

CALL FOR PROPOSALS PEACE FORUM

**Accelerating the Implementation of the
Women, Peace, Security Agenda (UNSCR 1325):
Mobilizing Women & Men to Work Together**

**Church Center for the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017**

October 28, 2015 (Opening Panel & Reception) @ 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
October 29, 2015 (Workshops & Activities) @ 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
October 30, 2015 (Workshops & Activities) @ 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Fifteen years after the unanimous adoption of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and six follow up resolutions, we have yet to effectively move from commitment to implementation. We have the words, now we need the actions. Promoting the four pillars of the resolution (participation, protection, conflict prevention, and post-conflict reconstruction) continues to be a priority for civil society.

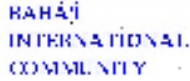
In 2000 Civil Society initiated the landmark resolution. Today, we invite civil society to come together at the Fifteenth Anniversary of UNSCR 1325 to commemorate achievements, to strategize on strengthening, and mobilizing women and men for effective implementation of the Women Peace and Security agenda.

The Women, Peace and Security Agenda applies to humanity as a whole. This forum will create space to engage women and men from all walks of life, including at the UN and UN Security Council, Missions, civil society, to explore what they are doing to move the Women, Peace, and Security agenda forward. In doing so, the forum aims to include men on board to accelerate action for change.

This Commemorative Peace Forum will include workshops, panel discussions, a reception and other creative events to provide space for civil society to share experiences, coordinate action, and leverage this anniversary year for transformative change.

Key themes include:

- Engaging men & boys to work alongside women and girls to implement 1325
- Implementation that works for the peace and security of women & girls
- Reforming/Deconstructing patriarchal structures to advance the women, peace and security agenda
- Preventing violent conflict and promoting peace sustainability
- Exploring a more comprehensive alternative concept of security



DETAILS

Who?

Civil Society working on UNSCR 1325 or on women's peace or security locally, nationally, regionally, or globally should apply. Organizers aim to create a diverse space with regional and thematic diversity including diversity of age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, indigenous experience, and country experience. The discussions will consider a broad approach to the key themes and will highlight innovative and best practices.

What?

UNSCR 1325 15th Anniversary Peace Forum

When?

October 28-30, 2015 (**Oct. 28th** @3 PM-7 PM; **Oct 29th** @10 AM-4:30 PM; **Oct. 30th** 10AM-1:30 PM)

Where?

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

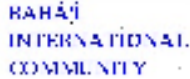
Why?

To create an independent space to mobilize for a Women, Peace and Security Agenda that works for women and for the betterment of humanity.

How?

If your organization is interested in participating in the Peace Forum by hosting a side event (panel, roundtable discussion, arts and crafts sale & exhibit, artistic performance, etc....), please complete and submit the attached form to the Peace Forum Commemoration Committee by August 15th, 2015. Upon receipt and review of your application, we will contact you to confirm whether we are able to accommodate your request.

Fee? Accepted applicants will be charged a fee of \$200 USD for organizations who want to host a workshop. This amount will need to be paid once applications have been accepted and a venue and time has been assigned. More details on payment method will follow. A limited number of need based fee waivers are available – please indicate if and on what basis you would like to apply. For those who cannot meet the fee, please contact the planners for any support that can be lent from co-organizers and co-sponsors, pending funds, alignment of priorities and desire for collaboration.



PEACE FORUM
Call for Proposals Registration Form
Deadline: August 15, 2015

1. Name of Organization _____

2. Organization's address _____

3. Contact person _____

4. Telephone () - _____

5. Email _____

6. Provide a brief description of your event in a maximum of 200 words

a) *Event title:* _____

b) *Event description:* _____

c) *Sponsors:* _____

d) *Format: What type of event is it? (Panel, workshop, arts and crafts, sales & exhibit, artistic performance, etc.):*

e) *Preferred Time: (All events are 1 hour 30 minutes. Date and time will be decided by the organizers.)*

f) *Proposed Speakers:* _____

g) *Equipment needed (tables, projectors and chairs can be provided)*

h) *Expected Number of attendees :* _____

i) *What is your preferred room set up? Theater Style or tables and chairs*

j) *How many tables?* _____

Please return this form **to Kelly Yzique** at kelly.gnwp@gmail.com with a copy to slamour@unitedmethodistwomen.org **by August 15, 2015.**