

## Building Accountability for National and Regional Implementation of Security Council Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security: A Global Review

### Context

National implementation of the UN Security Council’s resolutions on Women Peace and Security has progressed in recent years through the development of national action plans (NAPs), while steps have also been taken at national and regional levels to take actions and build commitments on the resolutions through planning and policy frameworks.

To date, 43 NAPs have been adopted. UN Women provides technical and resource-support to national action planning processes from both country and international levels, and has established guidance on these processes for Member States.<sup>1</sup> The content and substance of NAPs, as well as the resources that are attributed to implementation of these plans, varies widely. With successive NAPs emerging, and with one third of existing NAPs concluding and requiring review in 2013, an important opportunity is available to examine the effectiveness of NAPs in accelerating implementation of the women, peace and security agenda at national and regional levels.

Indeed, in 2012 the UN Secretary-General called on UN Women, in partnership with Member States, regional organizations, UN entities and civil society, to conduct a review of commitments to national implementation of women, peace and security.<sup>2</sup>

In its role of promoting and monitoring national and regional implementation of UNSCRs on women, peace

and security, UN Women will organize an international meeting to review the conditions under which NAPs have advanced implementation of the Security Council’s women, peace and security resolutions, progress to date, and will identify best practices and forward-looking strategies for improved implementation.



UNIFIL Malaysian Women Peacekeepers, Kawkaba, Lebanon. 11 January 2012

### Global Review

The overall aim of the meeting will be to review current approaches and to invigorate and generate momentum for scaling up good practices and applying more effective strategies for implementation of the women, peace and security resolutions at national and regional levels. The specific objectives of the meeting are to:

- Identify and inspire innovative methodologies to advance national and regional implementation strategies;
- document and share lessons learned and best practice on the development and implementation of strategies such as National Action Plans;

<sup>1</sup> UN Women. Women, Peace and Security: Guidelines for National Implementation. 2012. <http://www.unwomen.org/wpcontent/uploads/2012/10/02B-Plan-on-Women-and-Peace-and-Security.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> UN Security Council, Report of the Secretary-General on women and peace and security, 2 October, 2012. S/2012/732

- Identify ways to address existing challenges such as development of monitoring procedures, indicators and sustainable financing mechanisms;
- develop recommendations for future directions to accelerate national and regional implementation.

The meeting will assemble details on innovative approaches for consideration by Member States in their national strategies.

### **Details of the event**

UN Women will organise this event on 5-7 November 2013 in New York and will bring together 40-50 technical level experts and representatives of Member States, regional organizations, UN and civil society organizations, academics involved in implementation strategies.

The participants of the meeting will consider the following topics:

1. Processes of developing action plans at national and regional levels.
2. Nature and scope of CSO involvement
3. Approaches to implementation
4. Accountability: monitoring, reviewing and reporting
5. Financing and resource allocation

The meeting will result in:

- background papers developed by expert panellists documenting national and regional implementation strategies,
- an inventory of innovation and best practice on national and regional implementation strategies,
- a summary publication of the findings and outcomes of the event, and
- the inclusion of the concrete outcomes of the event in the Secretary-General's 2014 report on women, peace and security to the UN Security Council.

The outcomes of the event will also be used to update UN Women's existing guidance to Member States on national and regional implementation strategies.

## **Capacity Development on NAPs**

UN Women will use this meeting to further capacity at national and regional levels for the implementation of the women, peace and security agenda. Through the meeting UN Women will

- identify training needs of government and non-government actors on the development of NAPs,
- utilize and enhance the UN Women's e-learning course on national and regional implementation of women, peace and security agenda for delivering regional and intra-regional trainings, including training of trainers, tailored to these identified needs and enhance outreach to partners to make trainings available globally,
- identify key experts on NAPs and national implementation who will be registered with UN Women and made available on a mentoring basis to specific contexts as NAPs are developed,

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