

**The Group of
Women Ambassadors to
the United Nations in
Geneva**

has the pleasure to invite you to



**The Power of Empowered Women 2015
Women's Leadership in Peace and Security**

Tuesday, 23 June 2015

High-Level Panel Discussion

13h – 15h, Palais des Nations – Assembly Hall – Building A, 3rd Floor

Over the last twenty years, the international community has increasingly operationalized its commitment to ensuring that women are full partners in peace-making, peace-keeping, peace-building and development. Globally, positive strides have been made to understand the distinct contribution men and women can make in these domains. However, progress lags behind when it comes to ensuring women's full and equal access to decision-making and resources to exercise their rights in situations of conflicts, instability and transition processes.

You are invited to a high-level interactive panel discussion during the 29th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. Inspiring women leaders from around the world who have excelled in the arena of peace, security and development, and women and men who have driven transformative change by breaking down traditional gender stereotypes and promoting equality will share their experiences.

English-French translation provided

A light lunch will be provided at 12.15 in front of the Assembly Hall

Please register by 18 June at:

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The event is organized by the Group of Women Ambassadors to the United Nations in Geneva and partners. For more details on the organizers please see [here](#).

For further questions please email: rsvp@power-of-empowered-women.net

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Opening remarks by Michael Møller, Director-General of the UNOG

Panel discussion moderated by Ghida Fakhry, international broadcast journalist

- **Valerie Amos – Former Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs**
Valerie Amos is the former Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. She was also the United Kingdom's High Commissioner to Australia. She has been a long time campaigner and advocate on human rights, social justice and equality issues.
- **Teresita Quintos Deles – Presidential Adviser for the Peace Process in the Philippines**
Teresita Quintos Deles was the first woman to be appointed as the Presidential Adviser for the Peace Process in the Philippines in 2003, and was later reappointed by President Benigno Aquino, Jr. in 2010, when the Philippines became the first country in Asia-Pacific to adopt a National Action Plan on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 for Women, Peace and Security.
- **Major General Kristin Lund – Force Commander of the UNFICYP**
Major General Kristin Lund of Norway is the Force Commander of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Major General Lund has had a distinguished military career, with more than 34 years of military command and staff experience at the national and international levels.
- **Elisabeth Rehn - Member of the Board of Directors of the ICC Trust Fund for victims**
Elisabeth Rehn is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Trust Fund for Victims in The Hague and of the UN Women High Level Advisory Group for the Global Review on the 15 years of implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325. She was Finland's and the world's first female Minister of Defense between 1990 and 1995.
- **Mary Robinson – President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice**
Mary Robinson is President of the *Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice*. She served as President of Ireland from 1990-1997 and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997-2002. She is a member of the *Elders* and the *Club of Madrid* and the recipient of numerous honours and awards.
- **Dr. Paul Williams, President of the Public and International Law & Policy Group**
Dr. Paul Williams is the Rebecca Grazier Professor of Law and International Relations at American University. Dr. Williams is also the founder and President of the Public International Law & Policy Group. During the course of his career, Dr. Williams has assisted over two dozen states and governments in major international peace negotiations.

The audience will be given the opportunity to participate in the discussion

For a full programme please visit our website:

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