

**Conflict Cycle Seminar**  
**“Ten years after Vilnius – Advancing an inclusive ‘whole-of-OSCE’ approach  
to prevent violent conflict and build sustainable peace”**

Virtually, via Zoom

17 - 19 May 2021

**Detailed Programme**

**Monday, 17 May 2021**

**14:00 – 14:30**

**High-level opening session**

The panel will discuss how to ensure the coherent implementation of the OSCE’s tools for conflict prevention and resolution in practice, with inclusivity at its heart. The session will be web-streamed live and can be watched on <https://www.osce.org/chairmanship/486220>.

**Panellists:** H.E. Ann Linde, Swedish Minister of Foreign Affairs and OSCE Chairperson in Office, CiO  
Mr. Marcin Przydacz, Polish Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Amb. Helga Schmid, OSCE Secretary General  
Amb. Miroslav Jenča, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas  
Ms. Ekaterine Gamakharia, Head of Tbilisi Office, Cultural Humanitarian Fund “Sukhumi”

**Moderator:** Amb. Petra Lärke, Head of the Swedish OSCE Chairpersonship Task Force

**14:30 – 16:00**

**Working session on a ‘whole-of-OSCE’ approach with a focus on early warning and conflict prevention**

The session will focus on how to best implement an inclusive ‘whole-of-OSCE’ approach to tackling today’s multifaceted and complex conflicts. This includes looking at co-ordination among and between different OSCE actors, as well as partnerships with other international and regional organizations, and civil society actors. Specific attention will be devoted to possibilities of enhancing the OSCE’s capacities for early warning and conflict prevention in an inclusive and gender-sensitive manner, in particular through the meaningful involvement of civil society and women.

**Guiding questions:**

- What can be done to increase co-ordination and co-operation among and between OSCE executive structures to make early warning and conflict prevention more effective?

- How can the OSCE further strengthen its partnerships for conflict prevention and early warning with other actors, including women's organisations and broader civil society, multilateral organizations, think tanks, and the private sector?
- Civil society actors and women leaders are well placed to detect early signs of conflict and violence. How could the OSCE's capacities for early warning and early action be strengthened through the meaningful inclusion of civil society actors and women leaders?
- How could the OSCE benefit from the work of community-based early warning systems and insider peacebuilders and at the same time support related efforts?

**Panellists:** Amb. Kairat Abdrakhmanov, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities  
 Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman, Chief, Peacebuilding Strategy and Partnerships Branch, United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office  
 Mr. Rene van Nes, Head, Integrated Approach for Security and Peace (ISP) 2 (Conflict prevention and mediation support), European External Action Service  
 Ms. Vetone Veliu, Director, Mitrovica Women Association for Human Rights

**Moderator:** Amb. Tuula Yrjölä, Director, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre

16:00 – 16:30

*Break*

16:30 – 18:00

**Working session on long-term human security approaches to conflict prevention with a focus on the work of OSCE field operations**

The OSCE has a strong track record in the implementation of long-term approaches that contribute to structural conflict prevention and sustainable peacebuilding. The OSCE's field operations play a critical role in this regard through their multi- and cross-dimensional activities in support of their host countries. This session will explore options to foster the OSCE's capabilities to address root causes of conflict as well as drivers of tensions and instability, with a specific focus on the contribution of field operations. Particular attention will be given to the protection of democratic institutions and spaces, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well the need to invest more in women's economic empowerment. In addition, exchanges will focus on the need to ensure sustained resources and funding for long-term peacebuilding efforts on the ground.

**Guiding questions:**

- How are the OSCE field operations contributing to structural conflict prevention, and what is the OSCE's comparative advantage in that regard?
- Why and how is women's economic empowerment essential for successful and sustainable conflict prevention and peacebuilding? How can the OSCE's efforts in this field be further enhanced?
- How can the OSCE's toolbox for conflict prevention be further strengthened to contribute to the protection of human rights – including women's full enjoyment of human rights – and fundamental freedoms?
- Why are sustained resources and funding for the OSCE's work in the field critical for long-term conflict prevention and what can be done to better ensure such resources in the future?

- Panellists:** Mr. Matteo Mecacci, Director OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights  
Mr. Hans-Ullrich Ihm, Senior Project Officer, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan  
Ms. Sabine Machl, UN Resident Coordinator in Georgia  
Ms. Sonja Stojanovic Gajic, Policy Entrepreneur and Board Member of Belgrade Centre for Security Policy
- Moderator:** Mr. Carl Skau, Head of Department for UN Policy, Conflict and Humanitarian Affairs, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

**Tuesday, 18 May 2021**

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Working session on inclusive OSCE-supported conflict resolution efforts with a focus on Track 1 level processes**

The session will focus on the promotion of inclusive and integrated approaches to conflict resolution at Track 1 level, in particular, from OSCE-supported negotiation formats. Specific attention will be given to opportunities to strengthen women's meaningful participation in these processes, be it as mediators, negotiators or civil society representatives. Exchanges will also focus on how women mediator networks can effectively contribute to Track 1 processes and how a gender perspective can be integrated into such processes.

**Guiding questions:**

- How can OSCE-led peace processes be made more inclusive and gender-sensitive, as envisaged in Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/11? How can a gender perspective be effectively integrated throughout the design and implementation of such processes?
- How can obstacles for women's inclusion - such as resistance to women's inclusion by the negotiating parties, or existing power structures and institutional barriers for inclusivity - be addressed?
- How can the OSCE benefit from regional and national women mediator networks to advance Track 1 processes and make them more inclusive and effective?
- What kind of support could be offered to women negotiators to strengthen their influence and impact on peace processes? What role can OSCE mediators and their teams play in that regard?

**Panellists:** Amb. Annika Söder, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus  
Ms. Barrie Lynne Freeman, Deputy Special Representative for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo  
Ms. Olga Cebotari, Deputy Prime Minister of Moldova  
Mr. Sergio Jaramillo Caro, former High Commissioner for Peace of Colombia - Senior Advisor, European Institute of Peace

**Moderator:** Ms. Roxana Cristescu, Head of Eurasia and EU Affairs, Crisis Management Initiative (CMI)

*15:30 – 16:00*

*Break*

**16:00 – 17:30**

**Working session on inclusive OSCE-supported conflict resolution efforts with a focus on multi-track processes**

The session will provide an opportunity to discuss options for strengthening the linkages between official OSCE-supported negotiation formats and processes that take place at Track 2 and 3 level. The session will explore how such linkages could be enhanced by drawing on good practices and lessons learned identified by different practitioners. The session will also focus on how to advance the meaningful integration of women civil society networks into peacebuilding efforts in the OSCE area, including by connecting them to the processes at Track 1 level.

**Guiding questions:**

- How can multi-track approaches be used to promote more inclusive peace processes, and how can such such approaches be made more gender-sensitive?
- What are the potential benefits and challenges of multi-track approaches?
- How can the role and leadership of women's civil society networks in multi-track approaches be further enhanced?
- What can be done to establish and maintain effective links between civil society-led efforts at Tracks 2 and 3 and formal peace talks at Track 1 level?

**Panellists:** Ms. Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini, Director of the Centre for Women, Peace and Security, London School of Economics and Political Science  
Ms. Agnieszka Fal-Dutra Santos, Program Coordinator, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders  
Dr. Tatiana Kyselova, Associate Professor, National University “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”  
Mr. Philipp Lustenberger, Co-Head, Mediation Program, swisspeace

**Moderator:** Amb. Pia Stjernvall, Ambassador of Finland to Kosovo

**Wednesday, 19 May 2021**

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Working session on promoting gender-responsive peace leadership within OSCE structures**

The session will focus on how to strengthen gender-responsive peace leadership within OSCE structures, including at the level of the Secretariat, the autonomous institutions and field operations, to ensure that all OSCE activities along the conflict cycle are gender-sensitive and inclusive. Exchanges will draw on good practices and lessons learned from various parts of the OSCE family, such as the Gender Action Plans in field operations or the establishment of Gender Focal Point Networks.

**Guiding questions:**

- What does gender-responsive peace leadership mean in practice and why is it important for effective conflict prevention and peacebuilding?
- Which concrete steps are needed to promote gender-responsive peace leadership? How to ensure that the right kind of expertise is in place?
- How can OSCE executive structures, in particular field operations, systematically integrate a gender perspective into their work? How can senior mission managers guide such efforts?

- What is the added value of Gender Focal Points in OSCE executive structures? How can their visibility and relevance be further strengthened, while including them more effectively in conflict prevention and peacebuilding?

**Panellists:** Mr. Kilian Wahl, Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo  
 Ms. Charlotte Isaksson, Senior Gender Advisor, European External Action Service  
 Ms. Gabriela Elroy, Head of Gender Equality Unit, Folke Bernadotte Academy  
 Ms. Vera Strobachova Budway, Senior Co-ordination Adviser, Gender Section, OSCE Secretariat

**Moderator:** Ms. Tanisha Hewanpola, Political Affairs Officer, Gender, Peace and Security Section, United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs

15:30 – 16:00

*Break*

16:00 – 17:00

**Side event on WPS and the conflict cycle organized by the Swedish OSCE Chairpersonship in partnership with the Permanent Delegation of Finland to the OSCE and the Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation**

The side event will explore how the OSCE and other multilateral organisations can enhance their respective conflict cycle instruments through the meaningful inclusion of civil society actors and women peacebuilders. To that end, women peacebuilders from different parts of the OSCE area will share their experiences and address good practices and lessons (to be) learned. The side event will be web-streamed live and can be watched on <https://www.osce.org/chairmanship/486220>.

**Opening remarks:** Ms. Petra Tötterman Andorff, Secretary General of the Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation

**Panellists:** Ms. Ekaterine Gamakharia, Head of Tbilisi Office, Cultural Humanitarian Fund “Sukhumi”  
 Ms. Igo Rogova, Executive Director, Kosovo Women’s Network  
 Ms. Nina Potarskaya, National Coordinator Ukraine, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom  
 Ms. Liliana Palihovici, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office’s Special Representative on Gender

**Moderator:** Ms. Anna-Carin Hall, Press officer at the Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation

17:00 – 17:30

**Closing session**

The five moderators of the working sessions will present key take-away points from their respective panel discussion. The closing session will be web-streamed live on <https://www.osce.org/chairmanship/486220>.

**Moderation:** Amb. Ulrika Funered, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE and Chairperson of the Permanent Council