



REGIONAL WOMEN'S LOBBY for PEACE SECURITY and JUSTICE in SEE (<http://rwlsee.org/>)

International Conference

“EMPOWERING WOMEN IN POLITICS AND LEADERSHIP FOR A BETER WORLD”

Dedicated to UNSCR 1325+24 and Beijing +30 Reviews and Generation Equality Compact WPS-HA, of which the RWLSEE is a signatory and commitment maker.

AGENDA

Date: September 06, 2024 / Venue: Hotel Prishtina International, Prishtina, Kosovo

09:00 – 09:15	Registration of Participants
09:15 – 09:30	Welcoming remarks: Edita Tahiri , Former Deputy Prime Minister & Chief Peace Negotiator; Chair of Regional Women’s Lobby (RWLSEE), Kosovo Anne Kwakkenbos , Gender Expert, Cordaid
09:30 – 10:30	Panel 1/ “Gender equality in power-sharing and leadership for a better world: Why women are missing political power? What can we do for achieving our ideals of gender equality and full meaningful women participation in WPS processes in a just, peaceful, prosperous future?” Moderator: Sonja Biserko , Founder and President of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights RWLSEE SC Member, Serbia Panelists: Hykmete Bajrami , MP, RWLSEE Member, Kosovo Snežana Paunović , MP, Deputy Speaker of Parliament, RWLSEE Member, Serbia Time Kadrijaj , MP, RWLSEE member, Kosovo Ariana Musliu Shoshi , MP, Kosovo Nada Drobnjak , former MP, RWLSEE SC Member, Montenegro Focus themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Why political power is at the hands of men only? ✓ Old and new gaps and challenges for gender equality and women’s empowerment ✓ What new strategy requires for women’s struggle for political power? ✓ Does men command politically women when pursuing their role in governance ✓ 24 years into USCR1325 and about 30 years into Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: in which area women remain underrepresented and further discriminated? ✓ How to integrate gender-sensitive approaches across all sectors, given gender equality is not only a natural human right but also a cornerstone of sustainable development? What are the benefits of women in leadership? Followed by plenary discussion for 30 minutes
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:00	Panel 2/ “Gender inclusive justice and fighting gender-based violence in conflict and domestic contexts as a way forward to a just and inclusive peaceful societies and democratic coexistence”
	<p style="text-align: right;">Moderator: Memnuna Zvizdić Founder and Former Executive Director "Žene Ženama", RWLSEE SC Member, BiH</p> <p>Panelists: Vesna Ozbolt Škare, Former Minister of Justice, Croatia Edita Tahiri, Chair of RWLSEE, Kosovo Gordana Čomić, Former MP, Serbia Eliza Hoxha, MP, Kosovo Board Member on Petition seeking International Justice for CRSV, PDK, Kosovo Fatmire Haliti, Lawyer, Kosovo Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims (KRCT), Kosovo</p> <p>Focus themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How to create effective, accountable and gender-responsive justice institutions ✓ Gender-based violence increasing, femicide is back in 21st century? ✓ How to empower women’s voice and agency in protecting women’s right violation? ✓ How can women empowerment reduce gender-based violence? ✓ Transitional justice and national, international justice: how to redress women victims of conflict related sexual violence and not let perpetrators unpunished? ✓ establishing international justice for women raped during the wars in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Croatia leading to reconciliation in the region? ✓ Why UNSG never replied to two letters of RWLSEE calling UN to address international justice for women survivors of CRSV? <p>Followed by plenary discussion for 30 minutes</p>
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH
13:00 – 14:00	Panel 3 / “Women’s Political Empowerment, Participation In and Contribution to Peace and Security Processes in the Western Balkans and Gender Equality in Political Parties: Pulling Down Men Political Dominance?”
	<p style="text-align: right;">Moderator: Nada Drobñjak, RWLSEE SC Member, Former MP, Head, Parliamentary Commission for Gender Equality, Montenegro</p> <p>Panelists: Vlora Dumoshi, MP, LDK, Kosovo Eliza Hoxha, MP, Kosovo Board Member on Petition seeking International Justice for CRSV, PDK, Kosovo Xhevahire Izmaku, Former MP, NISMA, Kosovo Elga Mitre, Human Rights Activist, RWLSEE member, Albania Ganimet Shala, Assembly member of Ljubljana Municipality, SD Party, Slovenia</p> <p>Focus themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Women equal participation in political parties is relevant to democracy. Peacemaking and peacebuilding: Reality check and way forward?</i> ✓ <i>How to ensure women’s victory in national and party elections?</i> ✓ <i>What factors influence the level of gender inclusion in processes of party development?</i> ✓ <i>How to mobilize and influence in shaping gender equality of political parties?</i> ✓ <i>Political parties decide who takes place in decision making: What about gender quota in political parties’ leaderships and governments?</i>

	<i>Followed by plenary discussion for 30 minutes</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Panel 4 / WPS Agenda and Acceleration of its Implementation at national, regional and local levels, in the light of UNSCR+24 and Beijing+30 reviews: Reinventing New Strategy in A Changing World?
	<p>Moderator: Irina Pockova, RWLSEE SC Member; Former President, Women’s Chapter of SDA political party, North Macedonia</p> <p>Panelists: Flora Macula, WPS Expert, RWLSEE Steering Committee Member, Kosovo Reyes Charle Cuellar, Gender Adviser, European Union Office in Kosovo / EU Special Representative Snežana Jakovljević, Director „Sandglass“ NGO Rada Kapetanović, Lawyer, Kosovo</p> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p> <p>Focus themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Implementing the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda is essential to achieving sustainable peace and prosperity in the Western Balkans post-conflict region: Can you share your experience and recommendations regarding the acceleration of implementation of WPS agenda in your country and our region?</i> ✓ <i>How can we Integrate gender approaches into peace, security and conflict prevention policies, especially in our post-conflict region which is vulnerable in a changing world</i> ✓ <i>How to empower young women participation in political parties-closing intergenerational gap?</i> ✓ ✓ <i>There are ongoing regional initiatives among women, among them is leading RWLSEE: Can we move towards establishing “Western Balkans’ WPS” - The Berlin Process has established ‘Western Balkans’ YPS (known as RYCO), but they failed in establishing similar initiative for women?</i> ✓ <i>Resources, commitments and political will are key pillars in full implementation of WPS: how to strengthen these pillars?</i> <p><i>Followed by plenary discussion for 30 minutes</i></p>
15:30 -16:30	Breakout Sessions
	Working Groups based on panel’s topics, developing key recommendations. WG I; WG II; WG III; WG IV
16:30 – 17:00	Presentation of the summarized recommendations by WG & Open discussion
	Moderator Nada Drobnjak , RWL SEE SC Member, Montenegro Each WG presents 3-5 key priorities.
17:00	Closing Remarks
	Edita Tahiri , RWLSEE Chair Sonja Biserko , RWLSEE SC Member

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