



Taking Action Together

**THE MISSING PEACE**

**GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM**

ON

**CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

November 1-3, 2023  
United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.



# Agenda

## Plenary Sessions

DAY ONE | Wednesday, November 1, 2023

### Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: A Decade of Research, Policy and Practice

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#### 9:00am – 10:45am | Making Policy Count to End Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Progress and Barriers

The past decade has brought impressive growth in research, policy and practice focused on conflict-related sexual violence. Yet implementation of key policies remains inconsistent in many areas. In this opening plenary, experts will share their perspectives on areas of progress, implementation challenges and persistent knowledge gaps.

#### Welcome & Keynote Remarks

- **Lise Grande**, welcoming remarks  
President, U.S. Institute of Peace
- **The Honorable Pramila Patten**, keynote remarks  
U.N. Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- **Ambassador Geeta Rao Gupta**, keynote remarks  
Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State

#### Panel Discussion

- **Tonderai Chikuhwa**, Senior Policy Advisor, U.N. Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- **Kolbassia Haoussou**, Director of Survivor Empowerment, Freedom from Torture and Survivor Champion, U.K. Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative
- **Ambassador Beth Van Schaack**, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Margot Wallström**, Former U.N. Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden
- **Kim Thuy Seelinger**, *co-moderator*  
Senior Coordinator for Gender-Based Crimes and Crimes Against Children, International Criminal Court Office of the Prosecutor and Research Associate Professor and Director, Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration, Washington University in St. Louis
- **Kathleen Kuehnast**, *co-moderator*  
Director, Women, Peace and Security, U.S. Institute of Peace



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#### 1:20pm - 2:30pm | Creating Bridges Between Research, Policy and Practice to Address Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

What kind of policy problem is conflict-related sexual violence? How we answer this question has implications for the solutions proposed. Panelists will share their perspectives on what different research disciplines can contribute, what policymakers and practitioners need from researchers, and how research, policy and programming can be bridged to better address conflict-related sexual violence.

- **Brahmy Poologasingham**, Lead, Transitional Justice Programs, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor
- **Philipp Schulz**, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Institute for Intercultural and International Studies, University of Bremen
- **Payal K. Shah**, Director, Program on Sexual Violence in Conflicts, Physicians for Human Rights
- **Elisabeth Jean Wood**, Professor, Department of Political Science, Yale University
- **Dara Kay Cohen**, *moderator*  
Professor, John F. Kennedy School of Public Policy, Harvard University

#### 4:20pm - 5:30pm | Lessons on Wartime Sexual Violence from Different Conflicts

The incidence of conflict-related sexual violence varies between conflicts and even within conflicts, and so do responses to this violence. What can be learned from different conflicts around the world and what are the implications for policy, research and practice?

- **Ali Bitenga Alexandre**, Researcher, Panzi Foundation, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Sofia Kornieva**, Human Rights Lawyer, Ukraine Law Advocacy Group
- **Wai Wai Nu**, Founder, Myanmar Women's Peace Network and Justice for Women
- **Rosa Emilia Salamanca**, Executive Director, Corporación de Investigación y Acción Social y Económica, Colombia
- **Chantal de Jonge Oudraat**, *moderator*  
Member of Board of Directors, Women In International Security and Global Fellow, Wilson Center



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## Plenary Sessions

DAY TWO | Thursday, November 2, 2023

Looking Ahead: New Approaches and Breaking Down Silos for Impact

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### 9:00am - 10:15am | Survivor-Centered Approaches to Address Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

Conflict-related sexual violence aims to dehumanize survivors through calculated acts of cruelty to render survivors and their communities powerless. Survivor-centered approaches to policy, programming and research are expanding, yet there is a need for a clearer understanding of what a survivor-centered approach to addressing conflict-related sexual violence means and how to implement it.

#### Video Remarks

- **Duchess of Edinburgh Sophie Helen Rhys-Jones**, Champion of Women, Peace and Security Agenda

#### Panel Discussion

- **Artemis Akbary**, Founder and Executive Director, Afghanistan LGBTIQ+ Organization
- **Lejla Damon**, Member, Forgotten Children of War Association, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Jayne Flemming**, Director, International Refugee Program, Reed Smith LLP
- **Nadine Tunasi**, Coordinator, Survivor Speak Out, Freedom from Torture and Survivor Champion, U.K. Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative
- **Kolbassia Haoussou**, Director, Survivor Empowerment, Freedom from Torture and Survivor Champion, U.K. Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative
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### 1:00pm - 2:20pm | Integrating Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Across Policy Agendas

Conflict-related sexual violence displaces people, destroys communities, silences victims and warns of wider atrocities. It undermines reconciliation efforts and the transition to more secure and peaceful societies. Yet, opportunities to integrate prevention and mitigation efforts and jointly leverage resources continue to be missed. How can we effectively move beyond policy siloes that continue to limit action against conflict-related sexual violence?

#### Keynote Remarks

- **Assistant Secretary Anne Witkowsky**, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, U.S. Department of State

#### Panel Discussion

- **Andrea Freeman**, Deputy Director, Office of Sudan and South Sudan Programs, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development
- **Ambassador Makila James**, Senior Advisor, U.S. Institute of Peace
- **Emily Kenney**, Policy Specialist, Rule of Law and Transitional Justice, U.N. Women
- **Siobhán Mullally**, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children
- **Robinah Rubimbwa**, Founder and Executive Director, Coalition for Action on Resolution 1325, Uganda
- **Ambassador Melanne Vermeer**, *moderator*  
Executive Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security



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### 4:15pm – 5:25pm | Key Takeaways for Research, Policy and Practice to End Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

Panelists reflect on the past decade of global efforts to address conflict-related sexual violence and the key messages from two days of discussion among global experts at this symposium.

#### A Retrospective

- **Margot Wallström**, Former U.N. Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

#### Panel Discussion

- **Maysha Alam**, Vice President of Research, Foreign Policy Analytics
- **Victor Madrigal Borloz**, U.N. Independent Expert on Protections Against Violence and Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity; Senior Visiting Researcher, Harvard Law School
- **Natalie Smith**, Head, Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative Team, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
- **Nadine Tunasi**, Coordinator, Survivor Speak Out, Freedom from Torture; Survivor Champion, U.K. Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative
- **Ambassador Melanne Verweir**, Executive Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security
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DAY THREE | Friday, November 3, 2023

### Next Steps for Research and Collaboration

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#### 10:00am - 11:30am | Taking Action Through the Arts to End Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

From film to poetry, dance to music, the arts offer important approaches to addressing conflict-related sexual violence that policy briefs and academic papers cannot.

##### Recitation

- Pádraig Ó Tuama, Poet in Residence, Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, Columbia University

##### Panel Discussion

- Ryan D'Souza, Curator, Nobody's Listening Exhibition
- Neloufer de Mel, Chair Professor, Department of English, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Pádraig Ó Tuama, Poet in Residence, Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, Columbia University
- Nayanika Mookherjee, Professor, Department of Anthropology and Co-Director of Institute of Advanced Study, Durham University, United Kingdom
- Leslie Thomas, Producer, MIRA Studio and Artworks Project
- Megan Beyer, *moderator*  
Director, Office of Art in Embassies, U.S. Department of State