

Women and War

The Washington, D.C. Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of UNSCR 1325

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The Royal Netherlands Embassy

For more than 400 years, the Netherlands and the United States have been joined by the values of freedom, justice and an entrepreneurial spirit. A vibrant economic force, the Netherlands is the third largest investor in America and a reliable trade and investment partner to the United States. The Royal Netherlands Embassy, Dutch Consulates General and Honorary Consuls in the U.S. promote strong bilateral relations between the United States and the Netherlands in the areas of peace and stability; international law; energy and climate; water management; international human rights; and creative industries. The Netherlands has embraced United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, that calls for the inclusion of a gender perspective in conflict and post-conflict situations, ever since its adoption in 2000. In 2007, the Netherlands created a National Action Plan to implement resolution 1325 in the work of government agencies and civil society actors. This has led to a qualitative leap in the way gender issues are dealt with in the Dutch comprehensive approach to conflict resolution. The Royal Netherlands Embassy is a proud sponsor of the Women and War conference, which will contribute to taking the 1325 agenda forward into the next decade.

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CREATIVE ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL

Creative Associates International

On the tenth anniversary of the UN landmark Resolution on women, peace and security, Creative Associates International's President and CEO M. Charito Kruvant will join national and international participants in a joint discussion on Women and War. As a founder of Creative Associates, the first minority women-owned firm to undertake federal contracting work under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program, Ms. Kruvant will provide a practitioner's view of working in with women in conflict areas around the world for over 30-years. Creative Associates is a women-owned and managed firm that works in the nexus between stabilization and development to help build the capacity of local institutions and people in education, health, civil society, governance, and human rights. Creative is a leading implementer of programming for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Department of State and Department of Defense, among other national and international agencies, in high-risk political transition environments. Creative has operated in developing countries, including in the midst of hostilities, since the 1970s. Creative currently works in 26 countries, including implanting four stabilization and development projects in Afghanistan and one in Iraq. In designing its projects, Creative incorporates assistance to women and girls as being essential to the development and stabilization of civil society in post-conflict environments. A native of Bolivia, Ms. Kruvant knows conflict first hand and has been witness over the years that women are critical to the transition of society to peace. She affirms that those who struggle for peace must themselves espouse and project a sense of values and centeredness that generates harmony. www.creativeworldwide.com

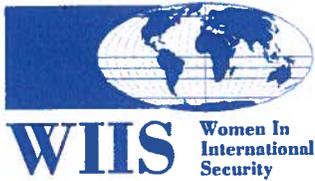


Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance - United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

USAID is an independent federal government agency that receives overall foreign policy guidance from the Secretary of State.

Our work supports long-term and equitable economic growth and advances U.S. foreign policy objectives. USAID works in agriculture, democracy and governance, economic growth, the environment, education, health, global partnerships, and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries to provide a better future for all. USAID enthusiastically supports Secretary Clinton's proposals for UNSCR 1325 implementation. In her October 26th speech at the United Nations, she committed \$44 million to this cause. Focus areas include civil society groups that focus on women in Afghanistan, nongovernmental organizations working to make clean water more available in conflict zones, UN activities, and the expansion of literacy, job training, and maternal health services for refugee women and girls. She also called for a developing a National Action Plan to strategize how the US Government and its partners can best allocate these funds. USAID looks forward to participating in this endeavor and continuing to keep women at the front and center of conflict management and mitigation activities.

www.usaid.gov



Women In International Security (WIIS)

WIIS is the only global network actively advancing women's leadership, at all stages of their careers, in the international peace and security field. Through its research and advocacy as well as its mentoring program and leadership and professional skills development, WIIS' activities support the implementation of UNSCR 1325, enabling more women to contribute to building peace and security worldwide. WIIS goes beyond increasing the number of women in leadership

roles—it supports and trains women to succeed in these roles. In the past two years, WIIS also published reports highlighting the experiences and challenges women face in peace operations and in governmental policy roles, identifying best practices, and recommending concrete solutions to improve women's opportunities. Since its inception in 1987, WIIS has grown into a network of over 5,000 members in more than 47 countries. The WIIS global network is comprised of local, national and international communities that empower women in many different countries and encourage their participation in peace and security. Members of the WIIS network serve in the highest levels of governments, and work actively to foster leadership by new generations of women.

wiis.georgetown.edu



International Civil Society Network

Formed in 2006, the International Civil Society Action Network's (ICAN) aim is to strengthen civil society and women's participation and influence in conflict prevention, social justice, coexistence, and peacebuilding efforts, in situations of closed political space and conflict affected states.

ICAN's goals are to: bridge the knowledge and information gap between the international policy community and national level developments as they affect women; strengthen the capacities of women to engage more effectively in peace-related initiatives and to enhance their interactions with their international counterparts; and bridge the resource gap between major donors and women's peacebuilding initiatives by setting up a fund to administer small and medium grant-making targeting organizations in conflict-affected societies.

www.icanpeacework.org



World Bank

At the World Bank we have made the world's challenge of reducing global poverty our mission. The World Bank focuses on achieving Millennium Development Goals to eliminate poverty and ensure sustainable development by working with our partners - government and people of developing countries. We address global challenges in ways that advance an inclusive and sustainable globalization, overcome poverty, enhance growth with care for the environment and create individual opportunities and hope.

The World Bank believes that gender-based violence hampers productivity, decreases human capital, and undermines economic growth and efforts to reduce poverty. We see gender-based violence as a serious developmental issue for all countries and in particular, for countries affected by conflict. We believe that effective prevention and response to gender-based violence require long-term, holistic and coordinated efforts by multiple stakeholders. The World Bank engages this topic in various sectors, including public health, social development, social protection, legal/justice reform, youth inclusion. This is done through analytical work and also as part of some operations.

www.worldbank.org



Office of Global Women's Issues - U.S. Department of State

The Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues ensures that women's issues are fully integrated in the formulation and conduct of U.S. foreign policy and promotes activities relating to the political, economic and social advancement of women around the world.

Over the past year, the United States has explored ways to accelerate implementation of 1325. We have met with members of civil society and completed a mapping of U.S. programs and initiatives that support the 1325 principles. In this process, the United States has reaffirmed its support for 1325 and decided to initiate development of a National Action Plan to better coordinate and advance our efforts. On October 26, 2010, Secretary Clinton announced new steps the US will take to implement 1325. This Office also ensures that key administration initiatives, such as global health, food security and climate change are addressed in terms of how these issues impact women and families globally. The Office supports efforts to combat violence against women and promotes the integration of women in stability, peace and security efforts worldwide. It engages in strategic bilateral and multilateral dialogues with nations to achieve U.S. objectives. Our engagement reaches women and men whether in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, South and Central Asia, Africa, Asia or Latin America.

www.state.gov/s/gwi



United Nations Association of the National Capital Area

Established in 1952, the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA) is one of the oldest and largest divisions of UNA-USA. With the help of members and supporters in the greater Washington area, UNA-NCA works with government, academic, and non-governmental

institutions to build knowledge, understanding, informed opinion, and new ideas on the United Nations, its specialized agencies, and emphasize the importance of cooperation among nations and the need for American leadership at the United Nations. UNA-NCA integrates gender issues in its flagship educational program, Global Classrooms, reaching over 1,400 middle and high school students, and works with other organizations advocating for the ratification of UN treaties such as CEDAW. For more information, please visit

www.unanca.org.



Women for Women International (WfWI)

Women for Women International is an international non-profit organization that gives women survivors of war the tools, resources and skills they need to move from victim to survivor to active citizen, thereby helping their families and communities to begin to move out of poverty and crisis into stability and self-sufficiency. Our work with grassroots women survivors of war underscores

the importance of UNSCR 1325's focus on prevention, protection and participation. In Eastern DRC, our 2010 survey amplifies the voices of thousands of survivors calling for security and protection--violence causes physiological and psychosocial trauma, social stigma and decimates local economies, fueling a cycle of violence and poverty. In Afghanistan, our program teaches women and men about the value of women's participation in social, economic and political processes to build a more inclusive and sustainable peace. In Lakes State, South Sudan, the governor recognized Country Director Karak Mayik as "Commander of Nonviolent Forces" for helping women lead local economic and social development efforts that hopefully will help bring stability and prevent a return to conflict. Around the world, WfWI programs like these have mobilized a network of more than 235,000 concerned individuals to help over 271,000 women survivors of war recover and rebuild, and has distributed over \$89 million in direct aid and microcredit loans.

www.womenforwomen.org

The Institute for Inclusive Security

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The Institute for Inclusive Security uses research, training, and advocacy to promote the inclusion of all stakeholders, particularly women, in peace processes. We work with a global network of well over 1,000 women

leaders from more than 40 conflict regions. Our research gives policymakers new strategies to drive inclusion by examining tangible contributions of women peace builders. Our training provides leaders the specialized skills and knowledge to direct local, national, and international peacebuilding. Our advocacy to high-level policymakers promotes change that makes peace processes more broad-based, and thus sustainable.

International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) is a US based NGO. Its mission is to support civil society activism in the promotion of peace and social justice in countries affected by conflict and closed political space. In particular ICAN aims to support women's peace efforts through bridging the divisions between activists and the policy community, building skills, ensuring the exchange of knowledge, and resources. Our programmes include supporting coalition building in Sri Lanka; assessing the impact of 1325 implementation in 6 context: Aceh, Colombia, Liberia, the Middle East, Sri Lanka and Uganda; providing technical assistance to multilateral and state partners; and networking globally with women's peace groups through the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP). ICAN operates on the basis of partnership and mutual respect with a wide cross section of entities including NGOs, academic institutions such as the Program on Negotiation at Harvard and the MIT Center for International Studies, and multilateral organizations.

www.huntalternatives.org/index.cfm

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Elliott School of International Affairs - George Washington University

The Global Gender Initiative is dedicated to improving the health, education, rights, and security of women and girls internationally and reducing gender-based discrimination in these areas. Established in October 2010, the GGI will

undertake several initiatives to further its teaching, research, and policy engagement goals, many of which are related directly or indirectly to UNSCR 1325. *Teaching:* We will increase the number of faculty teaching about women's/gender issues. We will create new Elliott School courses and expand study abroad opportunities related to global gender issues. *Research:* We will increase research on global gender issues through a program of faculty and student research grants, and through external partnerships. We will support Visiting Scholars pursuing relevant research projects, particularly related to UNSCR 1325. The Global Women's Forum series and an annual or bi-annual conference convening scholars and practitioners will contribute to ongoing research. *Policy:* We will deepen partnerships with institutions that have a policy focus, with particular attention to gender and security in contexts of violence or post-conflict. We will partner with selected international women's leadership programs.

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PEACE X PEACE
Raise Women's Voices. Build Cultures of Peace

Peace X Peace

Peace X Peace is an international organization that lifts women's voices, strengthens women's capacity to connect across divides, promotes leadership and gender equity, and nurtures our global network of peacebuilders. Our monthly e-newsletter and weekly blogs show how women are building peace, reaching nearly 20,000 subscribers in 120 countries. We host an online social network, the Peace X Peace Community, to facilitate exchange of skills and resources among our community members. We advocate for effective, sustained policies and programs that support and advance women, including UNSCR 1325. We collaborate on UN initiatives for women, including the Commission on the Status of Women, Millennium Development Goals, and the new UN Women. Our Connection Point program facilitates dialogue and exchange between women in the Arab and Muslim worlds and the Western world. Our annual Women, Power and Peace Awards honor extraordinary women and men on the frontlines of peacebuilding. And our books and documentaries, including *Sixty Years, Sixty Voices: Israeli and Palestinian Women* and *Women on the Frontlines* show women's peace power in the round.

www.peacexpeace.org



Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University

Founded in 1978, the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy brings together diplomats and scholars to bridge theory and practice as they explore global problems and the changing worlds of diplomatic engagement. We define diplomacy broadly. In a world reaching to prepare and sustain peace – and too often, trying to repair the damage of war – ISD promotes the importance of discussion and debate, engagement and informed negotiation, learning and action, and principles in practice. With a host of visiting global leaders, ISD brings the experience of practitioners to Georgetown's robust academic environment.

Our activities include studies, training and professional development, teaching, and global outreach. Through our study groups, conferences, publications and public events, ISD strives to illuminate the many facets of global engagement for constituencies that span the globe. We provide a home to global actors who are tackling a multitude of shared problems. Among them are diplomats and analysts from the United States and abroad who are honing their crafts, non-governmental actors involved in the full scope of diplomatic activity, and scholars seeking to understand international problems and their prospective solutions.

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