



A4P WPS Champions Ireland, Germany, South Africa and Bangladesh together with UNSCR 1325 architect, Namibia are pleased to invite you to an online discussion:

Breaking Barriers – Women in Peacekeeping

After having discussed barriers women peacekeepers face in the field during the first event of the A4P WPS series, the follow-up event on International Women’s Day will focus on national barriers.

Which barriers persist and how should they be addressed in order to ensure women’s full, equal and meaningful participation in peacekeeping operations?

UN Security Council Resolution 2538 (2020) encourages member states, the UN and regional organizations to identify and address barriers for recruitment, deployment and promotion of uniformed women peacekeepers.

Several UN member states have already undertaken or announced plans to undertake a barrier assessment on a national level. One concrete tool to undertake national assessments is the Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations (MOWIP) methodology that will be highlighted during the event.

During the 90-minutes event, we will hear from researchers, practitioners, and peacekeeping experts how to identify, analyse and bring down barriers. Following the panel discussion, the floor will be open for Q&A.

Opening Remarks

Dr. Detlef Wächter, Political Director, German Ministry of Defence (Video Message)

Panel of Speakers

Dr. Vanessa F. Newby, Assistant Professor at Leiden University

Ann Blomberg, Deputy Head Gender and Security at DCAF Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance

Sebastian Scholz, Sopra Steria (Consultant German Barrier Study)
Representative from Uruguay

Closing Remarks

Major General Ntsoaki More, Chief Director for Transformation Management
Defence HQ, South Africa

Moderator

Dr. Sarah Taylor, Director, International Policy and Women, Peace and Security,
Inclusive Peace

Monday, 8 March 2021

08:30 AM EST

Please register [here](#) until Friday 5 March by Email

