

In Pursuit of Peace and Security: **How Gender Makes a Difference**

Vienna, 13 November 2015

Venue: Neuer Saal

Annotated Agenda

9.00 – 9.15

Welcoming remarks

- Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General
- Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Chairperson of OSCE Permanent Council

9.15 - 9.45

Keynote speech by H.E. Lenita Toivakka, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Finland

9.45 – 11.00

Session 1: Setting the scene – Gender and Conflict

United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security has established standards and expanded our understanding that conflict affects women and men in different ways. Therefore, effective crisis response needs to be sensitive to the diversity of communities and to power relations between women and men in societies. Some of the questions this session will consider include: What are the roles of different stakeholders in addressing the security challenges of women and men in conflict afflicted communities? What tools, methods and strategies within the international, regional, and national frameworks can be implemented in order to secure sustainable peace?

Moderator: Ambassador Fred Tanner, Senior Adviser to the OSCE Secretary General

Panellists:

- Michael Georg Link, Director, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
- Ambassador Mara Marinaki, Principal Adviser on Gender and UNSCR 1325 of the European Union
- Francisco Javier Sanabria Valderrama, General Director for United Nations and Human Rights of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

- Miki Jačević, Vice Chair, Institute for Inclusive Security

Audience Q & A

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00

Session 2: Integrating a gender perspective in mediation and reconciliation

Inclusion of a gender perspective in mediation and conflict resolution can greatly improve the sustainability of peace processes. This session will discuss the main obstacles to women's inclusion and explore options to encourage their full-scale participation. What have been the main shortcomings and most notable lessons learned so far? How can civil society actors, particularly grass-root women's organizations, involved in post-conflict reconstruction and peace initiatives make a difference?

Moderator: Ambassador Katja Pehrman, Permanent Representative, Delegation of Finland to the OSCE

Panellists:

- Ambassador Melanne Verwee, OSCE Special Representative of the Chairmanship-in-Office on Gender Issues
- Monica McWilliams, Professor, Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University
- Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan, Chief Monitor, OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine
- Mireille Widmer, Programme Manager, Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative

Audience Q & A

13.00 – 14.00

Buffet Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Session 3: New Trends in the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Countering radicalization and violent extremism leading to terrorism

Radicalization and violent extremism pose a multi-faceted challenge that requires multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional responses in which women can play a crucial role. As women often play a central role as caregivers they are well placed to counter violent extremism and radicalisation. This session will explore how both governmental and civil society actors can promote gender-sensitive strategies, policies, and measures to counter radicalization and violent extremism and identify good practices. Which mechanisms and tools can most effectively advance women's roles in the community context, particularly through community policing? How can gender

mainstreaming be applied in policies and measures to counter radicalization and violent extremism?

Moderator: Ambassador Daniel Baer, Permanent Representative,
United States Mission to the OSCE

Panellists:

- Milena Stošić, OSCE Special Representative of the Chairmanship-in-Office on Youth and Security
- Ambassador Patricia Flor, Director-General for International Order, United Nations and Arms Control, German Federal Foreign Office
- Jayne Huckerby, Director, International Human Rights Clinic, Duke University School of Law
- Harald Weilnböck, Scientific Director of the WomEx Project, EU Radicalization Awareness Network Working, Group on Deradicalization
- Alexa Greenwald, Program Manager, Women without Borders

Audience Q & A

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30

Session 4: A call to action – Enhancing gender mainstreaming in security sector institutions

Gender mainstreaming, which requires an analysis of the impact on gender roles and relations in communities of all policy decisions and actions taken by the state and other actors, is recognized as an effective strategy to achieve gender equality. This session aims to explore lessons learned and good practices for successful gender mainstreaming in security sector reform. Are we succeeding in making security actors more accountable, transparent, and representative? What further steps can be taken?

Moderator: Beatriz Balbin, First Deputy Director, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

Panellists:

- Daniel de Torres, Deputy Head of Operations III, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces
- Robert Egnell, Associate Professor of War Studies, Swedish Defence University, Senior Fellow at Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security
- Jan Dunmurray, Commander, Nordic Centre for Gender in Military Operations
- Anastasia Crickley, Academic Expert on Ireland's Oversight Group on the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.

Audience Q & A

17.30– 18.00

Concluding Remarks and Next Steps for the OSCE

- Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General
- Ambassador Patricia Flor, Director-General for International Order, United Nations and Arms Control, German Federal Foreign Office