



Launch Event
WPS-HA Compact Accountability Report 2022: Action, Accountability, Collaboration

23 October 2023; 10:30am to 12:30 pm (EDT)
United Nations Headquarters – Conference Room 5
Interpretation available in English, French, Spanish
Concept Note

Background

Over twenty-five years ago, at the landmark Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, the world made a promise: equal rights and opportunities for all women and girls everywhere. Since then, numerous resolutions have been adopted by the United Nations and the international community, such as Security Council resolution 1325, which affirms the importance of including women in conflict prevention and resolution, and stresses their equal participation in the promotion of peace and security. Additionally, the Grand Bargain agreement demonstrates the importance of working with local actors - including local women's organizations - on humanitarian assistance.

Introduction

Since its launch in July 2021 during the Generation Equality Forum, the Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action ([WPS-HA Compact](#)) has galvanized support as a multi-stakeholder, intergenerational movement for accelerated and transformative action on women, peace and security and gender responsive humanitarian action. The Compact has gained remarkable traction, welcoming over 200 Signatories comprising Member States, United Nations entities, regional organizations, private sector actors, and civil society – including women-led organizations, NGOs, and academic institutions. Together they have invested in over 1000 specific actions to address challenges that women and girls face in conflict and crisis contexts.

The release of the inaugural 2022 WPS-HA Compact Accountability Report reviews the implementation of Signatory actions in 2022. As military expenditure continues to skyrocket, and financing for gender equality in conflict and crisis contexts and women's organizations remains severely inadequate in proportion to the need. Fifty-nine per cent implemented actions in a country where peace has declined from 2021 to 2022. Seventy-one per cent reported on the Compact's principles of transformation, which foster localization, intergenerational action, inclusivity and intersectionality, a multistakeholder action across the humanitarian-development-peace (HDP) nexus. The report shows that Signatories have made commendable progress, and their reporting contributes to increased accountability, stronger coordination and evidence-guided strategies for sustainable peace.

Objectives

UN Women together with WPS-HA Compact Board Co-Chairs, Norway and the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), and WPS-HA Compact Board and Catalytic members and Signatories will gather on October 23, 2023, for the launch of the Accountability report and to discuss opportunities for continued and strengthened action, accountability and collaboration.

Draft Agenda

- Screening of the new 2023 WPS-HA Compact video (5 mins)
- Introductory Remarks - UN Women (5 mins)
- Introductory Statements by WPS-HA Compact Board Co-Chairs (1 mins)
- Statements and Reflections on 2022 WPS-HA Compact Accountability Report – *WPS-HA Board Members and Signatories Compact* (90 mins)
- Closing Reflections (7mins)