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Implementing Kenya's Newly Adopted NAP

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Kenya's National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325, the KNAP was launched March 8, 2016 on International Women's Day. It is a comprehensive approach to implementing UNSCR 1325 and addresses the four pillars, specifically recognizing that civil society "can and will play an important role in implementing" the mandates of the NAP. The KNAP will enhance coordination among all relevant actors, raise awareness, and increase accountability among actors responsible for implementing commitments related to women's participation in peace and security.

Behind the scenes the Kenya 1325 Localization Advocacy Group, comprised of Kenyan civil society groups including Amani Communities Africa, Footprints for Change, PeaceNet – Kenya, and Rural Women Peace Link (RWPL) among others, with support from GNWP, advocated for the formal adoption of NAP to take place in early 2016.

Building on the momentum of the newly adopted KNAP, GNWP and its members who are part of the Kenya 1325 Localization Advocacy Group will hold a series of workshops June 3 – 10, 2016 in Kenya. The group will convene government officials, civil society and other local actors to participate in a NAP workshop in Nairobi June 3 and Localization workshops in Isiolo County June 6 – 7 and Bungoma County June 9 – 10. Robinah Rubimbwa, the National Coordinator for Coalition for Action on 1325 (CoACT) in Uganda will participate in the workshops as a peace exchange member to share best practices and successful Localization implementation and monitoring strategies, while strengthening regional cooperation on integrating women, peace and security standards on the continent.

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