

# Colombia securing peace: Women's achievements and the challenges ahead



## Conference Programme

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

Wednesday, 22 November 2017  
Chancellor's Hall, Senate House, Malet Street  
London WC1E 7HU

*Those who are most concerned about achieving peace are those of us whose lives and bodies have been marked by war.” Jineth Bedoya (Journalist)*

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

### Keynote Speeches

**German Espejo**

Deputy Head of Mission to read a statement from the Government of Colombia

**Justina Demetriades**

Gender, Conflict and Fragility Lead, Oxfam GB

**Baroness Anelay**

Former Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and former Prime Minister's Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict

## 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

**Ivonne González**

Director of Human Rights, Colombian Ministry of the Interior  
(Virtual participation)

**Hilde Salvesen**

Norwegian Centre for Human Rights.

**Victoria Sandino**

Member of the FARC Negotiating Team responsible for Gender Equality (Virtual participation)

**Annika Otterstedt**

Head of Development Cooperation, Strategic Analyst Peace Processes and Gender, Embassy of Sweden in Colombia

## Coffee Break 11:00 am-11:30

## 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)

**Edilia Mendoza**

Colombian Rural Women's Network.

## 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

**Mariana Casij Peña** Latin America research officer at the Institute for Integrated Transitions.

**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** The Baroness Hodgson of Abinger, CBE and Co-Chair of the Women Peace and Security, APPG UK Parliament.

**July Fajardo** Research Coordinator, Humanas Women, Peace and Security Observatory, Colombia.

**Laura Mitchell** Senior Adviser, Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution (NOREF)

**Eamon Gilmore** EU Special Envoy to the Colombian Peace Process

## 16:20 - 16:30: Concluding Remarks

**Louise Winstanley** Programme and Advocacy Manager, ABColombia