



## **CALL TO ACTION**

# **WOMEN TRANSFORMING PEACE AND SECURITY**

We are united this year to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark UN Security Council Resolution 1325 that recognizes the importance of women as equal and active participants and leaders in international peace and security. Progress of its implementation has been slow and unsteady. I, therefore, urgently call for concrete and bold actions to ensure the full implementation of the women, peace and security agenda in peacekeeping contexts by all partners including Governments, the United Nations system, Regional and Civil Society Organizations.

I urge all peacekeeping partners to embrace and build on feminist approaches to international peace and security. In particular, I call on everyone to enhance women's leadership and full participation to transform peace and security, through the following actions:

**António Guterres**

*United Nations Secretary-General*



**Prioritize and invest  
in community-based  
local women's  
networks:**

By engaging, amplifying, resourcing and strengthening the role of local women as partners and agents for transformation, we increase their leadership at all stages of peace and security processes.



**Harness data and  
gender analysis  
for accountable  
decision-making:**

By closing the data gaps, bridging the digital divide and recognizing the value of women's experiences, knowledge, understanding and expertise, we improve investments and accountability in decision-making, thereby increasing efficiency and effectiveness in sustaining peace.



**Accelerate and leverage  
women's mobilization to  
transform peace and  
political processes:**

By recognizing the transformative vision of women's movements to challenge unequal power relations, harmful structural gender norms and value systems that perpetuate exclusion, we prioritize the inclusion of women rights defenders, women peacebuilders, women in security institutions, women ex-combatants, to assert their leadership in decision-making.



**Systemize women's  
leadership to inform conflict  
prevention and resolution,  
mediation, and protection:**

By institutionalizing women's leadership at all levels and recognizing their community-led conflict resolution efforts and mechanisms, we put women at the heart of peace and security, increase the credibility of processes, and leverage women's potential to secure more sustainable peace for all. By increasing efforts to combat all forms of violence against women and girls, ending impunity and investing in women rights defenders and peacebuilders we reduce their heightened risks to sexual and gender-based violence and political violence.



**Create dynamic and  
innovative partnerships  
to enhance women's  
participation:**

By forging creative partnerships for cooperation between policymakers and practitioners, and demonstrating political will, making resources available for technical gender experts we leverage our different comparative advantages to centralize women's direct participation in peace and political processes.

On this 20th anniversary of the [UN Security Council Resolution 1325](#) (2000), we take stock of the progress, evaluate the barriers and forge a collective way forward. There is no time to lose. We must join forces with the women's movements including young women who against all odds have been consistently at the forefront in advancing international peace and security. This is evidenced by the several decades of advocacy before and since the Security Council adoption of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in 2000. Despite the disruptive consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, women have continued to play critical roles on the front lines. Their powerful networks, from local to national levels, have been resilient and shown effective leadership in reshaping and adapting their peacebuilding roles.

My [Action for Peacekeeping](#) declaration of shared commitments prioritizes women, peace and security as an intrinsic and indisputable political commitment for effective peacekeeping and sustaining peace. The Department of Peace Operations has translated this framework into practice by focusing on strengthened accountability through data-driven evidence generation and analysis, enhanced field-focused partnerships, improved gender-responsive actions across all its functions and components and concerted efforts to increase the number of [women in peacekeeping](#); to deliver tangible results on women, peace and security. While there has been [promising progress](#), much remains to be done. At this important juncture, the Department of Peace Operations remains committed to accelerating and sustaining the [momentum on Women, Peace and Security](#) as a political imperative and a shared commitment.

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