

WOMEN, PEACE & SECURITY
BPW International

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BPW Program Outline:

- **Guidelines, suggested initiatives, and regional resources** [*see following*]
- **Presentation** for BPW regional conferences, international congress, other venues

Background:

- Landmark [Resolution 1325](#) (2000)* of the UN Security Council, on the relationship between [gender, peace and security](#);
- [Six additional resolutions](#) have been made since then: [R1820](#) (2008), [R1888](#) (2009), [R1889](#) (2009), [R1960](#) (2010), [R2106](#) (2013), and [R2122](#) (2013), with [10-](#) and [15-](#)year analyses of progress;
- UN member nations have developed their own programs [*sample reports, below*];
- [Women and Peace Agreements Database](#) (PA-X) has been developed;
- UN Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality [IANWGE] has a [Standing Committee on Women, Peace and Security](#);
- UN Women has developed a [Sourcebook on Women, Peace and Security](#) and is deeply involved in [analysis](#), including [facts & figures](#), an [infographic](#), and a [thematic brief](#), as well as related [programming](#) and initiatives.

***Four pillars of R1325:**

- **Prevention:** Prevention of conflict and all forms of violence against women and girls in conflict and post-conflict situations
- **Participation:** Women participate equally with men and gender equality is promoted in peace and security decision-making processes at national, local, regional and international levels
- **Protection:** Women's and girls' rights are protected and promoted in conflict-affected situations
- **Relief and Recovery:** Women and girls' specific relief needs are met and women's capacities to act as agents in relief and recovery are reinforced in conflict and post-conflict situations

BPW Affiliate Guidelines:

- 1) Form a “Women, Peace and Security” taskforce within your affiliate
- 2) Identify the security issues for women and girls in your area
- 3) Identify whether your country has a “Women, Peace and Security” National Action Plan [NAP] – and is there one in your region [Regional Action Plan / RAP]? If so: review it
- 4) Select one of these areas for your initiative:
 - a. Women on government security council
 - b. Women in negotiation teams
 - c. Women in peacekeeping forces
 - d. Community projects [see following for examples]
- 5) Identify the necessary resources for your initiative
- 6) Develop your action plan and gather your resources
- 7) Engage your members and initiate
- 8) Evaluate in follow-up

Suggested Initiatives:

- **Advocacy**
 - For: Women to serve on government security councils, negotiation teams, peacebuilding and post-conflict planning taskforces
 - For: Women to serve in peacekeeping forces
 - For: National Action Plan [NAP] -- if your country doesn't yet have one; or, for Monitoring, if it does
 - Methods: letters/emails, petitions, demonstrations, work with local representatives, peace and humanitarian organizations, other women's organizations
- **Community**
 - Refugee Camps: work with local humanitarian aid efforts to provide skills-building for women
 - Run a community campaign against Gender-Based Violence

- Run a community campaign for Security of Women & Girls
- Develop a comprehensive resources page for women regarding peace and security, anti-violence, and skills-building resources in your area – post it on your website, share it with other women’s groups and government
- **Education**
 - Public Symposium: on UN Resolution 1325 and security issues for women and girls in conflict and post-conflict society, as well as in refugee camps
 - Public Symposium: to identify women to serve on security councils and in peacekeeping forces
 - Public Symposium: on human trafficking: prevention and rescue
 - Public Roundtable Discussion: the role of media and civil society in Women, Peace & Security issues
 - Training: Know Your Rights: Legal rights of women and girls to security: local laws
 - Training: How to serve on a security council – the WPS issue in detail
 - Training: Self-defence for women and girls
 - Training: Conflict-resolution and mediation skills
 - Training: Skills for refugee women: language, culture, employment skills
 - Training: for government, military, police re: sexual and gender-based violence in conflict/post-conflict society

REGIONAL RESOURCES:

- **UN Women Factsheets**
 - [Arab States / Northern Africa](#)
 - [Asia-Pacific](#)
 - [Eastern / Southern Africa](#)
 - [Europe and Central Asia](#)
 - [Latin America / Caribbean](#)
 - [Western / Central Africa](#)
 - [General](#)

- **UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women:**
 - [Factsheet by Region](#)
- **Sampling of national reports:**
 - [Africa: DRC & CAR\)](#)
 - [Australia](#)
 - [Brazil](#)
 - [Canada](#)
 - [Spain](#)
 - [UAE](#)

International Organisations for Women and Peace:

- [NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security](#)
 - [Observer status with: IANWGE standing committee on Women, Peace and Security]
- [PeaceWomen: Women's International League for Freedom and Peace](#)
 - [A project of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom, UN Office]
- [Inclusive Security: Women Waging Peace Network](#)
 - [International network of experts, w/ NGO and civil society partners]

Additional Resources:

- [UN Women Peace and Security brief](#)
- [UN Women Sourcebook on Women, Peace and Security](#)
- [UN Women Global Study on Implementation of Res.1325](#)
- [UN Women: High-level Review of Resolution 1325](#)
- [Women's Meaningful Participation Still the Missing Ingredient in Peacekeeping](#) [UN Women]
- [Our Rights are Fundamental to Peace](#) [Human Rights Watch]
- [Monthly Action Plan \(July 2017\)](#) [NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security]
- [Women, Peace and Security](#) [OHCHR]
- [Where are the Women? How the UN is Falling Short on Gender and Conflict](#) [UN University Center for Policy Research]
- [Why Women? Inclusive Security and Peaceful Societies](#) [Inclusive Security]
- [Peacemaker's Toolkit](#) [US Institute of Peace]
- VIDEO: [Side by Side – Women, Peace and Security](#) [UN Women]
- VIDEO: [Inclusive Security: Stop a War and Thwart the Next](#) [Inclusive Security]
- VIDEO: [The Role of Women in Global Stability](#) [Inclusive Security]
- VIDEO: [Time to Re-set the Table: Women in Peace Talks Around the World](#) [International Peace Institute]

FOR STILL MORE INFORMATION:

- [How to Design Projects to End Violence Against Women and Girls](#)
- [Essential Services Package for Women and Girls Subject to Violence](#)

