

WPS Milestones

United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has adopted 10 resolutions that form international policy on Women, Peace and Security.

UNSC Resolution 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009), 1889 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2013), 2122 (2013), 2242 (2015), 2467 (2019), 2493 (2019).

WPS National Action Plans in the region:

Australia (2021-31), Bangladesh (2019-22), Indonesia (2014-19), Japan (2019-22), Nepal (2011-16), New Zealand (2015-19), Philippines (2017-22), Republic of Korea (2018-21), Solomon Islands (2017-21), Timor Leste (2016-20)

United States: WPS Act of 2017; WPS National Strategy (2019-23); Strategic Framework and Implementation Plans (2020) by Departments of Defense, State, Homeland Security, and Agency for International Development

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Advancing Security through Gender Inclusion



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DKI APCSS and Women, Peace and Security

Our Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Program operationalizes the U.S. Department of Defense's National Defense Strategy and WPS Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan to assist partner nations in the advancement of security governance by integrating women leaders and women's perspectives into security sectors, security-related processes, and decision-making. To that end, we seek a floor of 33% women's participation in our courses, present gendered security lectures, and encourage fellows to pursue WPS-related Fellow's Projects. Our workshops accentuate inclusion for more effective security sector governance and development of regional norms and networks. WPS is a global initiative to promote gender inclusive strategies in response to evolving national and transnational threats. The gendered innovations in policy formulation reflect the shift in the traditional understanding of state security in view of its

relationship with community security. WPS is a peace and security approach that advances women's critical roles in defining, understanding and addressing complex security challenges alongside men, as equal stakeholders.



In acknowledging the importance of women's participation in advancing these objectives, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) unanimously adopted its landmark resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security in October 2000. Together, there are 10 resolutions that form international policy on the role of women in conflict prevention and resolution, peace



negotiations, peacekeeping and peacebuilding; and the protection of women and girls from incidents of sexual violence. Notably, the UN resolutions also highlight men's important roles in enabling the inclusive agenda across the tiers of government, civil society and grassroots communities.

National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security: Around the World and in the US

DKI APCSS prioritizes the US Government's National Strategy on WPS as an imperative component of inclusion in the security sector. We are at the forefront of US Department of Defense efforts to further its objectives.

All UN member states are legally obligated to advance WPS objectives. More than 100 member states have National Action Plans aligned with this effort and more are being crafted. The United States unveiled its first National Action Plan in 2011 with the enduring and foundational principle that states and societies are more peaceful and prosperous when women are empowered to realize their full potential through full and equal rights and opportunities. In October 2017, the passage of the Women, Peace and Security Act demonstrated the US government's commitment to gender inclusion as a pathway to global peace and stability through a legislative framework.

All photos contained herewith are of our Women Fellows, Faculty and Staff of the Comprehensive Security Cooperation Course (CSC) 22-2 and 22-3.

Our Women, Peace and Security efforts include:

1. Mainstreaming women's inclusion in courses and workshops

Female course and workshop enrollment rates account for 33% or 1/3rd participation to create critical mass for more inclusive dialogue on broader security concerns. The use of positive recruiting incentives are endorsed. The increased attention to and participation of women have created greater awareness in course attendees of the value of inclusion in security sector institutions. Participants leave our engagements with an increased appreciation of the security imperatives for and contributions of women, creating more opportunities, assisting in their career progression, and enhancing national and international security. Senior male leaders around the Indo-Pacific region in military, justice, law enforcement and other security professions have actively increased female recruitment and are placing women in a broader variety of positions.

2. Integrating WPS in the curriculum

Courses integrate Women, Peace and Security as a core theme in plenary settings and elective offerings to generate critical thinking and discourse from a gendered security perspective. WPS is integrated in teaching a wide range of topics such as gendered security, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, terrorism and transnational crime, governance, and global climate change.

3. Facilitating the development of Fellow's Projects specific to WPS

WPS Fellows Projects that advance security governance are highlighted in each course and faculty mentors are assigned to facilitate project development and completion. Presented here are WPS-related Fellow's Projects.

Ms. Saira Ali Ahmed (ASC 17-1), Pakistan. Women's Rights in Sindh: Mighty Obstacles and Slow Progress. Ms. Ahmed brought awareness to the issue of Honor Killings in Pakistan. She developed a Women's Protection Cell and a District Women's Support Group, comprised of members of government, lawyers, police officers, and others to assist gender-based violence survivors with legal help to seek justice. Many forums were organized to bring awareness and seek assistance in addressing issues of human rights and sexual harassment. Ahmed was awarded the Women of Excellency Award from Pakistan's National Assembly in December 2017 and the DKI APCSS 2017 Alumnus of the Year Award. She addressed the Fellows of ASC 18-1 on her accomplishments.

Ms. Aye May (ASC 14-3), Myanmar. Northern Shan State Women Organization Network (NSSWON). In 2018, the NSSWON successfully conducted a historic workshop to improve civil-military relations in Myanmar. This was the first time a local ethnic minority NGO was permitted to discuss Myanmar's democratic transition process. Funded by USAID, the event was officially authorized and registered with the assistance of the Myanmar DKI APCSS alumni network. Four DKI APCSS alumni also served as speakers and facilitators. Over 100 women from 11

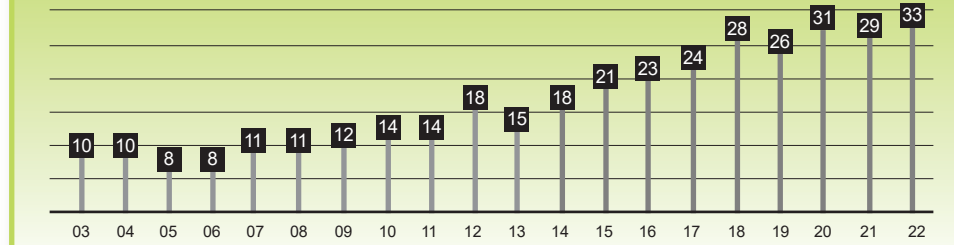
different ethnic minority groups attended the event. The participants developed realistic action plans and specific activities they could implement to develop common understanding and build trust between their ethnic communities and the local military and militia units operating in their areas.

Ms. Hawwa Abdul Raheem (ASC 17-2), Maldives. Role of Women in Countering Violent extremism. Violent extremism has emerged as a pressing issue in the security environment in the Maldives in recent years, increasingly undermining societal harmony through the spread of divisive religious ideologies. A new approach by extremist actors has targeted women as facilitators, recruiters, and moral supporters of men fighting on the front lines. Recognizing the significance of this threat, Expert Lecturer at the College of Defense and Security Studies, Ms. Hawwa Abdul Raheem, developed a curriculum on the role of women in countering extremism as part of her Fellows Project. With the assistance of the Maldives National Counter-Terrorism Center (NCTC), she has conducted several successful awareness programs in selected atolls and the capital Male.

Ms. Jennifer Key (ASC 17-2), Samoa. Assistant CEO of the Policy Division at the Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Ms. Key helped draft Samoa's first National Security Policy. She was Awarded DKI APCSS 2018 Alumnus off the Year Award based on the significance of her achievement and

DKI APCSS Women's Course Participation Rates

25% goal set in 2012 - 33% goal set in 2019



for the impact of this project, not only for Samoa, but also for the positive influence it had on other Oceania countries intent on creating their own national security policy.

4. Conducting workshops and dialogues on WPS

DKI APCSS organizes multilateral workshops in the Indo-Pacific region to highlight the value of inclusion for more effective security sector governance, and the development of regional norms and networks.

5. Integrating WPS into our research

Faculty and alumni research on the role of gender in a wide range of areas including gendered security, counterterrorism, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, national security policy formulation, and state-building in post-conflict environments.

