Expert Workshop
Advancing the Implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Africa:
Overcoming Challenges and Seizing Opportunities
4-5 September 2019
Cairo, Egypt

4 September 2019

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Session</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>08:00-09:00</td>
<td>Registration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09:00-10:00</td>
<td>Opening and Welcome Remarks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Speakers:</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Maya Morsy, President, National Council for Women, Arab Republic of Egypt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Wael Atiya, Director of Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Jean-Bosco Butera, Special Advisor and Chief of Staff, Office of the Special Envoy on WPS, African Union</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Masaki Noke, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Arab Republic of Egypt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Randa Aboul-Hosn, Resident Representative in Egypt, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Jacqueline O’Neill, Women, Peace and Security Ambassador, Canada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Janneke van der Graaff-Kukler, Regional Director Ad Interim for the Arab States, UN Women</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Ashraf Swelam, Director General, Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution Peacekeeping &amp; Peacebuilding (CCCPA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00-10:30</td>
<td>Group Photo and Coffee Break</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:30-12:00</td>
<td>Session 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Session 1**
Taking Stock of the Implementation of the WPS Agenda in Africa:
Enhancing African Women’s Role in Conflict Prevention and Sustaining Peace

This session will take stock of the implementation of the WPS agenda in Africa. It will highlight progress, identify persisting and emerging challenges and gaps across the various pillars of the WPS agenda, and propose solutions that would advance its comprehensive and meaningful implementation. The session will also shed light on the important contribution of the AU, most notably through the Gender, Peace, and Security Programme (2015-2020) and the recently-launched Continental Results Framework (CRF) earlier this year, which will monitor the implementation
by AU member states and other relevant stakeholders of various African and international instruments and other commitments on women, peace and security in Africa. It will shed light on the progress achieved and the persisting challenges to gender-mainstreaming across the continuum of AU peace interventions:

1. What is the status of the implementation of the WPS agenda in Africa? How much progress has been achieved, particularly since the Global Study of 2015? What are some lessons learned and good practices emerging from efforts of African women and women organizations in preventing conflict and building and sustaining peace in Africa? What are the persisting obstacles? How can those obstacles be overcome through innovative policy advocacy, creative programming, and new partnerships?

2. What is the role of the AU in advancing the meaningful and comprehensive implementation of the WPS agenda? How can that role be enhanced? What have been the concrete results of the AU’s Gender, Peace and Security Program? What concrete outcomes can be expected from the Continental Results Framework? What are the challenges facing the AU’s role and how can they be overcome?

Speakers:
- Jean-Bosco Butera, Special Advisor and Chief of Staff, Office of the Special Envoy on WPS, African Union Commission
- Rana Magdy, Capacity Building Officer, Women, Gender and Development Directorate, African Union Commission
- Hasna Barkat, Facilitator, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Women and Peace Forum
- Diago Ndiaye, President, Réseau Paix et Sécurité pour les Femmes de l’Espace CEDEAO (REPSFECO), Republic of Senegal
- Samia Nihar, Program Manager, Gender and Development Unit Development Studies and Research Institute, University of Khartoum
- May Salem, Program Manager, Preventing Radicalization and Extremism Leading to Terrorism (PRELT) and DDR, Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution Peacekeeping & Peacebuilding (CCCPA)

Moderator:
- Jeannine Abatan, Researcher, Institute for Security Studies (ISS), Regional Office for West Africa, the Sahel and the Lake Chad Basin

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>12:00-12:30</th>
<th>Coffee Break</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>12:30-14:00</td>
<td>Session 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>More than a Seat at the Table:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The Experiences of FemWise, Regional and International Women Mediators Networks</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This session will highlight the establishment of the Network of African Women in Conflict Prevention and Mediation (FemWise-Africa) as a breakthrough in advancing the participation pillar of UNSCR 1325. It will take stock of the achievements. It will also explore the potential of
leveraging the network’s unique position within the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) to act as a locomotive for advancing the WPS implementation across the continuum of the AU peace interventions, from conflict prevention to sustaining peace, as well as to act as a platform for strategic advocacy of the WPS agenda on the national and regional levels. The session will also draw on lessons learned from regional and international women mediators’ networks, and develop concrete recommendations to advance the meaningful participation of women in efforts of conflict prevention and resolution, including the nature of external support needed:

1. How did the establishment and activities of FemWise and regional women mediator networks advance the implementation of the WPS agenda in Africa? What are the persisting challenges? How can FemWise leverage its unique position within the AU to maximize its contribution to the implementation of the WPS agenda in Africa and at the AU?

2. How should regional and international support to advancing the implementation of the WPS agenda evolve with the changing needs on the local, regional and continental levels?

Speakers:
- Mukondeleli Mpeiwa, Secretariat of the Network of African Women in Conflict Prevention and Mediation (FemWise-Africa)
- Mable Chawinga, Peace & Security Expert and Mediator, Women Mediators Commonwealth Network
- Cisse Nana Aicha, Regional Coordinator, La Plateforme des Femmes du G5 Sahel

Moderator:
- Ashraf Swelam, Director General, Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution Peacekeeping & Peacebuilding (CCCPA)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Session 3 (Open Discussion)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14:00-15:00</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15:00-17:00</td>
<td>African Experiences with Implementing National and Regional Action Plans (NAPs/RAPs)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This session will highlight lessons learned and good practices emerging from African national and regional experiences in developing, implementing and evaluating NAPs. The focus will be on success stories in using NAPs as an instrument for achieving high impact in advancing the full and comprehensive implementation of the WPS agenda. It will also shed light on the significant, yet often-underappreciated, role of local actors, including women and women organizations and networks, in advancing the local implementation of NAPs and the WPS agenda at large on the local level:

1. How effective have African National Action Plans been in producing concrete advancements in the implementation of the WPS Agenda on the national levels? What are the lessons learned and good practices emerging from African experiences in developing, implementing and evaluating national action plans?
2. **What has been the contribution of Regional Action Plans to ensure the meaningful advancement and implementation of the WPS agenda on the regional level, as well as to encourage the development of National Action Plans?**

**Speakers:**
- Victor Shipoh, Director, Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, Republic of Namibia
- Dejla Guetari, UNSCR 1325 and WPS Focal Point, Ministry of Women, Family and Children's Affairs, Republic of Tunisia
- Pauline Adhong Malok, Minister Plenipotentiary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of South Sudan
- Samia Nihar, Program Manager, Gender and Development Unit Development Studies and Research Institute, University of Khartoum
- Hasna Barkat, Facilitator, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Women and Peace Forum
- Eliane Berthe Mokodopo, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)
- Agnieszka Fal-Dutra Santos, Program Coordinator, Global Network for Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)
- Paivi Kannisto, Chief of Peace and Security, UNWomen

**Moderator:**
- Miki Jacevic, Vice Chair, Inclusive Security

**17:00**
**Free Time and Social Program**

**5 September 2019**

### Session 4

From Box-Checking to High Impact:
Designing, Implementing and Evaluating High Impact NAPs

*This session will introduce participants to state-of-the-art knowledge and tools that can be utilized for the development, implementation, and evaluation of National Action Plans for the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda:*

**Speakers:**
- Jacqueline O’Neill, Women, Peace, and Security Ambassador, Canada
- Miki Jacevic, Vice Chair, Inclusive Security
- Sofia Dohmen, Gender and Conflict Advisor for the MENA Region, Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Kingdom of Sweden
- Rachel Dore-Weeks, Women, Peace, and Security Advisor, UN Women Regional Office for the Arab States

**Moderator:**
- Agnieszka Fal-Dutra Santos, Program Coordinator, Global Network for Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)
11:00-11:30 Coffee break

Session 5
Enhancing African Female Participation in UN Peacekeeping and AU Peace Support Operations

This session seeks to explore avenues for enhancing African women’s participation in peacekeeping operations and overcoming barriers hindering African countries’ ability to meet their commitments towards gender-parity in UN peacekeeping contributions. The session will also shed light on national and international initiatives that can contribute to progress:

1. What kind of structural barriers hinder female participation in peacekeeping operations? How are national governments overcoming these barriers? Is there a role for the AU and RECs/RMs? How can capacity building activities contribute to these efforts?
2. What are the new and innovative international policies, programs, and partnerships (Example: Elsie Initiative)? What are the lessons learned?

Speakers:
- Felicia Twum-Barima, Brigadier General, General Headquarters-Armed Forces, Republic of Ghana
- Goretti Mwenzangu, Senior Superintendent of Police, National Police, Republic of Rwanda
- Jacqueline O’Neill, Women, Peace and Security Ambassador, Canada
- Esraa Saied, Peacekeeping Program Manager, Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution Peacekeeping & Peacebuilding (CCCPA)

Moderator:
- Liezelle Kumalo, Researcher, Peace Operations and Peacebuilding, Institute for Security Studies (ISS)

11:30-13:00

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Session 6 (Open Discussion)
Wrap-up and Recommendations

Towards a Comprehensive and Meaningful Implementation of the WPS Agenda in Africa: The Way Forward

Based on the outcomes of two days of deliberation, this session will aim to produce strategic, policy and programmatic recommendations to advance the comprehensive and meaningful implementation of the WPS agenda in Africa, including immediate and short-term actions that can be taken in the lead up to the 20th Anniversary of UNSC resolution 1325:

Moderator:
- Ashraf Swelam, Director General, Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution Peacekeeping & Peacebuilding (CCCPA)

14:00-15:00

15:00- Free Time and Departures
Strategic Partners

The Aswan Forum is an Egyptian initiative, owned by Africa and supported by the international community. This event was made possible in part, by the generous contributions of the governments of Japan, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).