

## National Action Plan Academy

### The OSCE Support to the implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security in the OSCE Region

19 – 20 October, 2017

Hotel “Le Méridien”

Robert-Stolz-Platz 1, 1010, Vienna, Austria

### Concept Note and Agenda

#### *CONCEPT NOTE*

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2000, the UN Security Council adopted its resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security to enhance women's active role in conflict prevention, peace building and security processes. The OSCE has recognized that promoting gender equality is among the major tools to prevent conflicts and to achieve sustainable peace. The OSCE's main document on gender equality, the 2004 Gender Action Plan, and other Ministerial Council Decisions, acknowledges the need to integrate into the activities of the OSCE, as appropriate, the relevant parts of UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on the role of women in all levels of conflict prevention, crisis management and resolution, and post-conflict rehabilitation.

Some states comply with their commitments through the creation and implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs), while others choose different national strategies. To date, almost 70 states worldwide have adopted NAPs, out of which 31 are OSCE participating States (pS). Action Plans play a central role in guiding state responses to improve protection and participation of women and helping to ensure a gender perspective across humanitarian relief and recovery response. However, challenges still remain in taking the UNSCR 1325 beyond theory and integrating it into practical work. In 2014, the OSCE, in cooperation with the Peace Research Institute in Oslo (PRIO) undertook a study of the NAPs in the OSCE region. The study identified areas that needed more coherent efforts by pS for a full implementation of the UNSCR 1325 commitments: enhancement of human and other resources; clarity of goals and responsibilities; cooperation between government and civil society, and; monitoring and evaluation processes.

### NAP Academy format and objectives:

To support pS to address these needs, the OSCE Gender Section together with the Washington-based organization Inclusive Security organized the first OSCE National Action Plan Academy in September 2016. The results of the workshop are presented in the [publication](#) *Designing Inclusive Strategies for Sustainable Security: Results-Oriented National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security* that was launched in January 2017.

Due to the positive feedback from participants of the first NAP Academy, the OSCE with its partner Inclusive Security have decided to organize the second OSCE NAP Academy workshop on 19-20 October 2017. The event will offer the practitioners of UNSCR 1325 from across the OSCE region an opportunity to come together to discuss how to enhance the implementation of UNSCR 1325. At the Academy, approximately 20 government and civil society experts complete exercises and apply tools highly interactive plenary and small group sessions to tackle shared challenges in implementing the UNSCR 1325 through Action Plans. Participants exchange experiences and engage in practical collaboration. Each Academy results in commitments from participants or practical products that can be used to increase the impact of their Action Plans.

The objectives of the workshop are threefold:

- Assist OSCE pS to develop new strategies and update existing Action Plans;
- Enhance the contact, discussion and cooperation between government and civil society involved in the implementation of the resolution;
- Strengthen awareness of inclusive security and promote constructive discussions of UNSCR 1325 on a national, regional and local level.

### Expected outcomes:

- Participants gain knowledge of challenges and best practices to advance women's inclusion in security decision-making
- Participants build skills to apply high-impact Action Plans in their country contexts
- Participants cultivate relationships with other Action Plan practitioners in the OSCE region

**Please note that the candidates for the NAP Academy have been identified, and registration for participating in the event has closed.**

**Please, send the registration by Monday 16 October 2017, to attend the Opening Session to be held on Thursday 19 October at 09.00, to Magda Jugheli, the OSCE Gender Section, [magda.jugheli@osce.org](mailto:magda.jugheli@osce.org), tel.: +43-1-514 36-6706.**

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## AGENDA

### DAY 1

**08:30 – 09:00**      **REGISTRATION**

**09:00 – 10:00**      **WELCOME**

*Opening Session*

- Opening remarks, Amarsanaa Darisuren, OSCE Senior Gender Adviser
- Introduction and workshop objectives, Mirsad (“Miki”) Jacevic and Olivia Holt-Ivry (Inclusive Security)
- Tour de Table Introductions by participants from the pS, OSCE field operations and ODIHR

**10:00 – 10:30**      **Activity: Relationship-building**

*Participants will be asked to share their experiences with UNSCR 1325 in small groups.*

**10:30 – 10:50**      **Coffee Break**

**10:50 – 11:30**      **Grounding and objectives**

*Participants will learn why women must be included in preventing, resolving, and rebuilding after deadly conflict, and how this workshop will help them advance women’s inclusion in their country contexts. Plenary.*

**11:30 – 12:00**      **Activity: the relationship between UNSC resolutions and NAP development**

*Participants will reflect on words and concepts related to women, peace, and security, and demonstrate what they mean to them. Small groups and plenary.*

**12:00 – 12:30**      **Introduction to the world of 1325 NAPs**

*Participants will learn why UNSCR 1325 and NAPs are important, and what makes a NAP high-impact. Plenary.*

**12:30 – 13:30**      **Lunch Break**

**13:30 – 14:30**      **Self-assessments: where are you on your way to a high-impact NAP?**

*Participants will determine how, on a scale, how they would rate their country on its progress towards including women in conflict prevention, peace building, and security processes. Small groups and plenary.*

**14:30 – 15:00**

**Creating political will**

*Participants will discuss how to build an enabling environment for their NAP, including by identifying supportive and opposing forces, conducting outreach, and integrating stakeholders. Small groups and plenary.*

**15:00 – 15:20**

**Coffee Break**

**15:20 – 16:10**

**Activity: defining coordination structures**

*Participants will discuss what makes cross-government coordination effective and develop a shared definition of “coordination structure.” Small groups and plenary.*

**16:10 – 16:25**

**Models of coordination: multi-agency structures**

*Participants will be introduced to three types of multi-agency coordination structures that are used to implement NAPs around the globe. Plenary.*

**16:25 – 16:45**

**Models of inclusion: civil society**

*Participants will be introduced to three models for ensuring government-civil society collaboration in NAP development and implementation. Plenary.*

**16:45 – 17:05**

**Wrap-up and closing**

**DAY 2**

**09:00 – 09:20**

**Re-cap and day’s objectives**

*Participants will re-cap what they learned in yesterday’s sessions and review their learning objectives for the day. Plenary.*

**09:20 – 11:00**

**Journey to designing a NAP: results-based planning**

*Participants will reflect on how they use results-based planning in their everyday lives and how it can be used to benefit NAP implementation. Plenary.*

**11:00 – 11:20**

**Coffee Break**

**11:20 – 12:00**

**Activity: making the case for your NAP**

*Participants will learn why collaborative monitoring and evaluation of NAPs is important, and how it will help with data collection and analysis to promote the benefits of a NAP. Small groups and plenary.*

**12:00 – 13:00**

**Lunch Break**

**13:00 – 14:30**

**Action planning**

*Participants will apply the knowledge and skills they've gained thus far to plan, concretely, what they will do to develop or revise their country's NAP and who will be responsible for which tasks. Small groups and plenary.*

**14:30 – 14:45**

**Set up for gallery walk**

*Participants will hang their action plans around the room.*

**14:45 – 15:30**

**Gallery walk and discussion**

*Participants will review each other's action plans around the room and discuss them as the broader group. Plenary.*

**15:30 – 16:00**

**Wrap-up and closing with Coffee**

- Gender Adviser Leena Avonius (OSCE) and Miki Jacevic (Inclusive Security)