**Call for Abstracts**

**Women Leading for Peace**

**UN Women Ethiopia in collaboration with AWLN Ethiopia**

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) Ethiopia Office invites you to submit an abstract for presentation at a Forum, to be held on 25 July 2024 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with the title **‘Women leading for peace’.**

Resolution 1325 underscores the vital importance of women's active and effective participation in peacemaking and peacebuilding processes. This forum aims to amplify and build upon this core tenet of the Women, Peace and Security agenda. Specifically, the forum will emphasize the need for greater inclusion of women in the decision-making surrounding conflict prevention, resolution, and post-conflict reconstruction. It recognizes that sustainable peace requires bringing women's perspectives and leadership to the table. The forum will bring together a diverse group of participants including high level government officials, representatives of different associations and agencies including UN Women, UN Women Liaison office to the AU, Youth associations, Associations for persons with disabilities, media and academia. Accordingly, it will serve as a platform for diverse stakeholders - from government to civil society to academia - to come together and identify concrete ways they can accelerate women's meaningful participation in peace and security decision-making. By fostering this multi-stakeholder dialogue, the forum seeks to drive tangible progress in realizing the participation pillar of Resolution 1325.

To ensure the discussions at this forum are grounded in evidence and best practices, the organizers are inviting researchers, academics, policymakers, and other practitioners working on topics like leadership, governance, gender equality, women's empowerment, and peace and security. These experts are welcome to submit original research, discussion papers, or case studies that can further inform and enrich the multi-stakeholder dialogue. Incorporating this breadth of expertise and real-world insights, will enable the forum to move beyond just emphasizing the importance of women's participation in peace and security processes, as outlined in Resolution 1325 and identify concrete, actionable strategies that different stakeholders can implement to accelerate progress in this area.

Abstracts are expected to focus on the following themes having a focus on women’s role as leaders and decision makers:

* Women’s participation and leadership in peace and security before, during and post conflict
* Empowerment of young women participation in peace and security
* Intersectionality and inclusivity in Women’s roles in peace and security
* Impact of conflict on women's participation in leadership and decision making
* Role of media in representing women’ s perspectives in peace and security issues
* Women’s participation as leaders in security sector reform and post conflict rehabilitation processes
* Women's contributions to transitional justice and reconciliation efforts in post-conflict settings
* Barriers and challenges faced by women peacebuilders, negotiators, and mediators.
* The role of women-led civil society organizations in conflict prevention and resolution

**Submitting an Abstract**

1. All abstracts must be submitted by 23 June 2024. Submissions made after the deadline will not be considered. Presenters shall give due attention to the key dates and deadlines for preparation and submission of papers as strict adherence is expected.
2. The abstract shall present in a short summary your presentation. The abstract to the paper shall not exceed 350 words in length and must be submitted in English. Do not include figures, charts, literature reviews and bibliographies in the abstract. The abstract must at least have the following headings:
3. Introduction
4. Objective
5. Methodology
6. Findings and conclusion
7. Abstracts must be submitted by the presenter and the presenting author must be able to attend the forum.
8. Submissions that do not adhere to the requested format may be returned to the authors for re-submission.
9. Only individual submissions will be accepted. Individuals may submit only up to two abstracts across all thematic issues.
10. The abstracts will be reviewed as they are submitted and once an abstract is submitted revision to the text either grammatically or content wise is not allowed.
11. Abstracts submitted to or presented at other national or international conferences may be submitted. However, the presenter shall clearly indicate with its submission the details of its previous presentation status.
12. Abstracts must be submitted via email [kulsma.nur@unwomen.org](mailto:kulsma.nur@unwomen.org) cc [desset.abebe@unwomen.org](mailto:desset.abebe@unwomen.org). Upon receiving the abstracts, you will receive a confirmation email.
13. The decision of the selection committee in relation to the paper selection process is final.

**Key dates and deadlines**

* Call for Abstracts opens 11 June 2024
* Call for Abstracts closes 1 July 2024
* Notification to authors: 5 July 2024
* Submission of final Presentation Paper: 22 July 2024
* Travel arrangements: 30-31 July 2024
* Presentation of the papers 1 August 2024

**Terms and Conditions**

Submission of abstracts implies the author’s agreement to publish the abstract in all Conference publications including UN Women website and other knowledge products UN Women or its partners wish to disseminate.

UN Women will only accept Abstracts submitted from Ethiopia. Acceptance of abstracts does not imply any payment from UN Women. However, for the selected paper presenters, UN Women will cover for the costs of travel, accommodation and stay in Addis Ababa for the given dates of the Conference. In addition, the final edited version of the selected papers for the presentation will be part of a workshop report and policy brief UN Women will be publishing following the event.