

The U.S. Civil Society Working Group on the U.S. National Action Plan for Women, Peace and Security

Member Organizations

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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.

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 senior-level policymakers promotes change that makes peace processes more broad-based, and thus sustainable.



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:

- To bridge the knowledge and information gap between the international policy community and national level developments as they affect women;
- To strengthen the capacities of women to engage more effectively in peace-related initiatives and to enhance their interactions with their international counterparts; and
- To 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.



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.



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

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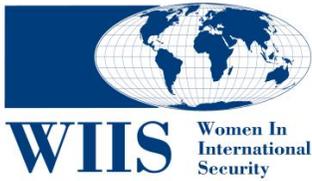
Peace X Peace is an international organization that lifts women's voices, strengthens women's capacity to connect across divides, promotes leadership and gender equity, and nurtures our global network of peacebuilders. Our monthly e-newsletter and weekly blogs show how women are building peace, reaching nearly 20,000 subscribers in 120 countries. We 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, UN Women, and the Millennium Development Goals. Our Connection Point program facilitates dialogue and exchange between women in the Arab and Muslim worlds and the Western world to reduce misunderstandings and stereotypes. Our Mentorship program links experienced peacebuilders with young women at the beginning of their careers. 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*; *Women on the Frontlines* and *Catalyst* videos highlight women building peace on the frontlines of change. www.peacexpeace.org



The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) works to make women in developing countries an integral part of alleviating global poverty. Our research evidence identifies women's contributions as well as the obstacles that prevent them from being economically strong and able to fully participate in society. ICRW translates these insights into a path of action that honors women's human rights, ensures gender equality and creates the conditions in which all women can thrive. In the Women, Peace and Security realm, ICRW is advising the United Nations Interagency Working Group on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration on

how to make their programs more responsive to the gender-specific and HIV-related needs of populations recovering from conflict. In Congo-Brazzaville, this means working with the program that for the past 12 years has been helping the communities most deeply affected by violence get back on their feet, and back to healthy lives. ICRW also has particular expertise in gender-based violence: we conduct empirical research to better understand the incidence of violence, costs associated with it and factors that lead to it. We also are building evidence on interventions designed to prevent violence against women, particularly comprehensive approaches that include economically empowering women, involving boys and men, protecting survivors of violence and rehabilitating men who are abusive. ICRW is examining the policy dimensions of violence prevention by evaluating the impact of and challenges to existing legislation and using our findings

to advocate for stronger, more effective laws. Finally, ICRW participates in strategic regional and global networks that work to strengthen civil society and advance the field. Please see www.icrw.org for more information.



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 7,000 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.

Convener



United States Institute of Peace

The Gender and Peacebuilding Initiative coordinates USIP’s gender-related work and aims to inform and expand

- critical understanding about gender impacts;
- convene global experts on gender, conflict and peacebuilding;
- contribute to policy development through analytical and practitioner work on gender, conflict and peacebuilding; and
- enhance the role of women in peacebuilding by educating and training both men and women

USIP’s efforts to engage women and men in collaborative peacebuilding span the Institute, from our Rule of Law to Religion and Peacemaking programs, as well as the globe, from current conflict zones such as Iraq and Afghanistan to Colombia and Liberia. In recognition of the 10-year anniversary, USIP on July 27 convened a working group to address strategies for implementing the vision of U.N. Resolution 1325. This meeting served as a prelude to the upcoming Women and War: The Washington, D.C. UNSCR 1325 Tenth Anniversary Conference. USIP’s forthcoming book Women and War: Power and Protection takes stock of the current state of knowledge on women, peace and security issues, highlighting that much remains to be done at both a conceptual and operational level to realize the Resolution’s dual goals of power and protection.



Formerly Family Violence Prevention Fund

Futures Without Violence

For more than thirty years, Futures Without Violence, formerly Family Violence Prevention Fund, has led the way and set the pace for ground-breaking education programs, national policy development, professional training, and public actions designed to end violence against women, children, and families around the world. Providing leadership from offices in San Francisco, Washington, DC, and Boston, Futures Without Violence has established a state-of-the-art international conference and innovation center in the Presidio of San Francisco to foster ongoing dialogue about gender-based violence and child abuse. Please visit www.futureswithoutviolence.org for more information.



In January 2012, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) launched SIPRI North America, its new research center based in Washington, D.C.

SIPRI North America's mission is to:

- strengthen SIPRI's world-class research on conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament;
- enhance connections between North American, European, and international researchers and policymakers;
- bring independent, innovative, and international perspectives to bear on 21st century security and conflict challenges;
- provide a new platform for engaging scholars, analysts, policymakers, practitioners, journalists, and the public around the world on central global issues.

SIPRI North America's initial areas of focus include:

- Arms control and non-proliferation
- Global health and security
- Regional security challenges
- Women, war and peace



Women's Campaign
International

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Working in emerging democracies and post-conflict regions around the world, Women's Campaign International (WCI), advances

opportunities for women to actively participate in public advocacy, market and political processes. In providing the requisite skills, knowledge and culturally-sensitive support, we develop leaders who transform the lives of everyone they serve.

Founded in 1998 by former Pennsylvania Congresswoman, Marjorie Margolies, WCI has implemented programs in more than 40 countries including Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Colombia, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Kosovo, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Palestine, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

WCI's four programmatic models include efforts in:

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1. Political participation, campaigns and leadership
2. Civic education, advocacy and grassroots organizing
3. Peace building and conflict mitigation
4. Entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihoods



Through our mission to ignite and nurture tomorrow's women leaders, **4Girls GLocal Leadership (4GGL)** works to build a world where every girl realizes her power and has a community that supports her success. **4GGL** is bold – the only social change movement that values and invests in the world's poorest girls.

4GGL targets the root – fundamental mindsets and cultural norms that do not value girls, preventing them from realizing their full potential. **4GGL** also works to *co-create* sustainable communities of practice where the locals seek the change within themselves, rolling up their sleeves to work towards that change – moving girls from victims of poverty to a powerful force for change. For more information: 4GGL.org



Founded in 1992, **Equality Now** is a leading international advocacy organization that works to protect and promote the human rights of women and girls around the world. With offices in New York, Nairobi and London and representation in the Middle East and Washington, DC our areas of focus include Discrimination in Law, Sexual Violence, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), and Human Trafficking. Combining civil society activism with international, regional and national legal advocacy, we envision a world in which women and men have equal rights under the law and full enjoyment of those rights. For more information please go to www.EqualityNow.org



Women Thrive Worldwide

Women Thrive Worldwide advocates for change at the U.S. and global levels so that women and men can share equally in the enjoyment of opportunities, economic prosperity, voice, and freedom from fear and violence.

Rather simply prescribing methods that we believe might work best, we ground our work in the realities of women living in poverty, partner with locally based organizations, and create powerful coalitions to advance the interests of the women and girls we serve. We lead diverse coalitions composed of hundreds of national and international, and faith-based organizations to ensure that women's voices are accounted for in U.S. policy. Since 1998, we have actively advocated to prevent and address violence against women, in conflict and non-conflict zones, invest in small-scale women farmers to end global hunger and improve rural livelihoods, increase economic opportunity for women living in the Global South and to ensure that U.S. strategies and policies take into account the unique needs of women and girls throughout the world. Additionally, we mobilize a group of 30,000 concerned activists at home and abroad to ask that the Administration, as well as Congress, make women and girls a top priority in U.S. policy.

www.womenthrive.org



WOMEN'S
REFUGEE
COMMISSION

The Women's Refugee Commission advocates for laws, policies and programs to improve the lives and protect the rights of refugee and internally displaced women, children and young people, including asylum seekers. Visit www.womensrefugeecommission.org, to learn more about our policy recommendations and to access practical tools for humanitarian workers in the areas of livelihoods, gender-based violence, safe access to cooking fuel and reproductive health.



NDI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental organization that has supported democratic institutions and practices in every region of the world for more than two decades. Since its founding in 1983, NDI and its local partners have worked to establish and strengthen political and civic organizations, safeguard elections, and promote citizen participation, openness and accountability in government.

NDI believes that equitable participation of women in politics and government is essential to building and sustaining democracy. The Institute is committed to working with women as partners and participants in NDI programs and activities.

NDI helps women acquire the tools necessary to participate successfully in all aspects of the political process. Our creative and wide-ranging programs – in both challenging environments where democracy is just beginning to flourish and in more established democracies – engage women in legislatures, political parties and civil society as leaders, activists and informed citizens. These programs create an environment where women can advocate on matters of policy, run for political office, be elected, govern effectively, and participate meaningfully in every facet of civic and political life.



Women Peace and Security
Resources

Women, Peace and Security Resources

Women, Peace and Security Resources is a new social venture firm providing our clients with the learning programs and support they need to be more effective leaders and implementers of public policy. Our programs:

- 1325 Training Partners – Building partner capacity in support of UN peacekeeping and other multilateral programs
- US National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security – Providing classroom, e-learning and blended education and training

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- Evaluation Services – Developing evaluation tools and conducting evaluation of existing education and training programs