



Invitation to the Civil Society Advisory Group Meeting

Opportunity or Pitfall? Critical Perspectives on the Relationship between the Prevention of Violent Extremism and Women, Peace and Security

May 30, 2018, 9.15 – 12.30, swisspeace, Sonnenbergstrasse 17, Bern

We are pleased to invite you to the first advisory group meeting in the context of the Civil Society Contribution to the forth Swiss National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (WPS). The project is a collaboration between the Human Security Division of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the Swiss Agency for Development, PeaceWomen Across the Globe (PWAG), cfd – the feminist peace organization and KOFF, swisspeace.

The first thematic focus of the project lies on the implications of linking the Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism and Women, Peace and Security agendas, as suggested by the UN Security Council resolution 2242 (2015). Civil society reports, such as the Swiss [Civil Society Alternative Report on the National Action Plan 1325](#), as well as the [Global Study 1325](#), point to the need for critical assessment of the debate on PVE and WPS. Therefore, in 2018 and 2019, we will engage in extensive research and capitalization of civil society expertise on this topic.

The thematic advisory group, consisting of interested civil society organizations, will support this process of experience capitalization with their expertise and practical experience. The results of the process shall benefit the work of CSO's on the ground, contribute positively to the larger debate in policy, and concretely strengthen the implementation of the Swiss NAP 1325 in this area.

At this meeting, we would like to present a first research overview and listen to your work and expertise, in order to identify gaps, find entry points and possibly forge synergies. **Based on your expertise and practical experience, what are the risks and opportunities associated with linking the PVE and WPS agendas? What key challenges have you encountered in your work on PVE and/or WPS? Which initiatives or projects have been successful? How to move forward?**

We look forward to discussing these, and other questions with you. Please register with [Andrea Grossenbacher](#). Deadline for registration is May 15, 2018.

Best regards,

The project steering group

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