



THE FORUM OF CENTRAL ASIAN WOMEN LEADERS' CAUCUS

Women, Peace, and Security: the Role of Women in Strengthening Peace and Security in the Central Asian Region and Afghanistan

Purpose of the Forum: Strengthening the Women, Peace, and Security agenda in regional cooperation to strengthen peace and security in the Central Asian region and Afghanistan.

The specific objectives:

1. Provide a high-level dialogue platform to review women's contributions and participation in peace consolidation and regional cooperation;
2. Develop the necessary measures to ensure women's participation in climate change adaptation processes as a basis for regional stability;
3. Develop recommendations and a general vision to be presented at interstate and political processes on meaningful participation of women in peacebuilding, cooperation, and sustainable development in the Central Asian region and Afghanistan.

PROGRAM OF THE FIRST DAY

3 OCTOBER 2024

Venue: Bishkek, Aaly Tokombaev Avenue, 21/2, Jannat Regency Hotel

Moderator: Anara Niyazova, Natalia Nikitenko

9.00 – 9.30	Registration. Welcoming coffee/tea
Zoom link for online participation: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIcOggqjotHNyDczXxhONwg9uHmNU0Cjop	
OFFICIAL WELCOMING	
9.30 – 9.35	Opening remarks by ISAEVA Dzhamilya Kubanychbekovna , Vice-Speaker of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic, Chairwoman of the Central Asian Women Leaders Caucus (CAWLC) on behalf of the Kyrgyz Republic.
9.35 – 9.40	Welcoming speech by IMANKULOV Marat Mukanovich , the Secretary of the Security Council of the Kyrgyz Republic
Review of the main trends and prospects for implementing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda in Central Asia	
9.45 – 10.00	Presentation of AZIZOVA Nargis , WPS Advisor, UN Women Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia
Climate justice in the context of Central Asian countries	
10.00-10.05	Speech by ASHIMOVA Dinara Ashimovna , Member of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, Leader of the parliamentary faction "Yiman Nuru"
Ensuring women's participation and promoting gender equality in decision-making on peacebuilding and security issues in the region	
10.05-10.10	Speech by KOZHOKULOVA Guli Akmatkulovna , Member of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic
Emergency situations and gender sensitivity	
10.10-10.15	Speech by MAMASHOVA Aisuluu Turusbekovna , Member of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic

SESSION 1: EXPERT DISCUSSIONS ON THEMATIC AREAS OF IMPLEMENTING THE WPS AGENDA - ACHIEVED PROGRESS AND FURTHER ACTIONS

10.15-11.45 Discussion of the current status of implementing the WPS agenda with a focus on:
 a) the role of institutional mechanisms in promoting gender equality,
 b) the elimination of discriminatory social norms and practices,
 c) ensuring sustainable financing in the following thematic areas:

Group 1: Rethinking approaches to promoting the role of women in strengthening peace and stability in the region in light of current challenges:

- What leadership practices have emerged?
- What unique aspects of women's leadership are being overlooked?
- Tools, structures, and practices that help overcome challenges and obstacles
- Examples of leveraging women's experience and competencies in contextual knowledge, understanding conflict dynamics, local networks, and other sets of civic skills.
- How can successful stabilization efforts at the local level be expanded to create momentum for positive change at the national and regional levels?

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Group 2: Gender approaches to climate change adaptation for strengthening community resilience and reducing instability risks:

- What gaps exist in the current understanding or data on the impact of climate change on women?
- How can data collection and analysis be improved to better inform policy and actions?
- What key changes or developments are needed to enhance women's resilience, especially in rural areas, to the long-term effects of climate change?
- Examples of innovative strategies women have used to adapt to a changing climate, particularly in agriculture, water resource management, and household resilience.

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Group 3: Innovative solutions for managing transboundary water resources with gender approaches:

- What are the connections between water technology use, market access, and women's empowerment?
- What approaches and mechanisms exist for applying holistic systems thinking to find solutions to complex regional water issues?
- Examples of intergenerational water diplomacy in the region.
- What examples of water cooperation and commitments to create innovative, joint initiatives and forums can help move beyond regional divisions and disputes toward a truly collaborative, climate-resilient, and sustainable approach to transboundary water management?

11.45-12.00	Coffee-Break
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12.00-14.00	<p>Expert dialogue “Afghanistan and Central Asia: Women, peace and security - overcoming difficulties and prospects for regional cooperation”</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining the context: the current situation of women, their role and participation in development processes in Afghanistan. • Regional perspectives: the impact on stability in Central Asia with a focus on the status of women and human rights. • Regional cooperation strategies to support Afghan women and strengthen peace and security in the region. • Develop general recommendations and strategies to positively influence the role of women in building peace and development in Afghanistan and the region as a whole.
14.00-15.00	Lunch break
SESSION 2: PLENARY DISCUSSION OF THE EXPERT POSITION ON REGIONAL PRIORITIES	
15.00-16.00	<p>Agree on a common expert position on the four priorities of the WPS agenda - participation and representation, prevention, protection, and relief and recovery</p> <p>General discussion</p>
16.00-16.20	Coffee-break
16.00-18.00	<p>Preparation for high-level dialogue with decision-makers</p> <p>Summarizing the results of the expert discussions for presentation to the participants on the Forum's second day.</p>
18.00-20.00	Informal networking. Expanding partnerships.