



Kvinna till Kvinna

EQUAL POWER Æ LASTING PEACE: Invitation to a conference on women and conflict resolution

Date:	11 October 2012
Time:	09:00-17:00 (registration starts at 08:30)
Venue:	European Parliament, Bât. Altiero Spinelli, 60 rue Wiertz / Wiertzstraat 60, Brussels, Belgium
Language:	English
Registration:	Please register to the conference by no later than 28 September 2012 at www.equalpowerlastingpeace.org/rsvp/conference
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Sustainable peace building and conflict resolution is one of the major challenges of our time. Experience and studies show that a majority of peace agreements fail within just a few years. There is a need for a more **inclusive process** in order to make peace last.

UN Security Council Resolution 1325 stresses that equal participation of men and women in peace processes is essential to achieving lasting peace. Twelve years after its adoption, **women are still vastly underrepresented in peace and reconstruction processes**. The challenges are to turn words into deeds, theory into practice and policy into implementation.

The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation launches the report *Equal Power – Lasting Peace* that identifies **the key obstacles to women’s participation in peace processes**. It is based on the experiences and knowledge of 79 women peacebuilders, active in five different conflict contexts: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq and Liberia. The report provides the EU and other regional and international organisations with recommendations on how to eliminate or reduce these obstacles.

Welcoming remarks will be held by Ms Helga Schmid, Deputy Secretary-General for Political Affairs in the EEAS and Ms Teresita Quintos-Deles, Adviser to the President on the Peace Process in the Philippines, is key note speaker. Panelists include representatives from the EEAS and the European Commission as well as academics and representatives from civil society. Closing remarks will be made by Ms Sanam Anderlini, Research Fellow, MIT Center for International Studies.

We hope you can join us!

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Conference at the European Parliament in Brussels on 11 October 2012

AGENDA

- 08:30-09:00 *Registration*
- 09:00-09:45 **Opening remarks and key note speech.**
Helga Schmid, Deputy Secretary-General for Political Affairs, EEAS; Teresita Quintos-Deles, Adviser to the President on the Peace Process in the Philippines
- 09:45-10:00 **Documentary screening: *Three women. Three wars. Three cameras.***
- 10:00-10:30 *Coffee break*
- 10:30-10:50 **Presentation of the report *Equal Power Æ Lasting Peace.***
- 10:50-12:00 **17 years of a gender blind peace agreement: How can the EU support the struggle for democracy in post-conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina?**
Introduction: Åsa Westlund, MEP. Moderator: Lena Ag, the Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation. Panelists: Alexandra Petrić, United Women; Jonas Jonsson, Western Balkans, EEAS; Paola Pampaloni, DG Enlargement, EC; Jasna Bakšić-Muftić, University of Sarajevo.
- 12:00-13:00 *Lunch*
- 13:00-14:15 **Make room for peace: How to achieve inclusive peace negotiations.**
Introduction: Norica Nicolai, MEP. Moderator: Sanam Anderlini, MIT. Panelists: Joëlle Jenny, Peace Building, Conflict Prevention and Mediation, EEAS; Walter Stevens, Crisis Management and Planning Department, EEAS; Monica McWilliams, University of Ulster; Gulnara Shahinian, Democracy Today.
- 14:15-14:45 *Coffee break*
- 14:45-16:00 **Where are the women? The major obstacles to women's participation in peace processes, the role of the EU and the way forward.**
Introduction: Mikael Gustafsson, MEP. Moderator: Catherine Woollard, EPLO. Panelists: Teresita Quintos-Deles, Adviser to the President on the Peace Process in the Philippines; Olof Skoog, Political and Security Committee, EEAS; Kristian Schmidt, Human and Society Development, DEVCO, EC (tbc); Louis Telemachou, Representative of Cyprus on the Political and Security Committee.
- 16:00-16:45 **Closing remarks.** Sanam Anderlini, MIT Center for International Studies
- 17:00-19:30 **Cocktail reception hosted by the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the European Union.**
Venue: Square de Meeûs 30, Brussels. RSVP: by 28 September 2012 to therese.arnewing@kvinnatillkvinna.se