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## A new agenda for Women, Peace and Security and Mediation

Side event at the 71<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
United Nations General Assembly  
United Nations Headquarters, New York

**22 September 2016, 8:00 – 9:30 am**  
**Conference Room 2**

In the context of today's global and complex peace and security challenges running from terrorism to climate change, poverty eradication to desperate migrations, and from fighting health pandemics to tackling major international crises, preventive diplomacy and mediation is seen not only as a moral imperative, but also as a strategic investment to create more peaceful and stable environments. In this context, ensuring that women are able to meaningfully participate in and influence peace processes is proving instrumental for the effectiveness of peace and security initiatives. Key findings from the Global Study on the implementation of resolution 1325 highlighted the links existing between women's meaningful inclusion in peace processes and the likelihood of more durable and stable peace.

Starting from the analysis of ongoing and recently-concluded negotiations, participants to the event will share views on the strategies that have been used to advance women's meaningful participation to secure gender positive outcomes in peace agreements, and will discuss ways to transform the best practices of women's participation in mediation and peace processes into standard practices in the field of mediation and diplomacy and in UN-led peace processes.



### Opening Session

**Cristina Gallach (moderator)**

*Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information*

**H.E. Paolo Gentiloni**

*Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy*

**H.E. Bert Koenders**

*Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands TBC*

**H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah**

*Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Namibia TBC*

*United Arab Emirates, Minister TBD*

*Spain, high-level representative TBD*

### Panel discussion

**Dr. Thania Paffenholz (moderator)**

*Director of the Inclusive Peace & Transition Initiative*

**Mr. Yannick Glemarec**

*Assistant-Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women*

**Mr. Jeffrey Feltman**

*Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, UN TBC*

**H.E. Mme. Bineta Diop**

*Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, African Union Commission*

**Ms. Mara Marinaki**

*European External Action Service Principal Advisor on Gender*

### HL Programmed interventions from the floor

**Ministers and high level representatives inscribed in a dedicated list of speakers**

*For delegations wishing to take the floor, please refer to the contacts provided*

### Q&A

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