



A gender perspective of 21st century security threats:

What the West can do.

**In-depth session Gender Multi Party Initiative,
30th October 2014, 9.15-10.15 am
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Civil wars in Syria and Libya, its spillover effect on the entire Middle East and Sahel region, the tension in East Ukraine, the continuous instability in Afghanistan. These recent threats on Europe's doorsteps show that conflict resolution and peace-keeping and building measures are more important than ever.

On October 31st this year, the world celebrates the 14th anniversary of the adoption of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 about Women, Peace & Security (31st October 2000). This was the first UN Security Council resolution that recognized the disproportionate and unique impact of armed conflict on women and girls and recognized the under-valued and under-utilized contributions women make to conflict resolution & peace building. Together with 6 follow-up UN Security Council resolutions, they constitute the 'Gender, Peace & Security agenda'.

On the eve of this anniversary the Gender Multi Party Initiative¹ organizes an in-depth session with two renowned guest speakers in the field of Gender, Peace & Security. In the light of the recent political developments, they are delighted to discuss the importance of a gender approach to international security interventions and in specific to international missions with you.

Guest speakers

Anja Ebnöther - Assistant Director at Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)
The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) is one of the world's leading institutions in the areas of security sector reform and security sector governance.

Mari Skåre - Senior Adviser on Regional Issues, Africa, at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Former (until 30th September 2014) NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security.

Programme

9.00 – 9.15	<i>Walk in</i>
9.15 – 9.20	<i>Opening / Welcome by Ingrid de Caluwé or Sjoerd Sjoerdsma</i>
9.20 – 9.35	<i>Anja Ebnöther, Assistant Director at Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)</i>
9.35 – 9.50	<i>Mari Skåre, Senior Adviser on Regional Issues, Africa, at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Former NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security.</i>
9.50 – 10.10	<i>Questions and discussion with MPs</i>
10.10 – 10.15	<i>Closure by Ingrid de Caluwé or Sjoerd Sjoerdsma</i>

Please register at contact@wo-men.nl

¹ In 2011, nine out of eleven Dutch political parties signed the Gender Multi Party Initiative (GMPI) with the aim to better integrate gender into Dutch foreign policies. Two to three times a year the GMPI organizes an in-depth session for Dutch parliamentarians to discuss gender issues in relation to current political developments.