
in a Fragmented Security Landscape”*

Wednesday, 23 September 2026 | 3:30 PM-6:00PM | UN Secretariat, Conference Room 1

AGENDA

Programme Item
Group Photo: Speakers and high-level participants
Welcome by session moderator: Ms. Pamela Falk, Resident U.N. Correspondent, U.S. News & World Report
OPENING SESSION
Opening Remarks: Ma Theresa Lazaro, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines (2026 Co-Chair)
Opening Remarks: Ms. Alessandra Molina, Deputy Director General/Central Director for the United Nations, Human Rights and International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy (2026 Co-Chair)
Remarks: Ms. Sima Bahous, UN Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of UN Women (Network Secretariat)
High-Level Panel Segment featuring remarks by past Chairs of the Network
Civil society intervention by Ms. Mary Akrami, Founder and Director of Afghan Women’s Skills Development Center
Ambassador Katsuhiko TAKAHASHI, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Women, Peace, and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (2025 Co-Chair & 2026 Troika member)
Ms. Elisabeta-Maria David, Director General, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania (2023 Co-Chair & 2024 Leadership Quad)
Ms. Ana Alonso, Ambassador for Feminist Foreign Policy, Spain (Network Initiator & 2017 Chair)
Ambassador Paul Garnier, Assistant State Secretary for UN Affairs, Switzerland (2022 Co-Chair & 2024 Leadership Quad)
Mr. Michael Gort, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN (2020 & 2021 Co-Chair)
Ambassador Julia Imene-Chanduru, Director / Head of the Department of Multilateral Relations and Cooperation, Ministry of International Relations and Trade of the Republic of Namibia (2019 Chair)
MEMBER INTERVENTIONS
Session moderator: Ms. Paivi Kannisto, Chief, Peace, Security and Resilience, UN Women
Intervention by Ms. Pramila Patten, UN Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
Mr. Sjoerd Sjoerdsma, Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Kingdom of the Netherlands
Ms. Isata Mahoi, Minister of Gender and Children’s Affairs, Sierra Leone
Hon. Dr Chris Fearne, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Malta
Mr. Mohamed Ali Nafti, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad, Republic of Tunisia
Mr. Chris Elmore, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and UK Special Envoy on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, United Kingdom
Ms. Shama Obaed Islam, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh



Ms. Khadija Almahzoumi, Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, Somalia
Ms. Monica Mutsvangwa, Minister of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development, Zimbabwe
Ms. Tatjana Macura, Minister without portfolio in charge of gender equality, prevention of violence against women and economic and political empowerment of women, Serbia
Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, African Union
Ms. Eleftheria Pertzinidou, Acting Deputy Managing Director for Multilateral Relations, Human Rights and Democracy, European External Action Service, European Union
Ms. Catherine Fearon, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and Deputy Head of the OSCE Secretariat
Mrs. Hannah Liko, Vice-Minister of European and Foreign Affairs, Austria
Mr. Robert Abisoghomonyan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Armenia
Sheikha Al-Zain Al-Sabah, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the United States
Ms. Unnur Orradottir Ramette, Ambassador, UN Director, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland
Ms. Isabelle Rome, Ambassador at large for Human Rights, France
Mr. Gunnar Alden, Head of UN Department at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden
Ms. Eduardo Alcibiades Sanchez Kiesslich, Director General for United Nations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
Mr. Sebastian Rogač, Director-General for Multilateral and Global Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia
Ambassador Ifigeneia Kontoleon, Director General for International Organisations and International Security and Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Greece
Ms. Inga Skujina, Director General of the Security Policy and International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
Ms. Anita Pipan, Acting Director-General for International Law and Multilateral Affairs, Slovenia
Ms. Cataleya Phatoomros, Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand
Ms. Miia Rainne, Deputy Director General, Political Department, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland
Mr. Martin Pizinger, Director of the United Nations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
Ambassador Marcelo Viegas, Director of the Department of International Organizations. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil
Ms. Elly Lawson, Deputy Secretary – Strategic Planning and Coordination Group, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
Ms. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women
CLOSING SESSION
Ms. Maria Tripodi, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Mr. Jonathan Miano, Undersecretary (Vice Minister), Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity of the Philippines

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