

The U.S. Civil Society Working Group on Women, Peace and Security
Timeline of Events
2010 – 2013

The U.S. Civil Society Working Group (CSWG) is a network of experts, NGOs, and academics with years of experience working on issues involving women, war, and peace. Inspired by and building upon the international Women, Peace, and Security agenda, the CSWG informs, promotes, facilitates, and monitors the meaningful implementation of the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security.

- July 27, 2010 **Women, Peace and Security: Fulfilling the Vision of 1325**
Members of civil society (IIS, WIIS, ICAN) hosted a working meeting to discuss the ten year anniversary of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325. The U.S. Department of State, USAID, and 20 countries were represented.
- October 26, 2010 **Announcement of the U.S. National Action Plan (NAP)**
Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announces the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.
- November 3-5, 2010 **Women and War Conference**
USIP, Civil Society members, USAID, the U.S. Department of State, and the World Bank hosed a three day event focused on women, peace and security. It featured an extraordinary coalition of national and international participants.
- December 10, 2010 **USAID and Mainstreaming Gender: A Discussion with Civil Society Leaders**
- January 2011 **Meeting of the U.S. Civil Society Working Group on Women, Peace and Security**
The U.S. Civil Society Working Group on Women, Peace and Security (CSWG) formulates the February 2011 memorandum with four benchmarks to USG agencies involved in drafting the U.S. National Action Plan.
- January 2011 **UNSCR 1325 Tutorial**
Based on Civil Society Working Group inputs, USIP develops an introductory web-based tutorial which offers overview of the UN Security Council 1325 on women, peace and security.
- February 15, 2011 **Memorandum to USG Agencies Involved in Drafting the U.S. NAP**
Outlines four recommended benchmarks against which actions could be evaluated: gender analysis, inclusion, resources, and accountability.
- May 5-6, 2011 **Women & War Symposium**
USIP and Civil Society Working Group members host an international symposium on the next decade of UNSCR 1325.
- October 26, 2011 **CSWG Consultation with USG**

- November 2011 **CSWG Expert Statement Released**
Aims to assist the USG to turn policy into action; engender effective outcomes that bring peace, security and dignity to the lives of women and men in conflict settings.
- December 19, 2011 **Executive Order Signed**
President Obama signs an executive order that establishes women, peace and security as U.S. Policy.
- December 19, 2011 **U.S. National Action Plan on women, Peace and Security Launch Announced**
Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announces the launch of the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.
- February 14, 2012 **CSWG Releases Recommendations on the U.S. NAP**
The CSWG proposes 10 recommended actions to be completed within the first 150 days.
- April 9, 2012 **Discussion of the U.S. Efforts to Advance Women's Rights Abroad**
The U.S. Civil Society Working Group met with Amb. Melanne Verveer.
- May 2, 2012 **U.S. Department of Defense Consultation with the U.S. Civil Society Working Group on the U.S. National Action Plan**
Members of the CSWG and representatives from the U.S. Department of Defense discussed the status of the Department of Defense's U.S. NAP implementation plan. Topics such as Sexual Assault and Prevention within the services, Contractors & FAR/DFARS, Security Cooperation, and Next Steps were addressed.
- August 14, 2012 **USAID Releases Their U.S. NAP Implementation Plan**
- August 15, 2012 **The U.S. Department of State Releases Their U.S. NAP Implementation Plan**
- October 10, 2012 **Pakistani International Visitors Consultation**
- October 18, 2012 **Consultation with Representatives from NATO and the U.S. Department of State**
Lori Alemanno-Testa and Jacqueline Borsboom, of NATO, and Jamille Bigio from the U.S. Department of State met with the CSWG to discuss lessons learned and recommendations on indicators and assessing impact of WPS efforts.
- October 18, 2012 **U.S. Civil Society Working Group Strategic Planning Session #1**
- November 5, 2012 **Roundtable Discussion with the U.S. Department of State and NATO**
Lynette Behnke (U.S. Department of State), LTC Jesus Gil Ruiz (NATO), and Mari Skåre (NATO Special Representative on Women, Peace, and Security)

met with members of the CSWG to discuss lessons learned and recommendations on indicators and assessing impact of WPS efforts

- November 28, 2012 **Women Leaders Promoting Peace and Security Consultation with African Representatives from the International Visitors Leadership Program**
The CSWG met with representatives from 11 African countries as well as Paris and Haiti to discuss lessons learned with NAP implementation worldwide.
- November 28, 2012 **U.S. Civil Society Working Group Strategic Planning Session #2**
- December 19, 2012 **CSWG Release of 1 year Anniversary of U.S. NAP Document**
- December 20, 2012 **NAP Anniversary Event Planning Meeting with the U.S. Department of State, USAID, and the U.S. Civil Society Working Group**
The CSWG met with representatives from the U.S. Department of State and USAID to discuss the potential for combined events especially regarding the one year anniversary of the U.S. National Action Plan and honoring the departure of Amb. Melanne Verveer from the U.S. Department of State Office of Global Women's Issues.
- January 4, 2013 **CSWG Planning Session for January 30, 2013 Event Marking the One Year Anniversary of the U.S. National Action Plan**
- January 30, 2013 **Partners in Peace and Security: A Panel Discussion on the First Anniversary of the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security: Progress and challenges**
An expert panel with representatives of the CSWG, the U.S. Department of State, USAID, the National Security Council and the U.S. Department of Defense met to celebrate the accomplishment of the U.S. National Action Plan, discuss potential challenges moving forward, and to honor the work of Ambassador Melanne Verveer. 24 representative organizations from the CSWG were featured in a knowledge and resource fair.