



## INVITATION

Online Webinar Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 10:00- 11:30 EDT/ 15.00-16.30 CET

### Truth or Dare

Learning from 20 years of  
collective trial and error



Webinar roundtable organized by the Government of the Netherlands  
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This webinar will explore in an open and constructive manner *how* full and concrete implementation of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda can be realized. After 20 years of promoting and talking about WPS, it is time for an honest reflection. What can we all learn from 20 years collective failing and trying again to meaningfully engage women in peace and security processes? What are proven impactful ways and measures of governments, civil society and multilateral organizations that do realize real change? How can we ensure that technique and politics are the two reinforcing sides of the same coin?

#### Introduction and moderation

**Yoka Brandt**, *Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations*

#### Setting the scene

**Cynthia Enloe**, *Research Professor at Clark University, USA*

**'Beyond cherry-picking'**: Panel debate on WPS mainstreaming  
Q&A's with participants

**'Watch the elephant in the room!'**: Panel debate on accountability and impact on the political level  
Q&A's with participants

#### Reflections

**Mirsad 'Miki' Jacevic**, *Vice Chair Inclusive Security*

#### Panelists:

**Aggrey David Kibenge**, *Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda*

**Áine Hearn**, *Senior Evaluation Specialist, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland*

**Hala Al-Karib**, *Director Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA), Sudan*

**Diana María Salcedo López**, *Director Liga Internacional de Mujeres por la Paz y la Libertad (LIMPAL)/  
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Colombia*

**Nasima Omari**, *Senior Program Officer, Cordaid, Afghanistan*

This roundtable is open to all WPS stakeholders, government representatives, UN, EU, Civil Society Organizations, WPS focal Points and experts. The floor is given to all for open and constructive discussions on:

- 1. The importance of mainstreaming WPS to enhance sustainable change, and ways to do it:**
  - What have been key methods and strategies to mainstream the WPS agenda in peace and security processes?
  - What conditions need to be in place for civil society, governments and multilateral organizations to ensure that WPS is an entry point of peace and security (decision making) processes, instead of an add-on or afterthought?
  - What have been drivers or blockers to include women's and youth's full demands in peace processes, such as in Sudan, Colombia, Afghanistan and Yemen?
  - How to keep women's and youth's full demands on the political agenda, once a peace agreement is reached? And once a government is in transition?
  
- 2. Enhancing and strengthening the WPS agenda at the political level by transparent and measurable commitments and results on WPS and vice versa:**
  - How to navigate conservative political arenas and push for gender transformative policies and practices? Are there frontrunners or game changers to learn from?
  - How to ensure accountability for implementing WPS commitments? What have been key decision-making moments and who have been key players in ao Uganda, Colombia and Afghanistan?
  - Recognizing the role of civil society, among which are feminist and women peacebuilders, to address and push for WPS implementation at different political levels and decision-making fora: how to operate in a shrinking or closed civic space?

The debate will result in concrete recommendations for all WPS stakeholders to enhance concrete implementation of the WPS agenda and to support gender-transformative policies and practices worldwide: through sharing practical lessons of current and past National Action Plans and other strategies; our failures and successes; our methods in developing inclusive and impactful strategies; and sharing valuable evaluation mechanisms and methods.

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