



## The Power of WPS: Advancing Inclusive Decision-Making in Peace and Security

### Concept Note

**Host:** Republic of Namibia

**Co-Hosts:** WPS-HA Compact, UN Women, African Union

**Occasion:** Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325

**Time:** 3pm - 5pm followed by a reception

**Date:** October 27, 2025

**Venue:** ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

**Format:** In person with webcast on UN Web TV

**Registration:** <https://wpscompact.org/events/thepowerofwps/>

### **Background and Context:**

In October 2000, under the Presidency of the Republic of Namibia, the United Nations Security Council adopted **Resolution 1325**, a groundbreaking international commitment to recognising and promoting the role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, peace negotiations, peacebuilding, peacekeeping, humanitarian response, and post-conflict reconstruction.

Twenty-five years later, the international community reflects on the legacy and ongoing implementation of this landmark resolution, as well as best practices in advancing the Agenda into the next quarter century. As **Chair of the Board of the Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action (WPS-HA) Compact**, Namibia, in partnership with Compact Signatories, is convening this commemorative event to reaffirm the centrality of women's leadership in peace and security, elevate the gains made, and harness collective action across regions and generations to advance the WPS agenda going forward.

The WPS-HA Compact is a global multistakeholder initiative that brings together Member States, UN entities, regional organizations, private sector actors, and civil society – including women-led organizations, youth-led organizations, and academic institutions to accelerate implementation of the WPS agenda and gender-responsive humanitarian action. More than 240 Signatories are taking action to ensure that women and girls are meaningfully included in peace processes, humanitarian efforts, and the decisions that affect their lives.

Despite the proliferation of conflicts and crises and the rollback of women's rights and gender equality around the world, Resolution 1325 continues to offer us hope and a way forward. This commemorative event will spotlight innovative strategies and concrete actions to ensure women are not just included but are afforded the opportunity to be influential in shaping peace outcomes.



## Objectives

- To commemorate Namibia's historic leadership in the adoption of UNSCR 1325 and its continued commitment to advancing the WPS agenda and implementing the Windhoek+25 Declaration.
- To advocate for the full inclusion of women in all aspects of peace processes and humanitarian action.
- To launch the WPS-HA Compact Accountability Report and highlight impactful policies, practices, and Compact commitments that have supported women's leadership in peace and security.
- To foster cross-regional dialogue and collaboration among Member States, UN entities, regional organizations, civil society, and the private sector aimed at accelerating implementation of WPS commitments.