

## Inputs into the New Agenda for Peace March 2023

- The Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda, with its ten Security Council resolutions, offers a comprehensive framework for preventing armed conflict and addressing the root causes on instability. Evidence has repeatedly shown that more inclusive ceasefires and peace agreements are more sustainable.
- When the Secretary-General made his call for a global ceasefire in the face of the COVID 19 pandemic, women's organizations were the first to champion and amplify this call. In fact, ninety one women's organizations from the Arab States countries signed on to join this call. UN Women and DPPA also collaborated on a [policy brief](#) on gender and ceasefires to provide advocates with more concrete strategies.
- With the mandate to coordination and hold the UN system accountable to gender equality commitments, UN Women has a key role to play to provide technical assistance to the UN system and mobilize women's organizations to engage in UN led peacemaking and peacebuilding efforts. UN Women's role and leadership in peace and security should be bolstered to enable the UN system as a whole to better identify and respond to women's needs and priorities, as well as better support the capacities of women peacebuilders.
- In addition to affirming the directives in the Secretary-General's 2019 report to the Security Council, the NA4P can reiterate the SG's five goals. In his 2020 report to the Security Council on WPS (S/2020/946), the SG laid out five goals for the next decade of WPS implementation, namely:
  - Promote women's participation at all levels of peace and security.
  - Put protection of women's human rights defenders at the center of UN peace and security work.
  - Reduce military expenditure and increase investment in prevention and social infrastructure.
  - Galvanize donor support for the 15 per cent target of allocations to gender equality within all peace, recovery and peacebuilding funding.
  - Catalyze a data revolution to improve statistics and monitoring of WPS commitments.
- The NA4P could encourage more Member States to join the [Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action Compact](#), which was launched during the Generation Equality Forum. The WPS-HA Compact is an inter-generational, inclusive global movement which calls for the redesign of peace and security and humanitarian processes to systematically and meaningfully include women and girls – including peacebuilders, refugees, other forcibly displaced and stateless women and girls – in the decisions that impact their lives,

The Compact builds on years of work on women, peace and security and humanitarian action at the global, regional, national and local level. Signatories are invited to take transformative action for gender equality through strengthened coordination on existing mechanisms for women peace and security and humanitarian action; improved monitoring and assessment of progress; and a focus on financing, advocacy and increased visibility. The Compact's five issue areas are:

- **Financing** the WPS agenda and gender equality in humanitarian programming
- Women's meaningful **participation** in peace processes
- Women's **economic security**, access to resources and other essential services
- Women's **leadership and agency** across peace, security and humanitarian sectors
- **Protection** of women in conflict and crisis contexts, including women human rights defenders