



The Stockholm International Conference

21-22 October 2010

10 years with 1325 - What now?

The Swedish organisation Operation 1325 invites you to participate in one of this year's most important and unique international conferences highlighting the 10th anniversary of UNSCR 1325 on women, peace and security.

Context

When resolution 1325 was unanimously adopted by the Security Council in 2000 it was perceived as groundbreaking and a result of persistent and successful advocacy by women's groups. With resolution 1325 the UN finally acknowledged the importance of gender in the work of peace and security. Thereby it committed to increasing women's participation in peace building, safe guards and securing women's rights in situation of conflict and post-conflict.

Since 2000 there is evidence of political commitment to go from words to action. Nineteen member states have adopted national action plans for the implementation of resolution 1325. At the EU-level a comprehensive approach for issues of women, peace and security has been put in place. At the international level the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is taking the lead in formulating relevant indicators for monitoring implementation. The adoption of the "sister-resolutions" 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009) and 1889 (2009) once more emphasize the importance of the core issues of 1325. However, the need for these resolutions also highlight the fact that implementation is flawed.

Ten years on, it stands clear that women's participation in peace processes is still minimal. Sexual and gender based violence continues, in some cases it has increased in proportions, having a devastating effect of the lives of individuals and the future of whole communities.

Ten years on, it is evident that the gap between policy and practice remains. Now is the time to bridge the divide between the work and experiences of women in conflict areas and policy and decision makers. The conference's aim is to gather key challenges and essential solutions – good and bad practices – for all participants to bring with them as tools for ground level implementation, policy shaping and advocacy work. A special focus of the conference is “Stories from the Ground” – the experiences of local stake holders, often women, who stand as winners or losers as they see how resolution 1325 succeeds or fails in being implemented.

Ten years after the adoption of this groundbreaking resolution on women, peace and security we are asking – what now?

Format and participants

The conference is held entirely in English. It is a platform for decision makers, governmental officials, academics and civil society organisations to share their challenges and success stories with the aim of readjusting and reclaiming resolution 1325. The conference – including lunch and dinner – is free of charge.

Date and venue

Date: 21-22 October 2010

Venue: Subtopia, Stockholm Metropolitan Area

Registration and contacts

Register online at http://www.operation1325.se/index.php?option=com_rsform&formId=1 no later than 20 September 2010.

After registration you will receive more practical information about the conference.

If you are travelling from abroad and in need of a letter of invitation for your visa application, please register as soon as possible. For more information about the conference and conference materials please visit www.operation1325.se

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About Operation 1325

Operation 1325 is a non-profit umbrella for the five women's and peace organisations *The Federation of International Association for Immigrant Women, the Swedish Ecumenical Women's Council, UNIFEM Sweden, Women for Peace and the Swedish section of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom*. We are also working in close collaboration with *the Swedish Women's Lobby*. Operation 1325 is working through information, capacity building/education, political advocacy and international cooperation to help implement resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security. Since 2006 we are cooperating with women's organisations in Sudan, Israel and Palestine. For more information, please visit our website at www.operation1325.se.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the conference!

Best regards,

Maj Britt Theorin, President of Operation 1325