



**Concept Note: High-Level meeting**  
**Secretary-General's Common Pledge on Women's Participation in Peace Processes**

New York, 28 October 2025 3:00PM - 5:00PM  
UN Headquarters, New York, ECOSOC Chamber

**Background**

The year 2025 marks the 25th anniversary of UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and the women, peace and security (WPS) agenda as well as the 30th anniversary of the (1995) Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Despite significant progress in advancing parts of these commitments, one of the most persistent challenges remains the continuously low levels of participation by women in peace and mediation processes. According to a frequently cited study, between the years 1992 and 2019, women constituted only 13 per cent of negotiators and six per cent of mediators in major peace processes.

The Secretary-General's [\*Common Pledge to Increase Women's Full, Equal, and Meaningful Participation in Peace Processes\*](#) was launched on 24 October 2024 at the annual Security Council debate on WPS during the Swiss presidency. To date, 37 adopters (member states, regional organizations and civil society organizations) have joined the Common Pledge.

**Objective**

The objective of this high-level meeting is to hear from women who have shaped peace processes as negotiators, civil society activists and mediators, and to showcase how Adopters of the Common Pledge are moving from commitment to concrete implementation across the Pledge's four commitment areas.

**Participants**

The event is open to all Adopters at Ministerial and/or Ambassadorial level. Civil society and the public will also be invited to attend.

**Agenda**

Opening

Greeting by Maryam Bukar Hassan, UN Global Advocate for Peace  
Opening remarks: Deputy Secretary-General  
Call for Action from a Negotiator  
Call for Action from Civil Society  
Call for Action from a Mediator

Ministerial roundtable

Moderated by USG Rosemary DiCarlo, DPPA

This segment will feature four Adopters at Ministerial/senior level who share experiences from implementing the Common Pledge and their strategic vision for the future.

Discussion

Adopters of the Common Pledge share actions taken to implement the four commitments.

Closing

- Reflections: UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous
- Closing remarks: DPPA Under-Secretary-General Rosemary DiCarlo