



South Caucasus Women Think Tank



WHO WE ARE

We are women experts from South Caucasus experienced in working with the conflict affected communities, governments and international stakeholders, concerned by the underrepresentation of women in acute diverse security issues in the region, dedicated to WPS agenda also recognized by our governments, have come together to contribute to positive changes through consolidated efforts.

THE PRECONDITIONS

The implementation of the aforementioned goal requires:

- States commitment to the UN Pact for the Future.
- Enabling environment for the civil society's engagement and activism.
- Continued state efforts to enhance the WPS agenda.

OUR GOAL AND DIRECTIONS

South Caucasus Women Think Tank aims to strengthen women's participation in peace and security dialogues and processes as well as in conflict/escalation's prevention and integrate gender equality and human security perspectives at all stages trough:

Expertise: Conducting gender and conflict-sensitive analysis, assessments, and research, including gender analysis of existing policies and documents.

Advocacy: Promoting gender-responsive and conflict-sensitive policies and programs.

Dialogue: Facilitating multi-stakeholder engagement and communication.

ACTIONS

EXPERTISE

- Uplifting women's expertise to all policy dialogues and processes on diverse themes linked with human security and development
- Making situational analysis from the gender- and conflict sensitive perspectives
- Formulating recommendations and providing policy advice
- Sharing knowledge and identifying opportunities for joint advocacy for trust-building.

ADVOCACY

- Vocalizing the needs, concerns, opinions and interests of grassroots women to ensure the consideration in all processes
- Contributing and consulting the UNSC Resolution 1325 NAP development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation process with inclusive approach
- Strengthening partnership with UN/UN Women and regional organizations for joint advocacy on WPS; promoting existing international opportunities (WPS, SDGs, Pact for Future) for human rights and gender responsive peacebuilding.
- Advocating for raising the financial envelope for women CSOs and initiative groups.

DIALOGUE

- Supporting and facilitating dialogue among grassroots women (especially conflict affected) and decision makers and invest in their capacity building
- Using dialogue within societies by also using the intergenerational perspectives of peace
- Utilizing the existing international platforms to promote and raise awareness on peace and security related issues in the South Caucasus.

GLOBAL NORMS AND STANDARDS WE APPLY

- ◆◆ The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and its General recommendation no. 30 on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations, made clear the applicability of the Convention to a diverse range of settings affected by conflict and political crises, as well as the General recommendation No 40. on the equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making systems which sets a global roadmap for achieving gender parity in decision-making, recognizing women's equal representation as a fundamental right and key to addressing global challenges like peace, stability, economic inclusion, climate action, and technological advancement. They set out and affirmed the Convention's linkages with the WPS agenda.
- ◆◆ Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action recognized that peace is inextricably linked with equality between women and men and development. It put forward a set of strategic objectives and actions to be taken. (See Chapter IV - "Women and armed conflict").
- ◆◆ The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Goal 5 on gender equality and Goal 16 on peaceful societies.
- ◆◆ Ten UN Security Council resolutions on WPS.
- ◆◆ The Global study on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325.
- ◆◆ Reports of the UN Secretary-General on women and peace and security.
- ◆◆ Reports of the UN Secretary-General on conflict-related sexual violence.
- ◆◆ The Secretary-General's 2010 report on women's participation in peacebuilding provided the foundation for the "Secretary-General's seven-point action plan on gender-responsive peacebuilding" and commits the UN to allocate a minimum of 15 per cent of all UN-managed funding in support of peacebuilding projects to advance gender equality and women's empowerment.
- ◆◆ The Secretary-General's plan of action to prevent violent extremism calls for a comprehensive approach encompassing not only essential security-based counter-terrorism measures but also systematic preventive steps to address the underlying conditions that drive individuals to radicalize and join violent extremist groups, and is an appeal for concerted action by the international community. It provides more than 70 recommendations to Member States and the UN system to prevent the further spread of violent extremism.

