

UNITED NATIONS — WPS IN AFRICA MAP

United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU)

- UN-AU High-Level Solidarity Missions on Women, Peace and Security, led by the UN Deputy Secretary-General and AU Special Envoy, which visited the Horn of Africa countries of Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia in 2019; Chad, Niger and South Sudan in 2018; and the Democratic Republic of Congo and Nigeria in 2017. The missions served to highlight the participation and leadership of women in peace and security, development and humanitarian issues in those countries, with an additional focus on zero tolerance for gender-based violence and climate security challenges.
- Participate in most meetings of the AUPSC, including the Annual Open Session of the AUPSC on WPS held every October.
- Publication of the "She Stands for Peace" book in 2020, to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the adoption of UNSCR 1325 and to recognize the contributions of African women and women's networks in promoting peace and security in Africa. This was a joint UNOAU-AUC initiative.
- Production and broadcast of series 1 and 2 of the "She Stands for Peace" podcast series in 2021, comprising of 22 episodes, exploring the state of implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda and amplifying the voices of African women involved in these efforts.
- Production of the "She Stands for Peace" E-book and Website. The E-book will further explore the experiences of women in peace and security in Africa, while the website will serve as an information and communications tool on WPS in Africa. It will include a Community of Practice for registered members across the continent and the globe working to advance the role of women in peace and security.
- Support the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) through development of a website and brand identity, as well as supporting the work of national chapters in 2021.
- Support the AUC in developing a Gender mainstreaming training curriculum and reader for AU peace support operations in 2021.
- Support the development and publication of the policy brief on "Digital inclusion of Women in peacebuilding in Africa" in 2021.
- Supporting the deployment of three women mediators from the Network of African Women in Conflict Prevention and Mediation (Femwise-Africa) to support AU Liaison Offices in three countries.
- Co-convened the joint AU-UNOAU High-Level Dialogue to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325 under the theme "Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Political leadership, partnerships and concrete action beyond 2020."
- Co-convened a joint ECOWAS-UNOAU Dialogue to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325 and Gender Dialogue, both held in December 2020.
- Supported the AU Youth Envoy in 2020 by providing a mentorship and training programme for young African Women.

United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS)

- Thematic Exchange Sessions every two months on "Impact of COVID-19 on the Gender, Women, Peace and Security Agenda in West Africa and the Sahel"
- Symposium for commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325 (2000) on WPS
- 2021 Annual meeting of the Working group on women, youth, peace and security in West Africa and the Sahel
- 2021 Annual training session on 1325 (2000) reporting, monitoring and evaluation tools development and harmonizing
- Solidarity mission to Chad from 25 June – 2 July 2021 which included high level advocacy for women's involvement in the transition process

United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA)

- Joint UNOCA and ECCAS finalization and adoption of ECCAS RAP and Gabon NAP on UNSCR 1325 (2018).
- Joint UNOCA, ECCAS ministry of women, CSOs, RCD/UNCT country visit and workshop in preparation of Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome Principe NAPS on UNSCR 1325 and follow up of Chad NAP UNSCR 1325 (2021).
- Joint UNOCA, UN Women, RCD/UNCT workshop on WPS component of Sustaining peace Strategy (SPS) Congo, with a focus on re-prioritization, women's political participation, peace building, and community violence reduction. (2019–21)
- Joint UNOCA, DPPA, RCD, UNCT workshop on Sustaining peace Strategy (SPS) Chad to support women's participation in transition. (2021)
- UNOCA- ECCAS- DPPA joint XB Mediation project which supports women's participation in conflict prevention and resolution (2021)
- Kinshasa Conference on Women Peace and Security aimed at launching Central Africa Women Mediators Network (October 2021)

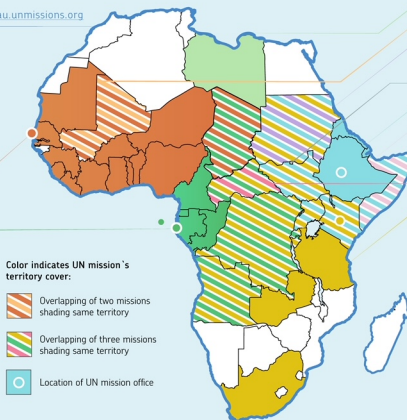
UN Office of the Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa (OSE-HoA)

- Gender, WPS Mapping workshop for representatives of member states, CSO, IGAD and Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) to take stock of existing initiatives in the Horn of Africa (2019)
- UN-IGAD Joint initiative to review and develop the Regional Action Plan (RAP) on Women Peace and Security (WPS agenda) for IGAD (in process)
- Mainstreaming Gender, Women Peace and Security in the implementation of the UN Comprehensive Regional Prevention Strategy for the Horn of Africa – Continuous

United Nations Multidimensional integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)

- High level nation reflection workshop on women participation to political and peace process (January 2020) resulting in the inclusion of 9 women from the signatory parties participating to the Monitoring Committee of the Peace Agreement (November 2020)
- Women situation rooms for inclusive transition and elections launched (October 2021)
- The "Assises Nationales de la Refondation" include over 35% of women in their leading commissions.

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United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA)

- Joint UN / EU / AU analysis of the CAR peace process from a gender perspective which was initiated in 2019 and finalized in June 2020 and resulted in Pertinent recommendations for strengthening the role of women in peace processes in CAR
- Joint initiative MINUSCA/UNDP/UNWOMEN: Establishment of Women Situation Room« des cases de veille» for 2020-21 Elections in the 16 prefectures, including Bangui, the capital conducted in 2020/2021.
- Evaluation report on women's participation in elections and analysis of electoral violence against women in the CAR

United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL)

- CSOs meeting on political participation, elections and implementation of the 30% representation of women which aims towards conducting the high-level strategy meeting.
- Discussion with women from different political parties on women in political parties, political participation and election laws.
- Discussion on building capacity of women units at the police force aimed at including women in the security sector.
- Discussion with Women of the LPDF, House of Representative and women in political parties aimed at bringing the women together to be able to unify the Libyan women groups and to work as one for women's empowerment.

United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission the Sudan (UNITAMS)

- Joint UNITAMS UN Women, UNDP support given to diverse Sudanese women's rights leaders in their mobilizing for direct participation in peace talks between the transitional Government of Sudan and SPLM-N El Hilu. (April-June 2021)
- UNITAMS, South Sudanese Mediation team, Parties joint mobilization which led to the participation of 5 women body of gender experts as observers in the negotiation. (April-June 2021)

United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM)

- Strengthening women's political participation which includes mediation, reconciliation, electoral, peacebuilding – including signing peace agreements, electoral processes.
- We provide advisory and technical support as well as logistical support, including in the form of technical advice, guidance, advocacy, provision of support through policy, legislation formulations, etc.
- Currently, one of our main engagements is to support the realisation of the minimum 30% women's quota in the ongoing election.

UN Office of the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes (O/SESG-GL)

- Regional Consultative Roundtable on Women as Agents of Change for Social and Economic Transformation (July 2020)
- Regional Consultative Roundtable on the Prevention of all forms of Violence Against Women and their Protection. (August 2020)
- Regional Consultative Roundtable on Effective Measures to Guarantee Women's Meaningful Political Participation and their Contribution in Peacebuilding (August 2020)
- A two-day solidarity and good offices mission to Burundi that involved two representatives of the Advisory Board and the Senior Gender Advisor in the O/SESG-GL. (March 2020)
- Preventive electoral violence joint mission of the advisory Board led by a Femwise leader (Liberata Mula Mula) (March 2020)
- Ambassadorial-Level Meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission on Women, Peacebuilding and Development in the Great Lakes Region. (November 2020)
- FemWise-Africa Advanced Training on Mediation and Negotiation in the Great Lakes Region which resulted in formation of a pool of women mediators to promote initiatives linked to preventive diplomacy, electoral violence and non military approach to security (September 2021)

United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)

- Engagement by the UNISFA with the Abyei local administration and traditional leaders which has resulted in participation of two women from the Misseriya community and three from the Ngok Dinka community in peace dialogue held from 20 to 26 February 2021
- In the northern part of Abyei, UNISFA continued to strengthen women's agency in the Misseriya community by conducting seven consultations with traditional leaders and women's representatives on the primacy of women's participation in community decision-making in Al Radaya, Difra, Goli and Makines and in al-Askar, Farouk and Um Khaer in March 2021. This resulted in traditional leaders' commitment to promote women's participation and the women leaders' agreement on establishment of coordination and engagement mechanisms among themselves and the traditional leaders.
- UNISFA will continue to engage women leaders and their networks, traditional leaders and local administration in both the Misseriya and Ngok Dinka communities to promote women's participation, agency and leadership at decision making levels.

Information presented in the map was provided by the Gender Focal Points in the mission*.