

**Concept note side-event UNGA 78 - 2023**  
Feminist Foreign Policy+ Group

*Feminist Foreign Policy (FFP) and feminist approaches to foreign policy as accelerators for positive change by transforming commitments to actions*

**Date:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of September

**Time:** 3:00 – 4:30 PM

**Location:** United Nations Headquarters, Conference room 4

**Objective:** Gender equality is an essential condition for a safer, healthier and more prosperous world. With this as a firm conviction, more and more countries adopt a feminist approach to their foreign policy. Much has been accomplished – and there is still a lot more to be done. The question is how to implement such a feminist approach or a Feminist Foreign Policy (FFP) as an accelerator for positive change in a tense geopolitical context. How to go from ideas to action? During this event in the margins of the UNGA 78 High Level Week, we look towards the future, share commitments of feminist approaches to foreign policy or Feminist Foreign Policy (FFP) in action, and discuss the challenges and opportunities.

**Outcome:** Strengthening and renewing political commitment towards Feminist Foreign Policy through dialogue between Ministers, civil society and feminist thinkers. Bringing more countries to adopt a feminist approach to their foreign policies or announce an explicit Feminist Foreign Policy.

**Deliverables:** (1) Declaration to renew commitment to feminist principles in relation to foreign policy; (2) Chair's Summary of the meeting including announced commitments regarding FFP and gender equality.

**Host countries:** Chile, France, Germany, The Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mongolia, Spain, on behalf of the FFP+ group in New York

**Invited:** Ministers of Foreign Affairs from countries with a FFP, countries in the FFP+ group in NY, and countries making significant progress on gender approaches; high level UN representatives; and civil society representatives.

**Preliminary Run of Show**

- **2:45: Start seating**
- **2:50: Family Photo** with the attending (Deputy) Ministers and speakers
  
- **3:00 – 3:05: Opening remarks**  
Moderator Lyric Thompson, Founder and CEO of the Feminist Foreign Policy Collaborative
  
- **3:05 - 3:15: Keynote segment 1**  
H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
  
- **3:15 – 3:45: Panel 1:** Implementation of Feminist Foreign Policy Making: Turning Commitments into Actions (3 minutes per speaker)
  - H.E. Mr. Alberto van Klaveren, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile
  - H.E. Ms. Catherine Colonna, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France
  - H.E. Ms. Annalena Baerbock, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany
  - H.E. Ms. Hanke Bruins Slot, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
  - H.E. Ms. Battsetseg Batmunkh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia
  - H.E. Mr. José Manuel Albares, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain
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- **3:45–3:50 Keynote segment 2**
  - Civil society representative (TBC)

- **3:50–4:15 Panel 2:** Implementation of feminist approaches to foreign policy / Feminist Foreign Policy as accelerator for positive change in a turbulent geopolitical context (3 minutes per speaker):
  - H.E. Ms. Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada
  - H.E. Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
  - H.E. Ms. Hadja Lahbib, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs, Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions of Belgium
  - H.E. Dr. Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Rwanda
  - H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Vice-minister for Multilateral Affairs of Colombia
  - H.E. Mr. Pablo Tettamanti, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Argentina
  
- **4:15–4:25: Lightning Round**  
Short and focused interventions from the floor with practical examples of feminist approaches (2 minutes per speaker)
  
- **4:25-4:30 Closing segment** (3 minutes for closing speech)  
H.E. Ms. Sima Sami Bahous, Executive Director of UN Women

**Creative Elements:**

- A large banner will be set-up in the room with the question “What does Feminism Mean to You?”. All participants and speakers are invited to answer this question through a message on the wall.
- A creative illustrator will be present during the session to make a visual summary of the event.

**Communication:**

Please engage with us by using the hashtag #FFP+ and #FeministForeignPolicy, as well as by tagging co-hosts @ChileONU, @FranceONU, @GermanyUN, @NLatUN, @NYMongolia, @SpainUN