

Operationalizing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda through inclusive participation and strengthened connectivity

The Multistakeholder Platform on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) has the purpose to monitor the implementation of the WPS agenda, strengthen accountability, and promote the dissemination of good practices, as well as facilitate meaningful participation in international forums and processes on this issue. The platform aims to increase the participation of young women peacebuilders and activists and to ensure the intersection of the WPS agenda with the international youth, peace and security (YPS) agenda.

Women peacebuilders and representatives of women-led organizations consistently act as a driving force in overcoming the consequences of conflicts and vulnerability of communities. Evidence shows that women's participation increases the probability of a peace agreement lasting at least two years by 20%, and by 35% the probability of a peace agreement lasting 15 years.

The WPS Agenda

The WPS Agenda (hereinafter the Agenda) is linked to the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The strategic objectives and actions of the Agenda are set out in the Women and Armed Conflict section of the Beijing Platform for Action, with specific reference to the special needs of women and girls in armed conflict. Since Resolution 1325 of 2000, the UN Security Council has adopted nine additional resolutions on WPS.

In 2013, the General Recommendation No. 30 to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women on the role of women in conflict prevention, their situation in conflict situations and in post-conflict reconstruction was adopted.

107 UN member states have committed themselves to implementing national action plans (NAPs) on the WPS agenda and are accountable for their implementation. 15 of the 18 UN programme countries in the Europe and Central Asia region are implementing NAPs.

Moving forward with the WPS Platform

As we approach the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Generation Equality Forum and the 25th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, there is a need to intensify efforts to implement the commitments that underpin the WPS agenda, considering current security and safety challenges and instability in the region and throughout the world. To this end, it is proposed to create a multistakeholders platform on WPS on a voluntary basis with the participation of a wide range of partners, including state, non-state and international structures, experts and women leaders of local, national, and regional levels and influencers.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PLATFORM

- Ensure continuity and linkages with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995)
- Promote sustainable financing for the implementation of the WPS agenda
- Strengthen coordination on WPS and humanitarian assistance across all existing mechanisms, systems, networks, partnerships and capabilities
- Raise a new level of commitment, coordination, and partnership to successfully implement the WPS agenda
- Promote the development and application of the monitoring and reporting mechanisms on the implementation of WPS commitments
- Strengthen links with other agendas, including the YPS agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its promise of inclusive and peaceful societies based on principles of gender equality

TASKS OF THE PLATFORM

- Assist in accelerating the implementation of **commitments** under the WPS agenda
- Promote the importance of **accountability** measures and responsibility for the implementation of the WPS agenda
- Provide a **forum** for strategic discussions on issues related to funding and serve as a mobilizing force for increased financial commitments for the WPS and humanitarian agenda
- Provide expert **support** for meaningful and full-scale participation of states in international processes, platforms for advancing the WPS agenda
- Increase public **awareness** of the WPS agenda
- Assist in the creation and support of a single **information** resource on the WPS for a wide range of users.

FORMAT OF THE PARTICIPATION IN THE PLATFORM



The **multilateral Platform** is open to the participation of representatives of interested government agencies, the non-governmental sector, the expert community, international organizations, etc.



The **Platform Council** will consist of a maximum of five members on a rotating basis, whose tasks will be to popularize the platform, organize its meetings, prepare, and agree on annual work plans.

The functions of the Platform secretariat are entrusted to UN Women.

FORMAT OF THE PLATFORM'S OPERATIONS

- Development and implementation of a work plan
- Online consultations (in the form of webinars and surveys) to discuss priority issues
- Appeals to member states, the business community and regional intergovernmental organizations
- Development of an information campaign to raise awareness of the WPS agenda
- Annual meeting of the Platform's members delegated from organizations, structures, etc.
- Participation of the platform representatives at regional, interregional, and global platforms and processes on WPS issues
- Joint actions to attract resources to support the activities of the Platform
- An annual summary of the Platform's performance for wide dissemination

