

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY
*Strengthening Women's Role in Building and Sustaining Peace:
 from Commitments to Results*
 Ha Noi, December 7th – 9th, 2020
 (All times are Ha Noi time, GMT+7)

CONFERENCE DAY ONE, MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2020

17.30 – 18.00	Registration and networking
18.00 – 18.30	Inauguration of Exhibition on Women in Mine Action in Viet Nam
18.30 – 20.00	HIGH-LEVEL OPENING
Chair	H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam
SPEAKERS	<p>Opening and welcoming remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam • H.E. Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, UNWOMEN <p>Keynote Address by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Madam Tong Thi Phong, Permanent Vice Chairwoman of the National Assembly <p>Statements by Ministers</p>
20.00 – 20.05	High-Level Photo Session
20.05 – 20:30	Light dinner/refreshments
20:30 – 22:30	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY SESSION 1 WOMEN IN PEACEBUILDING: PROGRESS SINCE THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 1325 AND WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN THE FUTURE</p>
Moderator	Mr. Kamal Malhotra, UN Resident Coordinator in Viet Nam
Speakers	<p><u>Keynote speakers:</u></p> <p>H.E Ms. Rosemary DiCarlo, Under-Secretary-General, UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Julián Ventura, Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico</p> <p>H.E. Ms. Michelle Muentefering, Minister of State, the Federal Foreign Office of Germany</p> <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia - H.E Ms. Julie-Ann Guivarra, Global Ambassador for Gender Equality, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China – H.E. Mr. Xiong Bo, Ambassador to Viet Nam • Switzerland – H.E. Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN • European Union - H.E. Ms. Mara Marinaki, Ambassador and Principal Advisor on Gender and on Women, Peace and Security/UNSC Resolution 1325 • United Nations– Prof. Miriam Coronel-Ferrer, Member, Standby Team of Senior Mediation Advisers • Madam Ton Nu Thi Ninh, President, Ho Chi Minh City Peace and Development Foundation • Ms. Sanam Naraghi Anderlini, MBE, Director, Centre for WPS, London School of Economics and Political Science, Founder and CEO, International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) • Ms. Rosa Emilia Salamanca, Dirección Estratégica, Corporación de Investigación y Acción Social y Económica (CIASE) <p><i>Panelists share their key perspectives and recommendations on the role of women and their leadership in peacebuilding, with a focus on post-conflict recovery and reconstruction.</i></p>
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CONFERENCE DAY TWO, TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2020

16.00 – 16.30	Light refreshments			
16:30 – 18:30	BREAKOUT SESSION HOW CAN CHALLENGES BE OVERCOME, AND WHAT ACTIONS ARE NEEDED?			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The co-chairs for the session are expected to share discussion questions on the topics in advance of the conference.</i> • <i>The co-chairs will kick-off the session with guiding questions for the panelists. Brief presentations will be followed by Q&A and discussion. The co-chairs are then expected to produce a set of recommendations as an outcome of their session.</i> 			
	Strengthen women’s representation and participation in peace processes and post-conflict peacebuilding	Women’s economic empowerment and meeting the special needs of women and girls in post-conflict recovery processes	Finance for the women, peace and security agenda and investment in women peacebuilders and decision-makers at all levels	Trends and emerging needs for new security issues to which the WPS framework should be applied
Co-Chairs	France H.E. Ms. Delphine O , Ambassador-at-Large & Secretary-General, Generation Equality Forum & South Africa H.E. Mr. Mpetjane Kgaogelo Lekgoro , Ambassador to Viet Nam	Germany Dr. Julia Lehmann , <i>Head, Human Rights, Gender Equality, Inclusion of PWD, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development</i> & World Bank Ms. Carolyn Turk , Country Director for Viet Nam	Canada H.E. Ms. Deborah Paul , Ambassador to Viet Nam & Nepal Dr. Kiran Rupakhetee , Joint Secretary, National Planning Commission	Fiji H.E. Mr. Amena Yauvoli , Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry for Foreign Affairs & Australia Commander Amanda Kates , Australian Federal Police

<p>Speakers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norway – Ms. Marita Sørheim-Rensvik, Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security • Philippines -Ms. Helen Rojas, Chief of Staff, Bangsamoro Women’s Commission • UN – Mr. Raul Rosende, Verification Director, UN Verification Mission in Colombia • Ms. Johanna Poutanen, Head of Women in Peacemaking Team, Crisis Management Initiative – Martti Ahtisaari Centre • Ms. Rasha Jarhum, Founder, Peace Track Initiative Yemen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of Palestine – H.E. Ms. Feda Abdelhady-Nasser, Deputy Permanent Observer to the UN • Estonia – H.E. Ms. Minna-Liina Lind, Ambassador at Large for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Viet Nam – H.E. Amb. Le Thi Tuyet Mai, Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations, WTO and other international organizations in Geneva • UN – Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Regional Programme Specialist for Central Asia, UNDP-DPPA Joint Programme • Ms. Nang Phyu Phyu Lin, Gender Equality Network (GEN) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweden – Ms. Karolina Vrethem, Deputy Director, UN Department, Ministry for Foreign Affairs • Viet Nam - Dr. Hoang Thi Thanh Nga, Deputy Chief of Mission, Vietnamese Embassy, Washington DC • Belgium – Mr. Bert Versmessen, UN Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs • UNWOMEN – Ms. Paivi Kannisto, Chief of Peace and Security • Ms. France Bognon, Program Director, International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK – Ms. Rosy Cave, Head of the Gender Equality Unit& Head of the Office of the Prime Minister’s Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, FCO • Italy – Ms. Maria Teresa Di Maio, Head of Division competent for UN, Peace and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation • UNEP - Ms. Silja Halle, Program Officer-in-Charge of Gender, Climate and Security • Ms Yasmin Sooka, Executive Director of the Foundation for Human Rights • Dr. Mariyam Shakeela, Chairperson, Addu Women's Association (AWA), a founding member of Women and Security Leadership (WASL).
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18:30 – 20:00	PLENARY SESSION 2 DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING NATIONAL ACTION PLANS: SUCCESSES & CHALLENGES FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES
Moderator	<i>H.E.Ms. Wendy Matthews, Ambassador of New Zealand to Viet Nam</i>
Speakers	<p><u>Keynote speakers:</u></p> <p><i>H.E. Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland</i></p> <p><i>H.E. Ms. Emine Dzhaparova, First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ukraine</i></p> <p><i>H.E. Ms. Åsa Charlotte Regnér, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UNWOMEN, New York</i></p> <p><u>Panel discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan – H.E. Mr. Takashi Uto, State Minister for Foreign Affairs • Norway – H.E. Marte Ziolkowski, State Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Sierra Leone – Mr. Charles Vandi, Director of Gender Affairs, Ministry of Social Welfare • Chile – Ms. Stefanía Doebbel, Head, International Affairs Department, Ministry of Women and Gender Equality • Ms. Suzan Aref Marof, President, Women Empowerment Organization • Ms. Zarqa Yaftali, Head of the Women and Children Legal Research Foundation • Ms. Agnieszka Fal Dutra-Santos, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders <p><i>Panelists share their country and regional experiences of developing and implementing National Action Plans on implementation of UNSCR 1325.</i></p>
20:00-20:30	<i>Light dinner/refreshments</i>
20:30 -22:30	PLENARY SESSION 3 THE FUTURE OF WOMEN IN PEACEKEEPING
Moderator	<i>Ambassador Nguyen Phuong Nga, President of Viet Nam Union of Friendship Organizations, former Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations in New York</i>
Speakers	<p><u>Keynote speakers:</u></p> <p><i>H.E Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under-Secretary-General, UN Department of Peace Operations</i></p> <p><i>H.E. Mr. Vikas Swarup, Deputy Minister for External Affairs, India</i></p> <p><i>H.E. Ms. Jacqueline O’Neill, Ambassador for WPS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada</i></p> <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US – Mr. Clarke Cooper, Assistant Secretary of State for Political and Military Affairs, State Department • UN - Major General Cheryl Pearce, Force Commander of the UN Peacekeeping in Cyprus

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russian Federation – H.E. Mr. Konstantin Vnukov, Ambassador to Viet Nam • Ghana – Lt. Col. Faustina Dennison, Deputy Director of Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) • UN – Ms. Asako Okai, Assistant-Secretary-General and Director of the Crisis Bureau, UNDP, New York • Norway - Major General Kristin Lund, first-ever female Force Commander of the United Nations Peacekeeping and a retired Major General in the Norwegian Army • Viet Nam – First Lieutenant Sa Minh Ngoc, female peacekeeper in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) • Professor Robert Egnell, Vice-Chancellor of the Swedish Defence University, former senior fellow at Georgetown University Institute of Women Peace and Security <p><i>Keynote speakers and panelists discuss ways to increase women’s participation in UN peacekeeping, including by identifying new opportunities and removing obstacles to their effective participation.</i></p>
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CONFERENCE DAY THREE: WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2020

16:00 – 17:00	<i>Light refreshments</i>
17:00 –19:00	PLENARY SESSION 4 WHERE DO WE NEED TO BE 10 – 20 YEARS FROM NOW
Moderator	<i>H.E. Mr. Ivo Sieber, Ambassador of Switzerland to Viet Nam</i>
<i>Speakers</i>	<p><i>Keynote speakers:</i></p> <p><i>H.E. Ms. Bineta Diop, Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, and Founder and Chair of the Board of Femmes Africa Solidarité</i></p> <p><i>H.E. Mr. Per Olsson Fridh, State Secretary to the Minister for International Development Cooperation Sweden</i></p> <p><i>H.E. Ms. Kelley E. Currie, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, US State Department</i></p> <p><i>Panel discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN - Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, the UN Secretary-General’s High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation • Namibia – H.E. Hon. Jenelly Matundu, Deputy Minister for International Relations and Cooperation • Viet Nam – Ambassador Nguyen Nguyet Nga, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, and Member of ASEAN Women Peace Registry • UK – Baroness Annabel Goldie, Minister of State, Ministry of Defence • Switzerland – Ms. Mô Bleeker, Special Envoy, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs • Professor Jacqui True, Director, Monash Gender, Peace and Security (GPS) Centre

	<p>• Youth Peace Ambassadors Network (YPAN) – Ms. Kessy Martine Ekomo Soignet, Founder and Executive Director of URU</p> <p><i>Keynote speakers and panelists discuss their visions for the coming 10-20 years, including emerging trends and issues that will have major impacts on the full implementation of the WPS agenda, such as climate security, cyber security and health security, with a focus on peacebuilding, post-conflict recovery and reconstruction.</i></p>
19:00–20:00	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY SESSION 5 ACCELERATING THE WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AGENDA – CALL TO ACTION AND CLOSING OF THE EVENT</p>
Chair	<p>H.E. Mr. Le Hoai Trung, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE</p> <p><i>Presentation of a summary of the main points of discussion, recommendations and take-away lessons of the Conference by a senior official from Viet Nam.</i></p> <p><i>Introduction of the outcome document¹</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLOSING OF THE EVENT</p> <p><i>Closing remarks by</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Le Hoai Trung, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam • H.E. Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, UNWOMEN
20:00 – 21.30	<p style="text-align: center;">GALA DINNER</p>

¹ *The host country will produce an outcome document which will be open to co-sponsorship*