



Concept Note: High-Level meeting Secretary-General's Common Pledge on Women's Participation in Peace Processes

New York, 28 October 2025 3:00PM - 5:00PM
UN Headquarters, New York, ECOSOC Chamber

Background

The year 2025 marks the 25th anniversary of UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and the women, peace and security (WPS) agenda as well as the 30th anniversary of the (1995) Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Despite significant progress in advancing parts of these commitments, one of the most persistent challenges remains the continuously low levels of participation by women in peace and mediation processes. According to a frequently cited study, between the years 1992 and 2019, women constituted only 13 per cent of negotiators and six per cent of mediators in major peace processes.

The Secretary-General's [Common Pledge to Increase Women's Full, Equal, and Meaningful Participation in Peace Processes](#) was launched on 24 October 2024 at the annual Security Council debate on WPS during the Swiss presidency. To date, over 40 adopters (member states, regional organizations and civil society organizations) have joined the Common Pledge.

Objective

The objective of this high-level meeting is to hear from women who have shaped peace processes as negotiators, civil society activists and mediators, and to showcase how Adopters of the Common Pledge are moving from commitment to concrete implementation across the Pledge's four commitment areas.

Participants

The event is open to all Adopters at Ministerial and/or Ambassadorial level. Civil society and the public are also invited to attend.

Agenda

Opening

- Greeting by Maryam Bukar Hassan, UN Global Advocate for Peace
- Opening remarks: Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
- Call for Action from Civil Society: Marina Gallego Zapata, National Coordinator of Ruta Pacífica de las Mujeres, Colombia
- Call for Action from a Mediator: Hanna Serwaa Tetteh, Special Representative for Libya and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (virtual)

High-Level roundtable

Moderated by DPPA Assistant-Secretary-General Martha Pobee

This segment will feature senior speakers from Adopters: Kathrin Bertschy, member of the National Council of the Swiss Federation; Ahmed Yıldız, Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the United Nations; Mohamed Edrees, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations speaking on behalf of Bankole Adeoye, African Union Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security; and Chris Coulter, Executive Director, Berghof Foundation, who share experiences from implementing the Common Pledge and their strategic vision for the future.

Discussion

Adopters of the Common Pledge share actions taken to implement the four commitments. Speakers will be called on in the order of protocol.

Closing

- Reflections: UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous
- Closing remarks: DPPA Assistant-Secretary-General Martha Pobee