



THE ROLE OF WOMEN AS MEDIATORS AND IN MEDIATION PROCESSES

The Folke Bernadotte Academy together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomes you to a panel discussion on mediation and the role of women as mediators. The discussion will be an open event as part of a high level meeting hosted by the Foreign Minister of Sweden on the theme of *Strengthening Women's Contribution to Peace and Mediation*.

Fifteen years has passed since a global commitment to women, peace and security was made in the form of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000). The adoption of the resolution is a global commitment to the inclusion of women in the peace and security agenda. In June 2011, the UN General Assembly approved the first resolution (65/283) on peace mediation. The resolution encourages to strengthen the position of women in conflict resolution efforts. Still women are underrepresented at the peace table where decisions about the future are made—either as negotiating parties or as mediators.

Women have demanded peace in processes like in Liberia. They have negotiated as parties as for example in the Philippines and Kenya and served as mediators and negotiators in places like Ukraine and Angola.

Despite this, studies show that 1992–2011 only 2 % of chief mediators and 9 % of negotiators in peace processes were women. In order to shift the numbers, attitudes need to change and more women need to be appointed as mediators or as part of mediation teams.

With this as a basis, the panel members will discuss different mediation contexts and their experiences of women's role in mediation. How we can assure women's participation in mediation processes and increase the number of women mediators?

- › **DATE:** 16 December 2015
- › **TIME:** 13.30–15.00
- › **VENUE:** Bankhallen
Malm Morgsgatan 3, Stockholm
- › **All guests need to bring identity card to enter**

PANEL MEMBERS

Betty Bigombe, Eminent Person, former Chief Mediator between the LRA and the government of Uganda (tbc)

Isak Svensson, Professor, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

Karin Landgren, former UN Under-Secretary-General

Maria Paulina Riveros, Peace Negotiator, Colombia Peace Process

Miriam Coronel-Ferrer, Chair of the Philippine Government's Peace Panel for negotiations with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front

Sanam Naraghi Anderlini, Co-Founder & Executive Director, International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN), former UN mediation standby team member

Moderator: **Sofie Karlsson**, Folke Bernadotte Academy

PROGRAM

- 13.00 **Registration and coffee**
- 13.30 **Welcome**, Sven-Eric Söder
Director-General, Folke Bernadotte Academy
- 13.35 **Introduction**, Margot Wallström
Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 13.45 **Panel discussion**
- 15.00 **Closing remarks**

- › *RSVP by 11 December to maja.jakobsson@fba.se. Please note that there is a limited number of seats. For questions about the seminar please contact sofie.karlsson@fba.se.*

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