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SAVE THE DATE:

“Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Local to Global Financing as Mechanisms for Gender Equality and Stable and Peaceful Societies”

7-8 July 2016

New York, New York

According to the 2015 Global Study on UNSCR 1325 and Women, Peace and Security (WPS), “Research shows a consistent, striking disparity between policy commitments to gender equality and women’s empowerment, and the financial allocations to achieve them” (p. 372). In 2015, there was a global military spend of \$1.6 trillion, over \$4 trillion allocated to bail out banks, and over \$6 trillion sequestered in corporate tax havens. Meanwhile, only 2 percent of aid to peace and security for fragile states in 2012-2013 targeted gender equality, and only about half of countries integrate human rights or gender budgeting into national budgets.

In order to strengthen an Integrated Approach that moves the money from a political economy of war to a political economy of peace and gender justice, this workshop will create a space to exchange learning around enhancing WPS financing and accountability. It will map financial flows for gender equality and peace, and will provide space to exchange good practice and lessons learned, and to build strategies for change.

Invited Speakers:

- Cynthia Enloe, *Clark University*
- Emilia Reyes, *Equidad Genero*
- Sarah Adamczyk, *Duke University*
- Laxman Belbase, *Men Engage*
- Matti Kohonen, *Christian Aid*
- Mavic Cabrerra Balleza, *Global Network of Women Peacebuilders*
- Nela Porobic, *Women's International League for Peace and Freedom*
- Nahla Valji, *UN Women*
- Rosa Lizarde, *Feminist Task Force*
- Hetty Bergman, *Cordaid*
- Isabelle Geuskens, *Women Peacemakers Programme*
- Michele Breslauer, *Institute for Economics and Peace*
- Sarah Douglas, *Peacebuilding Support Office*
- Fareen Walji, *AWID*

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CONCEPT NOTE

Women, Peace and Security Financing Workshop

Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda – Local to Global Financing as Mechanisms for Gender Equality and Stable and Peaceful Societies

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Background

It has been over 70 years of action by the UN to “save succeeding generations from the scourge of war” (UN Charter, Preamble), 20 years since the Beijing Declaration and Programme of Action, and 15 years of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 and the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda. The now 8 Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security Agenda (1325, 1820, 1888, 1889, 1960, 2106, 2122, 2242) create a clear normative framework, and the 2015 Global Study on UNSCR 1325 has provided a clear evidence base for action. In 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were also launched, including stand-alone goals on Gender Equality (Goal 5) and Peaceful and Stable Societies (Goal 16).

However, peace and gender justice remain unrealised. Militarism as a way of thought rigs rules for war rather than peace and gender justice. In 2015, there was a global military spending of \$1.6 trillion, over \$4 trillion allocated to bail out banks, and over \$6 trillion sequestered in corporate tax havens. Meanwhile, only 2 per cent of aid to peace and security for fragile states in 2012-2013 targeted gender equality, and only about half of countries integrate human rights or gender budgeting into national budgets. As the 2015 Global Study on UNSCR 1325 stated, “Research shows a consistent, striking disparity between policy commitments to gender equality and women’s empowerment, and the financial allocations to achieve them” (p. 372).

In order to prevent conflict and promote sustainable peace through women’s full and equal participation and rights, an Integrated Approach that invests in people over profit and women’s human security over militarised state security is key. International civil society must consolidate knowledge and share expertise, lessons learned, and good practice on strengthening financing and mechanisms for gender equality and peace to ensure accountability and promote sustainable development and peace. Doing so requires assessing knowledge gaps, combining the work of activists and advocates in different fields,

building on lessons learned, and strengthening independent, transparent, and inclusive advocacy, monitoring, and outreach thereby increasing accountability and the more effective implementation of the WPS agenda.

Rationale

This workshop will create a space to exchange learning around enhancing WPS financing and consolidating understanding of tools that civil society activists can use to build on lessons learned, strengthen capacity for action, and cultivate communities for change. It will build on focus group discussions and a WPS financing survey, as well as the WPS Global Survey and Civil Society Survey.

The workshop will result in a series of outreach materials (case studies, factsheets, infographics, and other resources) as well as a workshop report outlining examples of good practice tools to be used in strengthen WPS financing and accountability at local, national, and international arena, which will feed into WILPF PeaceWomen's knowledge management portal www.peacewomen.org. It will also feed into upcoming political opportunities and discussions such as at the Association of Women's Rights in Development (AWID) Forum (8-11 September, Brazil), International Peace Bureau's World Congress (30th September - 3rd October, Berlin), and 16th anniversary of UNSCR 1325 (October, New York).

Follow up: HLPF Side Event

The workshop will feed into a follow up [side event](#) at 1:15-2:30PM at 11th July at Baha'i International Conference Room (Baha'i Int'l Conference Room, 866 UN Plaza (48th St. & 1st Ave., New York) around the High Level Political Forum (HLPF). The side event will report back on the workshop and share lessons learned and good practice with member states, UN entities, and civil society in order to contribute to enhanced technical understanding of overcoming barriers to gender equality and peace, and to strengthen accountability on the Women, Peace and Security agenda and SDG 5 and 16 on Gender Equality and Stable and Peaceful Societies.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Thursday 7th July, 2016	
8:30AM	Coffee & Donuts
9:00AM	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Abigail Ruane, WILPF
9:15AM	Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Ray Acheson, WILPF ● Cynthia Enloe, Clarke University ● Nela Porobic, WILPF
10:15AM	Coffee
10:30AM	Mapping the financial flows: Where is the money for gender, peace & security? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Maria Butler, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom ● Michelle Breslauer, Institute for Peace and Economics ● Sam-Perlo Freeman, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute ● Matti Kohonen, Christian Aid ● Rosa Lizarde, Feminist Task Force
11:45AM	Mapping the financial flows: Where is the money for the feminist movement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Eleanor Blomstrom, Women’s Environment and Development Organisation ● Isabelle Geuskens, Women Peacemakers Programme ● Sarah Adamczyk, Duke University ● Fareen Walji, Association of Women’s Rights in Development
12:45PM	Lunch
1:45PM	Good Practice, Challenges & Lessons learned: Member States & Gender Responsive Budgeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Sharon Hanson-Cooper, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom ● Emilia Reyes, Equidad Género ● Daisy Tourne, Uruguay Parliamentarian
3:00PM	Good Practice, Challenges & Lessons learned: National Financing: National Action Plans & Gendered Aid for Conflict Affected States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Maria Butler, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mavic Cabrera Balleza, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders ● Hetty Burgman, Cordaid
4:00PM	Coffee Break
4:15PM	Panel 5: UN, WPS & CSO-Inclusive Financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Louise Allen, NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security ● Ghita Kyari, UN Women ● Sarah Douglas, UN Peacebuilding Support Office ● Elizabeth Cafferty, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs ● Eleanor Blomstrom, Women's Environment and Development Organisation
5:15PM	Discussion: What should we take forward? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Abigail Ruane, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
5:45PM	End of day wrap up & next day preview

Friday 8th July, 2016	
8:30AM	Coffee & Donuts
9:00AM	Welcome back: Highlights from previous day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Abigail Ruane, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
9:30AM	In Focus: Gender Budgeting Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Abigail Ruane, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom ● Emilia Reyes, Equidad Género
12:30PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Working Group Discussions & report backs on key issues from previous day
3:00PM	Coffee Break
3:30PM	Moving Forward: Strategy and Route of Action
4:00PM	Wrap up & Close
6:00PM	Group Dinner