

Civil Society Dialogue Network

Revising the EU's Comprehensive Approach to Women Peace and Security: Expert working meeting

Tuesday 25 September 2018, 08:45 . 15:45
Scotland House, Schuman Roundabout 6, 1040 Brussels

Background

Throughout 2018, the EEAS's Principal Advisor on Gender (PAG) has led a timely process through the EU informal Task Force (EUITF) to revise and update the EU's Comprehensive Approach to UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) 1325 and 1820 (2008) and replace it with an EU Strategic Approach to Women, Peace and Security (WPS).

Civil society organisations have deeply engaged in the development of UNSCRs 1325+, the basis for the Comprehensive Approach, and for their implementation from communities affected by conflict across the world, to the corridors of power and high diplomacy.

The EUITF will meet on 14 September 2018 for a drafting session, and EU-internal consultations on that draft will take place at the beginning of October, before the EUITF meets to finalise the proposal on 24 October 2018.

Civil society organisations are ready to contribute their expertise and experience to this process. Given the timeframe of the drafting process, this input needs to be presented to the office of the PAG by the end of September.

Objectives

This one-day CSDN workshop will gather civil society experts in the field of WPS to make specific contributions to the drafting process of the Strategic Approach to WPS. The specific objectives are to make recommendations for strengthening the draft Strategic Approach by taking into account:

- how best practice and the state of the art has evolved since the adoption of the Comprehensive Approach (2008)
- experience from the field and lessons learnt from the implementation of the Comprehensive Approach
- ways to improve implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

To maximise efficiency, the meeting will work closely to a draft document provided by the office of the PAG and provide concrete inputs before the EU interagency consultation (early October) and the drafting meeting of the EUITF on 24 October 2018.

Participants

The meeting will bring together approximately 15 participants, including specialists in WPS programming and/or policy drawn from the membership of EPLO, CONCORD, the HRDN and VOICE, representatives of the office of PAG and other EU officials on advisement.

Format

As the meeting is intended to produce specific recommendations, including proposals for textual amendments, the meeting will be divided into working groups. The meeting will include an editorial team (including Laura Davis (EPLO), Nabila Habbida, (EPLO), others TBC) which will consolidate drafts for group review.

DRAFT AGENDA

08.45 . 09.00	Registration of participants
09.00 . 09.15	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPLO • Charlotte ISAKSSON, Senior advisor, Office of PAG, EEAS
09.15 . 09.30	Plenary session 1: State of play Introductory comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlotte ISAKSSON, EEAS • Laura DAVIS (EPLO) <p>This session will frame subsequent discussions by starting with an overview of where the process to revise the CA1325 is currently at, and plans for the future. It will establish expectations for and limitations to the day's work, and introduce the methodology of the workshop.</p>
09.30 . 11.00	Parallel working groups Participants will split into small groups and provide their comments on the draft document provided by PAG. Each group will include a moderator, a rapporteur and note-taker.
11.00 . 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 . 13.00	Parallel working groups (continued)
13.00 . 14.00	Lunch (and text consolidation by editorial team)
14.00 . 15.00	Plenary session 2: Discussion of the consolidated text Outstanding questions/problems identified and discussed.
15.00 . 15.30	Next steps: process and recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlotte ISAKSSON (EEAS) • Laura DAVIS (EPLO)
15.30 . 15.45	Closing Remarks

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