

Ten years with 1325 - What now?

The Stockholm International Conference

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Mark your calendars for one of this year's most important conferences "Ten Years with resolution 1325 – What now?"

The aim of the conference is through dialogue between key stake holders start reclaiming 1325. There is a great need to bridge the divide between the experiences of women in conflict areas and policy and decision makers.

We will bring to your attention good and bad practice and overall challenges of implementing resolution 1325. A special focus of the conference is "Stories from the Ground" – the experiences of local stake holders, often women, who stand as winners or losers as they see how the implementation of resolution 1325 succeeds or fails.

You will leave the conference with the added insight necessary to readjust and reclaim the essential goal with this ten-year-old resolution.

Among invited participant

Sanam Anderlini was part of the team that drafted resolution 1325 and is currently a team member of the Civil Society Advisory Group to the UN on Women Peace and Security. She is author of books such as *Women at the Peace Table: Making a Difference,* for UNIFEM and <u>Women Building Peace:</u> <u>What They Do, Why It Matters.</u> Anderlini holds a Master of Philosophy in Social Anthropology from Cambridge University.

Beena Sebastian is founder of the Cultural Academy for Peace and a representative of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation. Among her

efforts is gender sensitivity training for police and lawyers as well as instituting an annual award for public officials who have done the most to prevent violence against women. These efforts have helped break the silence surrounding sexual violence in Kerala, India.

Natalie Hudson holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Connecticut in 2007 and is an assistant professor of the University of Dayton's Department of Political Science. Her speciality lies in women's activism in the global security arena, particularly in the context of the United Nations and the significance of human security.

Madeleine Rees is Secretary General of WILPF and has previously worked for both the Commission for Racial Equality and the Equal Opportunities Commission. Other positions include gender expert at the <u>Office of the High</u> <u>Commissioner for Human Rights in Bosnia-Herzegovina</u>. In that capacity she worked extensively on issues such as gender and post conflict. She has also worked as head of the Women's rights and gender unit within the OHCHR. As the lawyer she is, Rees has worked to legally describe the different experiences of men and women, particularly in post conflict.

Manana Mebuke is chair woman of a human rights movement in Georgia. Since the beginning of 1990's she has been working to strengthen cross-border projects with Russia. She also co-chairs a peace club that grows every day. Read more in what contexts <u>Mebuke</u> has worked.

Luljeta Vuniqi is the Executive Director of Kosova Gender Studies Center and author of <u>Women's Role in Independent Kosova</u>, among other books. Previously, she coordinated the Kosovo Foundation for Open Society Women's Program, Minority Program, and Youth and Human Rights Program. She has supported and been directly involved in the women's movement in Kosovo.

The recently formed **Sudan Forum for 1325** consists of women's and peace organisations such as **Mutawinat**. It has held workshops for women in prisons and camps on UNSCR 1325 when addressing violence against women, as well as resolution 1820, when dealing with legal cases of sexual violence; **NuWeda** has trained women leaders in the Nuba Mountains on UNSCR 1325. Before elections they have advocated that the parliament in the Nuba Mountains have a representation quota for women of 25 percent; parts of <u>NIDAA</u> and **HOPD** have conducted workshops for women with focus on leadership for social change where they incorporate UNSCR 1325. HOPD also targets youth with training in conflict resolution, peace building and resolution 1325. One of the Palestinian organizations invited include <u>Wi`am</u>, which is a branch of International Fellowship of Reconciliation, which works with dialogue, peace, human rights and women's empowerment. It promotes cross cultural peace and

dialogue through exchange programs and joint conferences. Among the Israeli organisations that will participate is the **Israeli section of WILPF**.

Date and venue

Date: 21-22 October 2010 Venue: Subtopia, Alby, Stockholm metropolitan area.

The conference, including lunch and dinner is free of charge. Participation forms and a program will be released at a later date. If you'd like to confirm your attendance at this moment you can do so by sending an e-mail to: <u>10yrs@operation1325.se</u>

About Operation 1325

Operation 1325 is a non-profit umbrella for the five women's and peace organisations The Federation of International Association for Immigrant Women, the Swedish Ecumenical Women's Council, Swedish National Committee for UNIFEM, Women for Peace and the Swedish section of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. We are also working in close collaboration with the Swedish Women's Lobby.

Operation 1325 is working through information, capacity building/education, political advocacy and international cooperation to help implement resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security. Since 2006 we are cooperating with women's organisations in Sudan as well as Israel/Palestine. For more information, please visit our website at www.operation1325.se.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the conference!

Best regards,

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