

WOMEN, YOUTH, PEACE & SECURITY CONVERSATION CIRCLE



A webinar on Women, Youth, Peace & Security was organised by NGO CSW/NY on 15th March, 2022. The conference was hosted by Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls along with her colleague Riya Yuyada .

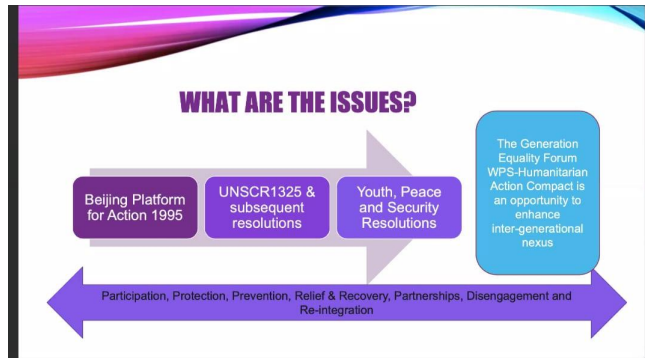
FIRST SEGMENT

Introduction

The host introduced the topic by saying that women have been brokering peace well before the adoption of the Beijing Platform for action in 1995. It has specified sections on women in armed conflict and the groundbreaking resolution- UN Security Council Resolution, 1325 on women, peace and security which is

the forerunner of the suite of security council resolutions both on women peace and security (WPS) as well as youth peace and security (YPS).

These resolutions have provided all of us with an opportunity to demand greater accountability of institutions responsible to peace and inclusive security, including an accountability to women's rights to invest in demilitarization and to redesign the table for their participation.



We are looking at the priority theme for CSW in terms of climate change, disasters and other environmental priorities as well as the situation of armed conflict as it rolls out in Ukraine but losing sight of other countries where there is political and armed violence or where women of all diversities are working very hard to sustain the peace, and to prevent the further outbreak of conflict and violence. There are some specific paragraphs around peace builders, women's activists, women's human rights defenders working for peace from the local to the national , region and global levels as well as to drive a feminist agenda across the world.

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The Beijing Platform for action crystallizes a lot of the commitments that came through the series of women's conferences. The UNSCR 1325 and subsequent resolutions and UNSCR 2242 from the Pacific has specific references to climate change in light of this current CSW 66. The Generation Equality Forum gives the opportunity to enhance the intergenerational nexus and the intersectionality of WPS not only in the context of experience and leadership by young women of all diversities, but also to take women's peace and security into spaces where sometimes they are not necessarily recognised even though they should because of the pillars- Participation, Protection, Prevention, Relief and Recovery- partnerships the disengagement and the reintegration in the reference with YPS.

Video

Thereafter, a video was played which talked about the urgent gaps that need to be addressed for every country and region. According to the UN, women's participation in peace negotiations stabilizes the peace process by 35% and yet out of 113 Peace Agreements signed in the past two decades women participated in only 13 .

130 peace agreements

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SECOND SEGMENT

Breakout Rooms

The participants were asked to join any of the two breakout rooms- WPS Discussions and YPS Discussions, as per their choice.

WPS

The facilitator of this room was Sharon. The following were the speakers who shared their thoughts.

- **Samatha Gonzáles, Bahá'i Community of Mexico**

She said that everybody doesn't need to participate in international events, we can contribute to the peace and security of women by bringing revolutionary ideas in our schools, offices, homes and local communities.

- **Shagufta Omar, Women Activist , Pakistan**

She mentioned that peace building activities start in a circle in and out. First we should build peace at the personal level, then at family level and then in society. She has given the motto of 'Peace, Tolerance & Coexistence' to the women and youth in her regions.

- **Olusola Olaniyi**

She stressed upon the capacity development among women and girls which would enable them to do anything that can help them grow and advance.

YPS

The facilitator of this room was Riya. The following were the speakers who shared their thoughts.

- **Dorothy Ann Halley**

She spoke about the youth in and out of school settings and juvenile detention centers being accountable for the violence they have done but they should also be given a chance to heal and rehabilitate.

- **Nickocy Phillips, Political Leader, Trinidad & Tobago**

She said the policies and programmes discussed at the UN are not properly executed in all the regions and thus, the UN should take concrete steps to pressurize the governments of the member states to do so and give more credibility to the NGOs.

THIRD SEGMENT

Reflections

The two reporters of WPS and YPS- Samantha Gonzáles and Karen Castellon respectively gave a summary of the discussions made in their Breakout Groups.

Polls

Two polls on WPS and YPS agendas were held and the following is a link to the answers given:

<https://www.mentimeter.com/s/d9ee3f687884fa85da6a4400985dc5a5/056b5c830b14>

● 1st Poll

Go to www.menti.com and use the code 5728 7343

The UN Security Council organises open debates WPS and YPS open debates as well as selected briefings by diverse women from the WPS and YPS movements.

selected briefings: How do they define diverse women?

Security Council invite to those debates?

For overall awareness, the results of the debates should be shared with the NGO community involved in CSW so that all are aware. So that this is a top of mind issue.

Women establishing and maintaining strong relationships with regional and national governments in order to keep "our" issues in the forefront.

I think these open debates are likely useful but they must be provocative and really challenge the status quo. Otherwise, these fora may be only tokenism.

Fund the participation of women and youth particularly from marginalized communities, developing and /or under developed countries and SIDS.

every practice of peace / peace education should have more eco on

Open debates are wonderful, but until

● 2nd Poll

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Share your commitments to progress a feminist WPS&YPS agenda

Collaboration and involvement of everyone men, women, boys and girls, communities, religious bodies.

understanding on the importance of their right to suffrage. Especially considering we are celebrating 85 years since Filipino women had the right to vote.

As the Ambassador to Trinidad & Tobago Youths Will Rise (TTYWR) and also the Political leader to Unity of The People, I vow my commitment to progress a feminist WPS & YPS and I am also committing to working with all NGO collectively to fight for

Platforms like this that share the real issues and challenges women around the world face, as there are many that are in common. For example, the lack of menstrual products or resources to purchase menstrual products keeps girls from going to school

I commit to mentoring more young women into leadership positions and also build my own capacity by collaborating with all stakeholders in peace and gender equality

I will work with church partners in

Finally the event concluded with Sharon's closing statement.

The following are some resources shared in the chat box during the meeting :

- <https://whrtlar.wordpress.com/>
- <https://ngocsw.org/beijing25-ngo-participation/feminist-and-womens-movement-action-plan/>
- <https://unwomenhr.wordpress.com/modules/>
- <https://youtu.be/lqOeUNMEpAI>

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