

The Next Decade of Women, Peace and Security: Consolidating National Action, Regional Collaboration, and Global Accountability

Monday, October 26, 2026 | Conference Room 6, UNHQ | 4pm-6pm

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Programme

Moderator: Harriette Williams Bright, Secretariat Coordinator, WPS Focal Points Network and WPS-HA Compact Lead, UN Women

4:05 – 4:10 Welcome Remarks

- H.E. Penda A. Naanda, Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations

4:11 – 4:16 Opening Remarks

- Ms. Paivi Kaarina Kannisto, Chief, Peace, Security and Resilience, UN Women

4:17 – 4:50 Panel Discussion

Current status of the WPS agenda, as per the Secretary-General's WPS report, and perspectives from WPS practitioners with focus on regional impacts, emerging issues

- Dr. Jasmin Nario-Galace, CEO of the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders
- Ms. Pravina Makan-Lakha, Associate Director, Open Society Foundations
- Dr. Lara Scarpitta, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Looking ahead in a changing political landscape – multilateralism, emerging issues, WPS positioning

- Mr. Sæther Gjermund, Special Envoy, Women, Peace and Security, Norway
- Ms. Catherine Renee Andela, Chief of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs - Department of Peace Operations (DPPA-DPO) Gender Unit, United Nations

5:00 – 5:10 Panel Reflections

- H. E. Liberata Mulamula, African Union Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security

5:15 – 5:55 Interactive Dialogue / Audience Q&A

5:55 – 6:00 Closing Remarks

- H.E. Penda A. Naanda, Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations