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A Better World and WPS

Ireland's Third National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325, the Women, Peace and Security Agenda, forms a central element of Ireland's broader commitment to gender equality which is a priority in Ireland's foreign policy, reflected in both *The Global Island* and the new policy for international development, *A Better World*.

[A Better World](#) was launched in February 2019. Building on Ireland's track record in delivering for the poorest and most vulnerable, A Better World seeks to realise the transformational pledge of the Sustainable Development Goals – reaching the furthest behind first. It signals a deepening and intensification of Ireland's international efforts and commits to scaling up resources and capacity across four policy priorities: **Gender equality; Reducing humanitarian need; Climate action; and strengthening governance**. In delivering a Better World, Ireland is committed to intensifying our work on Women, Peace and Security and Gender Based Violence.

Ireland's third National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security

Ireland's third National Action Plan (NAP) on Women, Peace and Security was launched in June 2019 in University College Cork by an Tánaiste and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Simon Coveney T.D. Minister for Defence Paul Kehoe, T.D. Alderman John Sheehan, the Lord Mayor of Cork, Áine Hearn, Director of the Conflict Resolution Unit at the Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Salome Mbugua, Independent Chair of the Working Group for the Development of the NAP, introduced the event. Dr Caitriona Dowd, DCU, Abby Ryan, ICGBV, and Nura Hagi, Karti, were some of the speakers at the panel sessions of the event. Over 100 people attended with wide representation from across civil society, particularly refugees and asylum seekers based in the Cork area, and government. The NAP was also launched in the Secretariat in Belfast and our Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York in October 2019. Details on the development of the Plan can be found on our [Website](#) and a copy of the Plan can be found [here](#)

The Conflict Resolution Unit would like to thank all those who participated in the Public Consultation for the Development of the NAP and making it a better policy.

Ireland's third National Action Plan has been commended in the UN Secretary General's Annual report for its consultation process, particularly the inclusion of women from conflict affected areas living in Ireland (page 18, paragraph 78).



An Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Simon Coveney T.D with participants at the launch of Ireland's third National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.

For regular updates on WPS within Ireland's wider Peace support work follow our Twitter Page [here](#)

The Oversight Group for Ireland's third National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security

The Oversight Group for Ireland's third National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security was appointed by An Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Simon Coveney, T.D. following a Public Call for expressions of interest. The first Oversight Group Meeting was held in the Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade on December 9th. The Group was briefed on the work of the members, particularly government departments, on the policies and current practices which are a part of and speak to the NAP. Details on the Group and



Members of the Oversight Group :

Academic, Civil Society and Independent Experts

Nura Hagi, Karti Project

Noelene Blackwell, Rape Crisis Centre

Egide Dhala, International Organisation for Migration

Oliver Barbour, Independent Expert

Emma Johnson, Youth Action

Maria Butler, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

Dr Walter Kilroy, Dublin City University

Abby Ryan, Irish Consortium on Gender Based Violence

Nominees from Government /Statutory Representatives on the Oversight Group

Áine Hearn, Conflict Resolution Unit, DFAT

Shane Keenan, Development Co-operation & Africa Division, DFAT

Noreen Woulfe, Department of Defence

Jayne Lawlor, Defence Forces

Louise Synnott, An Garda Síochána

minutes of previous meetings can be found here.



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Mrs. Nora Owen

18th Civil Society Forum

BEIJING+25

Taking Stock of Progress on Gender Equality

17th January 2020
Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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Beijing+25: Taking Stock of Progress on Gender Equality.

Along with the 20th anniversary of WPS, 2020 marks the 25th anniversary since the world adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA).

The 18th annual Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Civil Society Forum is taking place on 17 January 2020, in the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 from 9.00am to 4.30pm and is dedicated to “Beijing+25: Taking Stock of Progress on Gender Equality”.

The Forum will explore the progress made since the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action was adopted in 1995 and the challenges that have yet to be addressed. The Forum will comprise of three sessions, which will look at the fight for gender equality in the past, efforts to overcome challenges today, and gender equality in the future.

Registration is available online: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/18th-civil-society-forum-department-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade-tickets-83782081461>

WPS at the United Nations



UNGA High Level Week 2019

Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Katherine Zappone, T.D. intervened for Ireland at the Women, Peace and Security Focal Point Network Side Event. The theme of the meeting is full participation of women in the WPS Agenda. There was a particular focus in the meeting on the monitoring and accountability mechanisms that regional organisations can put in place to strengthen their role in ensuring the implementation of Member States' National Action Plans (NAPs) and how regional organisations can support efforts to enhance the connection between gender and disarmament issues. The event is co-sponsored by the following Uruguay, Namibia, Canada, and Germany.

Prior to the ministerial interventions, Finland and Spain, together with Namibia as Presidency of the Network, officially launched the *Commitment 2025* document. This initiative aims to ensure women's meaningful participation and inclusion in mediation, peace processes and transition processes, so that inclusion is the norm by year 2025. Ireland welcomed the Commitment 2025 initiative. Many of its goals mirror those in Ireland's Third NAP and Ireland looks forward to working with Member States in advancing these commitments.

WPS Week 2019

Ireland and South Africa co-hosted a side event on October 28th on the lessons, approaches and strategies for effectively implementing and advancing the WPS Agenda from grassroots to global

levels. The event was entitled *Rhetoric to Reality*, and it focused on the importance of implementation of the WPS Agenda as we approach the 20th anniversary of the Agenda in 2020. Ireland supported the travel of Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Minister Tarr to participate in this panel discussion and the Open Debate on WPS. H.E. Ambassador Byrne Nason and Director of the Conflict Resolution Unit, Áine Hearn, attended a number of side events including the Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund's *Launch of the 1-year Countdown to the 20th Anniversary of UN SCR1325 (1325+20)*, an event on Localizing Sustaining Peace, the launch of the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, a full day workshop on the 10 year Anniversary of the Mandate on Sexual Violence in Conflict hosted by South Africa, an event on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Mandate in Peace Operation hosted by Norway, Nepal, Rwanda.

Peacebuilding Commission

In advance of WPS Week Ireland supported Emma Johnson, who works on young women's development with Youth Action in Northern Ireland, to brief the Peacebuilding Commission on October 23rd on the importance of including young women in peacebuilding efforts. Ambassador Byrne Nason also intervened on behalf of Ireland in the event which focused on *Strengthening Linkages between Women, Peace and Security and Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace*.

WPS Resolutions 2019

2019 saw the adoption of two new WPS Resolutions- bringing the total number of Resolutions to 10 as we approach 2020.

Resolution 2467

Germany held the UN Security Council Presidency during the Open Debate on Sexual Violence in Conflict in April 2019 where the ninth Resolution (2467) on Women, Peace and Security was adopted. Among its components, resolution 2467 (2019) outlines that sexual violence in conflict occurs on a continuum of interrelated and recurring forms of violence against women and girls; calls on Member States to address structural gender inequality and discrimination; and encourages the adoption of survivor centered approaches in preventing and responding to sexual violence in conflict. The Security Council did not prove itself immune to the growing pushback against gender equality and women's rights and consequently this resolution was the first WPS resolution which did not pass unanimously and failed to secure agreement on previously agreed language on SRHR.



Resolution 2493

This pushback has continued as evidenced during South Africa's Presidency of the 2019 Open Debate on WPS in October, with the adoption of the 10th Resolution (2493). The resolution reflects the ongoing challenges to women's rights and gender equality (particularly around SRHR and Women Human Rights Defenders) which are playing out in a number of multilateral settings and on the ground. However, the resolution sends a strong signal on the importance of implementation of the WPS Agenda in particular as we approach the twentieth anniversary and furthermore as **the first WPS resolution to be led by an African state** it demonstrates important African leadership on this agenda item. The resolution is seen as an important signal on working with African Union and African women leaders on promoting WPS. **Ireland** has co-sponsored all nine of the previous WPS resolutions and in line with our strong commitment to WPS, Ireland co-sponsored this South African resolution. Resolution 2493 brings the first mention of the need for "context-specific approaches" to the implementation of the WPS agenda.

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- HE. Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason, Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security at the UN Security Council, 29 October 2019



WPS Fact!!

"The second highest ranking female UN Peacekeeper is an Irish woman, Brigadier General Maureen O'Brien, today Acting FC in the Golan Heights (pictured above)."

WPS at the European Union

EU Action Plan on WPS

Following the adoption of the EU Strategic Approach on WPS, the EU adopted an Action Plan on WPS. Ireland supported the development of indicators and Monitoring and Evaluation of the Plan following the EEAS request for expert Dr Debbie Donnelly to facilitate a workshop. Ireland presented on its third National Action Plan at the EU Informal Taskforce on WPS and represented Ireland at all Technical and Strategic Level meetings of the Taskforce this year.



Áine Hearn, Director of the Conflict Resolution Unit and Ambassador Mara Marinkai, Principal Advisor on

Gender at the EEAS at WPS

Week in New York

Regional Acceleration of 1325

is a platform for 1325 The Regional Acceleration of Resolution the Regional Organisations to share good practice .on Agenda. Membership includes UN, NATO, EU, the AU and observer status of the OSCE. The Terms of Reference for the in October 2019 Organisation was launched in New York

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's recently published Africa Strategy makes specific reference to the WPS agenda:

2. Ireland will promote peace, security, and respect for human rights and the rule of law.

Working in partnership with African countries, we will:

Champion a leadership role for women in conflict prevention and peacebuilding processes, and ensure a focus on the empowerment of young people, while advancing UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security in collaboration with African partners, including through facilitating dialogue on the implementation of National Action Plans and through support for the African Union Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security.

WPS at the African Union

African Union & Ireland's third National Action Plan



Work with the AU has been included as a focus context for Ireland's National Action Plan. The work on WPS will be implemented by a number of ways including:

- Establishment of funding relationships

- Advocacy on particular challenges to adoption of the agenda, for example during open sessions at the AU Peace and Security Council
- Experience sharing (round table seminars)
- Information exchange and knowledge contribution (e.g. on NAP monitoring)
- Supporting participation of women in policy dialogue

Here is a flavour of some of that work!!

Gender is My Agenda Campaign

Each year, in advance of the African Union Assembly meeting of Heads of State, a pre-summit consultative meeting is held under the auspices of the Gender is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC). Given the African Union Summit theme for 2019 “Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa: Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement”, the theme of the 33rd GIMAC was “Towards Gender-Responsive Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement”.

The conference was attended by representatives of civil society from across the continent as well as policy makers from the African Union, including the Office of the Special Envoy on Women Peace and Security and the Women Gender and Development Directorate. Ambassador Hyland, Professor Monica McWilliams and Salome Mbugua participated in different sessions over the course of the two day conference.



Women in Leadership

UN Women with Irish funding also supported the launch of the Ethiopian National Chapter of AWLN. The African Women Leaders' Network (AWLN) seeks to enhance the leadership of African women in bringing transformative change, with a focus on peace, security and development in the continent. The Ethiopia chapter of AWLN has a Steering Committee made up of women leaders from government, academia, the private sector, the youth leadership forum, the media and arts. The launch event was extremely well attended. President Sahle-work Zewde noted the value of the AWLN as a mentoring forum and a useful platform for co-ordination between local, regional, national and global networks of women.

Global Policy Discussions

The Embassy provided support to UN Women to carry out a regional consultation meeting prior to the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Prior to the 2019 CSW in New York, UN Women, AU, UNECA and UNDP organized an African ministers consultation on the 63rd CSW to discuss and agree on an African Common position to ensure key messages from Africa were coordinated.

Later in the year, the Embassy provided support to the African regional consultative conference on a review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 25 years after its adoption (Beijing+25 review) and a preparatory meeting for the 64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW64).

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Snapshot of Ireland's WPS Support

through our Missions, Peacebuilding, Humanitarian and Development work



Young children at Firestone Community Primary school in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Africa 2019. Philip Behan

Prevention

Education

Ireland is committed prioritising education for girls and scaling up our funding to education for girls in conflict setting with a target of 250 million(2019-2023 inclusive).

Gender Equality and women and girl's education has been a particular focus in Sierra Leone. Over the years, Ireland's Mission in Sierra Leone has continued to engage with the Sierra Leonean's Government on lifting the ban on pregnant girls' access to education whilst exploring strategies to keep girls in school, through support to the Government strategy on the prevention of adolescent pregnancy including. Through its implementing partners UNFPA, Save the Children and International Rescue Committee, the Mission is supporting projects that provide out of school girls' with access to gender-based violence and sexual reproductive health information and services, life skills and empowerment;

capacity strengthening of the Teenage Pregnancy Secretariat to coordinate implementation of the National Strategy for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy and Child Marriage and the Education Ministry develop a Comprehensive Sexuality Education curriculum (CSE).

The Government of Sierra Leone launched the Free Quality School Education (FQSE) policy in August 2018. This made twelve years of free and quality schooling a national priority. It is crucial that the benefits of this policy are felt by all, especially girls. The Mission is a member of the FREE Education Donor Group and will be contributing to the Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) for Education (World Bank, Irish Aid, DFID and EU). The MDTF focuses on access, inclusion, retention, teacher management and professional development, learning outcomes and systems strengthening. Realising the right to education particularly, inclusive education that does not discriminate against any children including pregnant girls underpins the MDTF.

Disarmament & Non-Proliferation

Ireland played a leading role in drafting and securing the support of 79 Member states for a joint statement on gender and the disarmament machinery at UNGA74 First Committee. The statement highlighted the importance of gender perspectives, which provide key insights on how women, men, girls and boys can be differentially impacted by armed conflict and weapons. The statement represents a significant increase from previous years in support for gender perspectives at First Committee.

Gender and Climate Action

Ireland recognises that climate change has distinct impacts on women and men while the effects of climate change exacerbate conflict. Over 2018 and 2019 Ireland has contributed approximately 1 million euro to climate and gender efforts. This has included combined efforts of Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and DCAD. This funding has supported the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's efforts to advance gender responsiveness in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Women's Environment and Development Organisation (WEDO) to provide much-needed support to civil society networks pushing for gender-responsive climate action across the board, including on climate finance, and providing capacity building to national climate and gender focal points.

Tackling Root Causes in Sierra Leone

In Sierra Leone Ireland recognises that women's participation is a key part of conflict prevention efforts. Our support to women's participation in politics and governance, access to economic resources, local-level accountability, social cohesion and decision making processes are aimed at removing those institutional, cultural and economic structures that have perpetrated inequality against women and girls. Ireland is therefore currently supporting civil society-led interventions to address barriers against women in politics, support specialised trainings, women networking exchanges and community awareness raising campaigns and media/publicity programmes for women. We are also

supporting advocacy campaigns on the Gender Bill, gender sensitive political party policy and structures and engagement with female parliamentary caucus. As we do all of this work we must not forget the importance of measuring these results- this should not just be in terms of the numbers of women trained, rather than monitoring how these women have used the training they received and what impact this has had. We must not just count women, but make women count.



Bronagh Hinds from DemocraSHE meeting with some of An Garda Síochána serving with UNFICYP. The Irish contingent of UN police serving in Cyprus has a 50:50 gender balance

Participation

Women's Participation in the Defence and Security Forces in Mali

In 2019 Ireland started a new partnership with Interpeace. Interpeace and IMRAP supported the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection in Mali in drafting their national policy on trust-building between security forces and communities. Malians also identified the active participation of women as a central element of trust-building. IMRAP and Interpeace led a participatory-action process to understand perspectives on role of women in security sector reform, and in the SDF. The process led to the production and dissemination of the final study, *From Trial to Success: Women's Participation in the Defence and Security Forces in Mali—A Vehicle for Trust*. Interpeace and IMRAP have supported the effective implementation of structural changes for the inclusion of women in the armed forces by providing evidence-based recommendations from the population and participating in the SSR review

process.

Women's High Level Participation

Ireland's support to Crisis Action has facilitated women's participation in a number of fora. This includes their support to two South Sudanese women leaders to travel to the US to meet policymakers at the UN and in Washington, DC. They gave first-hand accounts of continued human suffering, including sexual and gender-based violence, and spoke powerfully about the need for sustained diplomatic and political pressure on South Sudan. In August 2019, for the first time ever, two former Syrian detainees – Amina Khouli and Dr. Hala Al Ghawi from Families for Freedom – briefed the UN Security Council on their experiences. Crisis Action supported the women and ensured their briefing received considerable media attention.

Women's Grassroots Participation

Ireland is a founding donor of the Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund which works on enhancing grassroots women's participation. They are currently working in Burundi, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Jordan, Mali, and The Pacific (Solomon Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu & Samoa). In Burundi the WPHF is working to promote the leadership of Burundian women and their organizations through community level economic empowerment projects while supporting advocacy initiatives in the field of peacebuilding and recovery. We're empowering local women to participate and lead in effective early warning and conflict prevention initiatives such as undertaking direct conflict mediation, advising victims and liaising with local authorities. In Colombia, WPHF is working to enable women's meaningful participation in the implementation of the peace agreement and to ensure women's active engagement in the country's peacebuilding and recovery efforts. In Iraq, WPHF aims to promote and enhance women's engagement, leadership, empowerment and participation in decision making to counter violent extremism. The WPHF is providing support to women's organizations in Iraq, such as the Women Parliamentary Committee and the Higher Council of Women Affairs, to spearhead peacebuilding interventions and promote wider social cohesion. In the Pacific (Solomon Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu & Samoa): Women and girls across the Pacific are disproportionately affected by climate change and natural disasters. They are systematically kept away from preparedness and response processes, reflected in the low level of women's representation in decision making. WPHF is supporting the development of an innovative and sustainable model of engaging women's civil society organizations and mainstreaming gender into humanitarian response throughout the Pacific.



'Members of an IRC-organized savings and loans association in Liberia. Peter Biro/IRC

Protection

Responding to GBV in Acute Emergency and Protracted Humanitarian Crises

In 2019 Irish Aid and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) entered a new three-year Strategic Partnership: “*Responding to GBV in Acute Emergency and Protracted Humanitarian Crises 2019-2021*” worth €4.5 million.

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) has a longstanding history of working in humanitarian crises and is recognised as a global leader in preventing, mitigating and responding to gender based violence in emergencies. Ireland’s partnership with the IRC has worked to put the interests of women and girls at the centre of humanitarian programming, addressing acute needs in the most severe, and often forgotten crises.

Through the new Strategic Partnership, IRC will provide life-saving GBV response services; engage in empowerment programming with women and girls from crisis affected populations; carry out community level advocacy to address norms around GBV; and work to build the capacity of local NGOs working on GBV response. The partnership will operate in five countries: South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Cameroon.

Justice Rapid Response

Ireland supports the work of Justice Rapid Response, who provide a wide range of specialized expertise to assist national, regional and international accountability mechanisms with the jurisdiction or mandate to investigate, fact-find or carry out inquiries wherever mass atrocities may have occurred. JRR deployed three investigators to support the International Criminal Court's (ICC) investigations in the DRC, including an SGBV investigator, who was deployed in partnership with UN Women. The SGBV investigator assisted in collecting evidence that enabled the prosecution to demonstrate the alleged criminal conduct of Bosco Ntaganda in the commission of sexual crimes, and **ultimately led in July 2019 the ICC Trial Chamber VI to unanimously convict Ntaganda of the sexual and gender-based crimes charges** brought by the Prosecution. This conviction marks the first time that the ICC has found a defendant guilty of the crime of sexual slavery, and the first time that the ICC has held a commander responsible for sexual crimes perpetrated by his troops against members of their own forces. Ntaganda's conviction for the forced enlistment of boys and girls in armed groups, and the perpetration of sexual violence against them, is an important step forward in ensuring justice for children in conflict.



Women Peace and Security was a key theme during the visit of 35 Permanent Representatives to the United Nations in New York to Ireland in November. Sonya Hyland (right to left), the first female Political Director at Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is pictured with Fatima K. Mohammed, Permanent Representative of the African Union to the United Nations, Dearbhail McDonald (Journalist) Salome Mbugua (IHREC),

Promotion

Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

The International Gender Champions Disarmament Impact Group, co-chaired by Ambassador Gaffey in Geneva, held their second annual working lunch on 12 September 2019. The Group identified priorities for 2020, including engagement in the review conferences of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the Convention on Cluster Munitions, and marking the significant anniversary of UNSCR1325 through continued awareness raising on the links between disarmament and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

NAP Lesson Sharing

The Conflict Resolution Unit has engaged in lesson sharing initiatives on the development of WPS National Action Plans with a number of other countries including Malta (pictured above), Lithuania, New Zealand and Bulgaria. Please click this link to see a video of a number of lessons shared with colleagues in the Netherlands by the Director of the Conflict Resolution Unit, Áine Hearn: <http://https://dfa-ie.sharefile.eu/share/view/s3d9092b3ad843259>

Women in International Security

On 5 June Ireland organized a book launch together with WIIS Brussels (Women in International Security Brussels) for "[NATO, Gender and the Military: Women organising from within](#)", first published on 7 May in the Routledge Studies on Gender and Security series. The event consisted of an expert panel discussion with the authors, Dr Katharine A. M. Wright, Dr Matthew Hurley and Col. (Rt) Jesus Ignacio Gil Ruiz, joined by Ms Clare Hutchinson, NATO Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security and moderated by myself.

Rose Gottemoeller, former Deputy Secretary General NATO

In September, Rose Gottemoeller, former Deputy Secretary General NATO and former Head of Arms Control under the Obama and Clinton administrations, visited Dublin to address the IIEA on The Resilience of UNSCR1325. She also engaged in discussions on the development of Ireland's 3rd NAP and met with a range of civil society representatives, including a number engaged in the NI peace process, all with a particular focus on the role of women. She also met with women peacekeepers from the Irish Defence Forces and An Gardaí Síochána, who have served very effectively in a range of multilateral peacekeeping missions overseas . ([see photograph](#) of this group together with SG Burgess, Director ISP Orla Tunney and Ambassador Helena Nolan.) She expressed deep appreciation for the leadership role, experience and expertise of Ireland on WPS issues.



An important commitment in Ireland's NAP is to strengthen capacity and training of our staff around gender equality, GBV and gender-sensitive conflict analysis. We were delighted to have Dr Aisling Swaine, LSE, deliver a Gender Equality and WPS training to our Missions on Video Conference and to our NAP implementers at Iveagh House.

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