

Voices from the Field -- Prelude to the Peace Forum

Call to Action

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Peace and gender justice are matters of human security and human rights. We share the responsibility for upholding them.

We – as civil society and the feminist peace movement – work to create a world that realises the full and equal rights of all, and that ends our current system based on the abuse of power, militarism, and cultures of male dominance.

Our governments, the United Nations, and other civil society members have a normative and legal obligation to remove the barriers that stand in the way.

At the fifteenth anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, we recommit to a transformative peace agenda to create a political economy of peace and gender justice. Men, boys, male-identified people, governments, and the international community must join us so that we can, together, move our world forward.

Let us:

1. Think and Act with Vision

Peace and gender justice are rooted in human rights and preventing violence and armed conflict. Preventing sexual and gender-based violence in conflict is one part – but only one part – of the solution.

2. Build Wider Constituencies for Change

Moving from violence and war as the norm to justice and peace requires going beyond the “true believers” of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda and building wider constituencies for action.

The Global Study on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 is a road map as to how we can begin removing barriers to peace and gendered justice to move our world forward. It illustrated too that despite the resolutions we have made as an international community, we have not yet achieved the commitments they contained.

It is time to take personal, political, and international action, to promote policies that ensure local action for demilitarisation, conflict prevention, women’s human rights, and sustainable peace and gender justice.

Join us! It is time to move our world forward together.