

NATO Engages: The Brussels Summit Dialogue

Fact Sheet – Inclusive Security

Women, Peace, and Security (WPS)



NATO Engages Event Aim: In July 2018, NATO’s Public Diplomacy Division and its [partners](#) will host ‘[NATO Engages: The Brussels Summit Dialogue](#)’ on the margins of the main NATO Summit in Brussels. The event will serve as an ideal platform to deepen and amplify the Summit’s core themes. It will do so by engaging a diverse range of opinion formers, policymakers, and multipliers, including younger audiences and digital influencers. The themes of the event seek to complement the main Summit agenda. One of the topics for the main plenary on-the-record sessions includes “Inclusive Security.”

Inclusive Security Aim: A topic of significant importance to the Alliance is that of Inclusive Security. All partners are keen to ensure that discussions on Women, Peace, and Security, Children and Armed Conflict, and the protection of civilians have a leading role in the ‘NATO Engages’ programme.

Inclusive Security Categories: The Inclusive Security collective includes Children and Armed Conflict, Cultural Property and Protection, Protection of Civilians, and Women, Peace and Security including Conflict-Related Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. Each component has a bearing on the others.

NATO and WPS: The United Nations adopted a series of Security Council Resolutions to reflect the changing nature of war and conflict. The resolutions recognise that women are disproportionately affected by conflict and stress the importance of the full and equal participation of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and to increase the participation of women in all spheres of life. They also expand and reiterate the call for the protection of women and children from sexual and gender-based violence in armed conflicts. The most recent resolution UNSCR 2242 (2015) addresses women’s roles in countering violent extremism and terrorism and the need to combat sexual exploitation and abuse.

The Women Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda has pushed the need to integrate gender considerations in military institutions and operations at the forefront of discussions. NATO, as a key actor in the security area, has responded directly to this pressing topic through the adoption of a Policy and Action Plan constructing the operational framework for its implementation.

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Since 2007 the NATO/EAPC Policy on the implementation of Women, Peace, and Security, NATO has made significant progress integrating a gender perspective, aligned with its three essential core tasks collective defence, crisis management and cooperative security and highlight the important role women play in crisis preservation and response.

Gender mechanisms have been adopted and monitoring mechanisms developed in order to support the implementation of WPS throughout NATO's entire structure. A significant and symbolically important step was taken, with the appointment of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on WPS in 2012.

The continued translation of the principles of the WPS mandate into practical tools and targets and their implementation is fundamental to the realization of common values and obligations. NATO will ensure that the WPS agenda continues to receive the appropriate level of attention in the analysis, planning, conduct, execution and assessment of our operations, missions, training, and exercises.

Teamwork:

This is a collaborative project that encompasses close cooperation with the NATO command structure and the international community, including civil society and NGOs.

Champions and Leaders:

Ms. Clare Hutchinson, Special Representative to Secretary General for Women Peace and Security

Milestone Events:

12 July 2018, NATO HQ, Brussels, Belgium, NATO ENGAGES: The Brussels Summit Dialogue <https://nato-engages.org/>

Publications:

[OPEN Publications](#), 2018, *Women, Marginalization, and Violence: Understanding the linkages in Women, Peace and security*, Sarah Taylor, Institute for Peace

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