



## **WOMEN, PEACE AND CONFLICT**

A one-day international conference exploring how implementing United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 can address the impact of armed conflict on women and ensure that women are central to conflict prevention, peacekeeping, conflict resolution and peace-building.

**DATE:** Monday, 17th November 2008, 9.15am – 5pm

**VENUE:** Radisson Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8

Conference Programme and Background



# BACKGROUND

The Joint Consortium on Gender Based Violence brings together human rights, humanitarian and development organisations, with Irish Aid and the Defence Forces, to work together to improve their institutional and collective capacity to respond to gender based violence.

The Consortium's objective is to highlight and address gender based violence through policy and programmatic responses, both in Ireland and in the field. The initiative is unique in Europe.


Former Irish President, Mary Robinson, acts as a special advisor to this project. Membership of the Consortium includes Action Aid Ireland, Amnesty International, ChildFund Ireland, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, Defence Forces, Dtalk, GOAL, Irish Aid (Department of Foreign Affairs), Irish Red Cross, Oxfam Ireland, Self Help Africa, Trócaire and World Vision Ireland.

The Consortium's 2008 work plan includes promoting the development and implementation of a full, viable and effective Irish National Action Plan for the application of UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

**This conference, entitled 'Women, Peace and Conflict' is being hosted with a view to advancing the work of the Consortium by:**

- Raising awareness and understanding of gender based violence.
- Learning from the experiences of women in conflict and peace-building; and from the experiences of countries which are implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1325.
- Informing the process, development and implementation of an Irish National Action Plan for the application of UN Security Council Resolution 1325.
- Encouraging Ireland to take a lead in the promotion and implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

The conference is aimed at Government, NGOs, politicians, policy makers, human rights activists, academics, individuals and organisations with an interest in responses to gender and conflict.



# WOMEN, PEACE AND CONFLICT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**09.15 – 09.45**     **Registration**

09.45 – 09.50     Ice-breaker

**09.50 – 10.05**     **Conference Opening**

Angela O'Neill, Chair, Joint Consortium on Gender Based Violence

10.05 – 10.20     Official Opening

Micheál Martin T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs

10.20 – 10.40     Keynote address

Mary Robinson, Director of Realising Rights: The Ethical Globalisation Initiative and Special Advisor to the Joint Consortium on Gender Based Violence

**10.40 – 11.30**     **Panel One: UN Security Council Resolution 1325: Women, Peace and Security**

Chair: Liz O'Donnell, former Minister for State at the Department of Foreign Affairs

- Madeline Rees, Head of Gender and Human Rights from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Mukesh Kapila, Special Representative for HIV and AIDS of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- Leymah Roberta Gbowee, Executive Director of Women, Peace and Security Network Africa

11.30 – 11.50     Tea and coffee break

**11.50 – 12.30**     **Panel Two: Experiences From the Ground**

Chair: Joanna McMinn, Chief Executive of the National Womens' Council of Ireland

- Gisela de Carvalho, Young Women Working Together, Timor-Leste
- Suraya Pakzad, Voice of Women in Afghanistan
- Inez McCormack, Northern Ireland

**12.30 – 13.10**     **Group Work – Lessons Learned**

13.10 – 14.10     Lunch

- 14.10 – 14.50**      **Panel Three: A Response to UNSCR1325: Women, Peace and Security**  
Chair: Lt. Col. Ollie Barbour, Irish Defence Forces
- Sam Cook, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, UN Office
  - Annemieke de los Santos, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Nuala O'Loan, Roving Ambassador and Special Envoy for Conflict Resolution to Timor-Leste for the Irish Government and former Police Ombudsman in Northern Ireland
- 14.50 – 15.20**      **Group Work – Next Steps for Ireland**
- 15.20 – 15.45**      **Plenary Session - Feedback from Group Work**
- 15.45 – 16.00      Tea and Coffee Break
- 16.00 – 16.30**      **Plenary session – Response from Panellists**  
Chair: Liz O'Donnell
- Madeleine Rees
  - Mukesh Kapila and
  - Leymah Gbowee
- 16.30 – 16.40**      **Closing Speech**  
Colm O'Gorman, Executive Director of Amnesty International Irish Section

## CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND REGISTRATION

If you have already expressed your interest in attending this event and received confirmation of your place, please download this PDF document which will act as your conference programme.

Please note that you are required to attend for sign-in and final registration on the day of the conference at 9.15am. Latecomers may not be admitted due to space pressure.

If you have not yet registered your interest in this event, please refer to the following for further information:

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