



ROUNDTABLE ON THE WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AGENDA

October 2020 marks the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, devoted to boosting the essential participation of women in peace negotiations; conflict prevention and resolution and peacekeeping missions; recognizing the additional suffering of women and girls in conflict and post-conflict contexts; and, in general, promoting the gender perspective in the international peace and security agenda to achieve a lasting peace.

Since the adoption of Resolution 1325, some progress has been made in the field of Women, Peace and Security, such as the commitment to and further development of its objectives by the Security Council and the United Nations system, NATO, the European Union and other international organisations, civil society and many countries through the publication of national action plans. In these two decades, different initiatives, policies and programmes have been launched to give visibility to the roles played by women in peace missions or in the prevention and resolution of armed conflicts.

However, the seriousness of the challenges outlined in the Women, Peace and Security Agenda requires moving faster than ever towards the implementation of Resolution 1325 and subsequent agreements.

This Round Table aims to be a forum for reflection and discussion on the challenges and issues posed by the Agenda in a world as complex as the one we live in. This discussion panel will gather professionals from different fields who will contribute with their own experience and reflections to achieve a fairer and more inclusive world where women should have a key role - traditionally rejected and ignored - in the resolution of situations and problems that very directly affect them.

The Round Table will be held on 23 November, 2020 from 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM (Spanish local time (GMT/UTC +1), in the assembly hall of the Instituto Universitario General Gutiérrez Mellado (General Gutiérrez Mellado University Institute). It will be a face-to-face meeting with limited capacity and on-line streaming. The event will be livestreamed on Canal UNED.

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PROGRAMME

4:00 PM: Opening Ceremony

Mr. Ricardo Mairal Usón, PhD. Rector of the UNED
Admiral Juan Francisco Martínez Núñez, Defence Undersecretary for Political Affairs (SEGENPOL)

4.30/6.30 PM: Round Table

Participants:

Lt Col. Mercedes Alba Rodríguez. Head of the Division for Equality and Personnel Social Support. Director-General for Personnel (DIGENPER) / Ministry of Defence
Ms. Alicia Altad Vigil, PhD. Director of the General Gutiérrez Mellado University Institute (IUGM) / Professor of Contemporary History, UNED
Ms. Alicia Cebada Romero, PhD. Project Coordinator of the Women for Africa Foundation / Professor at the Carlos III University
Ms. Ana Helena Chacón Echeverría. Ambassador of Costa Rica to Spain. Previously, Vice President of Costa Rica
Ms. Llani LJ Kennealy, Policy Specialist, Military Liaison Officer, Peace-keeping/UN Women
Lt Col. Álvaro Martínez-Villalobos Castillo. Vice-chairman of the Executive Committee of NATO's Committee on Gender Perspectives (NCGP)

Moderator:

Ms. María Angustias Caracuel Raya, PhD. Technical Advisor of the Cabinet of the Defence Undersecretary for Political Affairs (SEGENPOL)/Ministry of Defence

6.30 PM: Closing Ceremony

Ms. Clare Hutchinson, Special Representative of NATO's Secretary General for Women, Peace and Security
Ms. María Teresa Fernández de la Vega, Chairperson of the Women for Africa Foundation
Ms Margarita Robles, Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Spain