

Conference Programme

Colombia Securing Peace: Women's Achievements and the Challenges Ahead

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8:30am - 9.30: ABColombia Welcome and Keynote speeches

Keynote Speeches

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon	Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Gen. Oscar Naranjo	Vice-President of Colombia (tbc)
Justina Demetriades	Gender and Conflict Advisor, Oxfam International

9:30am - 11:00 The International Context and National Achievements

- What was the international context and how did this support Colombian women in the peace negotiations (in CSOs, Victims, FARC and Government) to achieve a gender focus in the Peace Accord?
- Overview of the Peace Accord's achievements for women and how these were achieved.
- What can be learnt from the Colombian Peace Process that could benefit other processes

Chair: Baroness Jean Coussins, House of Lords, UK Parliament

Panel

Elena Ambrosi Turbay	State Special Attorney (Procuradora Delegada) for support to the victims of the armed conflict and the demobilized. Previously, she worked as Thematic Director of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, where she acted as an alternate negotiator in the advanced process between the Government and the FARC. She has also held various roles in the Ministry of Defence.
Hilde Salvesen	Norwegian Centre for Human Rights. She was part of the Norwegian facilitation of the peace process in Colombia with a special responsibility in the area of Women, Peace and Security.
Victoria Sandino Palmera	Member of the FARC Negotiating Team, responsible for Gender Equality and e FARC representative on the Gender Sub-Commission during the Peace Talks in Havana. She is now a member of the National Executive of the FARC's political party 'Fuerza Alternativa Revolucionaria del Común'. (via Skype)
Annika Otterstedt	Head of Development Cooperation, Strategic Analyst Peace Processes and Gender, Embassy of Sweden in Colombia

Coffee Break 11:00 am-11:20

11:20 - 12:45: Implementation of the Gender and Ethnic Provisions in the Peace Agreement: Structural Challenges

- This panel will examine what women achieved in the Peace Accord in relation to Political Participation and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- What are the structural and political challenges facing their implementation
- What areas were not addressed in the Peace Accord but are now coming into focus and what are the challenges and recommendations for maintaining a gender perspective in these areas.

Chair: Kristian Herbolzheimer
Transitions to Peace Program, Conciliation Resources

Panel

Rosa Emilia Salamanca	Director of the Corporation for Research, Social and Economic Action “CIASE”
Lida Emilse Paz	High Commissioner for the Cauca Regional Indigenous Council (CRIC) and previously Coordinator of the women’s Programme for ACIN (Asociación de Cabildos Indígenas del Norte del Cauca)
Edilia Mendoza	Rural Women’s Network and elected (substitute) member of the CSIVI High-Level Women’s Advisory Commission. The CSIVI is set up to oversee the implementation of the Peace Accord.

Lunch 12:45 - 13:30

13:30 - 14:45: Truth, Justice and Protection for a Sustainable Peace

- Transitional Justice System: what are the gains for women, the obstacles and opportunities in implementation?
- Why is a human rights framework essential for building sustainable peace, how was this embedded in the Colombian Peace Accord and what are the lessons for other peace negotiations?
- How has scrutiny from the international community helped or hindered ensuring a gendered perspective on justice for women?

Chair: Sophia Kerridge, PBI UK

Panel

Linda Cabrera Cifuentes	Deputy Director of Sisma Mujer, Linda and Sisma Mujer co-wrote and presented “Cinco Claves” (5 Key Points) which outlined what needed to be included in terms of addressing the crimes of gender violence in conflict in the Transitional Justice Agreements in Havana
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Juanita Goebertus

During the Peace Talks she was Head of the Transitional Justice Group at the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace of Colombia for four years, during which time she was intensively involved in the peace talks between the Colombian Government and the FARC in Havana (TBC)

Helga Flamtermesky

Coordinator of the Truth, Memory and Reconciliation Commission of Colombian Women in the Diaspora.

Coffee Break 14:45 - 15:05

15:05 -16:20 International Community's support for the implementation of the gender-based agreements

- How do you design gendered peace-building budgets?
- What role is the International Community playing in supporting the implementation of the gender-based agreements?
- How are international policy-makers and International Trust Funds supporting the implementation and monitoring of the gendered agreements in the Peace Accord?

Chair: Mabel Gonzalez Bustelo,
Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution (NOREF)

Panel

Fiona Hodgson

Co-Chair of the Women Peace and Security, APPG UK Parliament, Fiona recently visited Colombia to look at the issue of women, peace and security.

Eamon Gilmore

EU Special Envoy to the Colombian Peace Process

Laura Mitchell

Senior Adviser, Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution (NOREF) on gender and inclusivity in dialogue, mediation, peace processes and transitions.

16:20 - 16:30: Concluding Remarks

Louise Winstanley

Programme and Advocacy Manager, ABColombia