

2014 Humanitarian Disarmament & Arms Control Campaigns Forum

ACTION PLAN

As an output of the Forum, participants discussed the initiatives outlined below and committed to the following action points and will consider issues of gender in their work, including those relating to evidence bases, differential impact and the inclusion of women in disarmament discussions.

INITIATIVE #1) NGO statement on gender and disarmament at the UNGA First Committee

As a substantive output of this year's Forum, WILPF will facilitate the drafting of a joint civil society statement on gender and disarmament, to be delivered to First Committee on 28 October.

Action Points:

- The outline for the statement that was developed as part of the break out group will be used as the basis of a draft statement.
- Draft statement to be circulated by Ray Acheson to interested organizations for a) further input and b) endorsement. This will have to happen by 24 October.
- Statement will be delivered on 28 October as part of the NGO presentation segment.

INITIATIVE #2) Say no to all-male panels

In May 2014, [Article 36](#) began compiling [a list](#) of men pledging not to speak on all male panels in global disarmament, arms control and peace and security forums.

The purpose is to draw attention to the issue and get people to think about it. More fundamentally however, this initiative should be seen as a contribution to redressing power imbalances and discrimination on the basis of gender. 50 men have signed up so far.

Action Points:

Sign up! If you are a man, commit not to speak on an all-male panel by signing up to the list. Email info@article36.org to be added.

- Promote the list to your colleagues and contacts
- If you are invited to speak at an event, check with the organizers that there will be gender diversity. If the answer is no, ask that one or more female or other gendered speakers be invited, otherwise turn down the invitation.
- Refer panel organizers to qualified female speakers
- If you are organizing a panel, ensure that there is gender diversity among speakers
- Ask colleagues to recommend speakers if you need help
- Speak out! If you see a man panel in the making, ask the organizers why this is the case. If it goes ahead call it out and ask others to do the same. Use the twitter hashtag #ManPanel
- Develop organizational policy that requires staff to only speak on gender diverse panels
- Acknowledge efforts made within your organization and networks to promote gender diversity in the organization of panel events
- Article 36 has committed to initiating the development of :
 - o A new website or other platform to host the list
 - o Materials about the initiative for men that sign on to the list and for event organizers
 - o A LinkedIn group for those that sign onto the list

INITIATIVE #3) UNGA Resolution on Women, Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Arms Control

The government of Trinidad & Tobago will introduce a resolution at this year's First Committee that will build on previous resolutions they have championed, such as United Nations A/RES/68/33 in December 2013. This year the resolution will be far more ambitious and detailed than in past and there is a greater need for civil society to provide support. It includes references to the Arms Trade Treaty and calls for practical action such as the disaggregation of data by gender.

Action Points:

- Target Member States not yet supportive of the resolution to do so, in order to increase co-sponsors.
- Draw on CEDAW General Recommendation no 30 as it recognizes the links in provisions and given that 188 states are parties to the Convention.
- Identify champions and collaborate with a selected group of States to develop a template to report on the Resolution's implementation. This will draw on existing templates such as from the Women, Peace & Security agenda and ensure data disaggregation on sex and gender – as stipulated in the resolution – and will also include suggested indicators for implementation across operational levels.
- Promote and monitor reporting by States.
- Disseminate forthcoming and existing knowledge products which support ways to implement the Resolution, these include:
 - o A GAAV policy brief on implementing the Women, Peace & Security agenda
 - o IANSA Women's network have offered the resource of a training kit on arms control, such as for capacity building of women on the ground to be involved in national efforts to create firearms legislation and to prevent and reduce armed violence.
 - o Control Arms are developing a legal guide to support states on how to develop GBV risk criteria.

INITIATIVE #4) Mark the 100th Anniversary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

From 27 - 29 April 2015, WILPF will mark 100 years of peace-building from a gender perspective by convening the Women's Power to Stop War Conference in The Hague. The anniversary conference will focus on establishing principles of permanent peace and exploring the root causes of conflict such as patriarchy, militarism and inequality – the same subjects that WILPF's founders did in 1915.

Action Points:

- Visit <http://www.womenstopwar.org/> and Take the Pledge! You can sign on as an organization or an individual.
- Encourage others to Take the Pledge
- Participate in the Conference's [photo action](#)
- Come to the conference!

INITIATIVE #5) Support the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence Campaign (25 November – 10 December)

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991. This 16-day period also highlights other significant dates including November 29, International

Women Human Rights Defenders Day, December 1, World AIDS Day, and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. <http://16dayscwgil.rutgers.edu/2014-campaign/2014-take-action-kit>

Action Points:

- If you're already organizing an event or campaign action during this period, consider linking it up with the Campaign
- Promote the 16 Days through your organization's media and social media channels
- Support and promote those actions already being organized by IANSA Women's Network and WILPF
- Visit the website to learn more