

The Women, Peace and Security agenda - a platform for transformative change

Venue: Rima A, First floor, Harpa

Time: 10:40-12:00, 19 November 2019

The first UN Security Council Resolution on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) was the result of women's mobilisation and strategic call for action. Almost 20 years after its adoption, women continue to be excluded from formal peace processes. As a part of a global movement, women mediators have mobilised and joined forces to advocate for women's increased and meaningful participation in all phases of peace processes. The outcome was the Global Alliance of Regional Women Mediator Networks with an overarching goal to create a common platform to advocate for the influence of women in peace processes as well as gender-sensitive peace agreements.

This side event of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Nordic Women Mediators in Iceland and UNU-GEST will explore the mobilisation and strategic action of women mediators to create change and sustain transformative Women, Peace and Security gains.



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Agenda

Opening remarks

Dialogue between three teams of conversationists

Using the WPS agenda as a platform for transformative change towards social justice and equality

Conversationists: Ms. Atifete Jahjaga and Ms. Magnea Marinósdóttir

The Role of Parliamentarians as Mediators in Peace Processes.

Conversationists: Ms. Catherine Gotani Hara and
Ms. Tuula Haatainen

How to create and sustain WPS gains? The role of women's mobilisation and strategic action in creating the conditions for change from the perspective of the WPS agenda - the role of the Regional Women Mediators Network and the Global Alliance.

Conversationists: Prof. Rangita de Silva de Alwis and
Amb. Aud Lise Norheim

Q and A

Concluding remarks: Dr. Oby Ezekwesili

Moderators: Amb. Kristín A. Árnadóttir and Amb. Ann-Sofie Stude