

Closing the Accountability Gap: The Role of the Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action

Hybrid Side Event to Commemorate the 22nd Anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325

21 October 2022; 9:00am to 10:30am (EDT)
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Concept Note

October 2022 will mark 22 years since the adoption of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security. Over the past two decades, as challenges to women’s rights, leadership, participation and protection in peace, security and crisis contexts persist, calls for the full implementation of the normative framework of the women, peace and security agenda have become more urgent. So too has the need for global mobilization against the steady rollback of hard-won rights already secured for women and girls, and to address the specific risks faced by women human rights defenders, advocates, peacebuilders, refugees and other forcibly displaced and stateless women and girls.

Since its launch in July 2021 during the Generation Equality Forum, the Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action ([WPS-HA Compact](#)) has galvanized support as a multi-stakeholder, inter-regional and intergenerational movement for accelerated and transformative action on women, peace and security and gender-responsive humanitarian action. By joining the WPS-HA Compact, more than 180 Compact Signatories comprising Member States, United Nations entities, regional organizations, private sector actors, and civil society – including women-led organizations, NGOs, and academic institutions have responded to a call to action for a voluntary, multistakeholder monitoring and accountability process. This process aims to realize existing WPS-HA commitments, strengthen coordination across existing WPS-HA mechanisms, and promote financing for and visibility of the Women, Peace and Security agenda and on Humanitarian Action.

Together with incoming WPS-HA Compact Board Co-Chairs, Norway and the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), WPS-HA Compact Signatories will gather on October 21, 2022, to discuss the bold and transformative action that is needed to address current challenges faced by women and girls in conflict and crisis situations across the globe. The WPS-HA Compact Secretariat will also officially launch the Compact Monitoring Framework (CMF) indicators, jointly developed with Compact Board and Catalytic members and Signatories, and introduce the CMF self-reporting portal, which will inform the Compact’s first accountability report in 2023.

Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Introductory statements by incoming WPS-HA Compact Board Co-Chairs
- Presentation on the WPS-HA Compact Monitoring Framework – WPS-HA Compact Secretariat
- Moderated Discussion with Q&A – WPS-HA Compact Signatories
- Closing Reflections by incoming WPS-HA Compact Board Co-Chairs

