



**Voices from the Field**  
**A Global Call for Implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda**  
*Prelude to the Peace Forum<sup>1</sup>*

Wednesday 21 October 2015, 8:30AM - 11:30AM  
 Church Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

On 21 October 2015, women and men activists, advocates and human rights defenders will come to United Nations Headquarters not to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, but to participate in the Prelude to the Peace Forum to recommit to the principles and transformative potential of Women, Peace and Security agenda.

Civil society has its 2015 Civil Society Roadmap and other processes that calls on the international community to take action on critical areas of women's participation, national and regional implementation, financing, conflict prevention, accountability, and UN system leadership. They are asking the UN and the Secretary General to take leadership and ensure more systematic attention by: supporting a strong UN structure, ensuring all senior officials have specific responsibilities for advancing gender perspectives, ensuring no immunity is granted to international personnel on issues of gender violence, and send a directive calling on member states to adopt, finance, and implement comprehensive and inclusive National Action Plans (NAPs). At the fifteenth anniversary of UNSCR 1325, it is time to take action on these calls to move from commitments to accomplishments.

This event will create space to mobilize civil society and consolidate key recommendations for the UN, governments, and other key stakeholders. Recommendations from the event will be presented formally to UN high level leadership at a Peace Forum 28-30 October 2015 and will be shared with high level UN leadership, with media, civil society, and other stakeholders. It is time to move beyond celebrating anniversaries and instead act to ensure ongoing and effective implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda.

Civil society from around the world are invited to join, raise your voices, and mobilize to demand action on this important anniversary year.

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<sup>1</sup> *Peace Forum: Accelerating the Implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda (UNSCR 1325): Mobilising Women and Men to Work Together -- Wednesday, October 28, 2015 - 15:00 to Friday, October 30, 2015 - 16:30. For more information: <http://peacewomen.org/node/92426>*



## **DETAILS**

### **Who?**

Civil Society working on UNSCR 1325 or on women's peace or security locally, nationally, regionally, or globally

### **What?**

Space for information sharing, mobilising, and development of priority recommendations through thematic and regional conversation circles to be presented to high level UN leadership for action

### **When?**

October 21st, 2015, 8:30AM - 11:30PM

### **Where?**

UN Church Center, 2nd floor  
777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017 (Corner of 44th and 1st Ave.)

### **Why?**

To develop priority recommendations and mobilise for action on implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda

### **How?**

Join us! No RSVP required