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NATO Office on Gender Perspectives

Annual meeting of the NCGP

The annual meeting of the NCGP will take place next month from 22 till 25 May.

Like last year, this year's meeting will start with a conference open to the public, and will take place in the Conference Room LUNS at NATO HQ in Brussels.

The theme of the meeting is "**The Effects of Armed Conflict to a Society**" and the programme is attached to this newsletter.

Subscription to participate is via the link below:

[NATO Committee on Gender Perspectives - Conference Registration](#)

From NATO:

Secretary General discusses Women, Peace and Security with influential female activists from the Middle East and North Africa

On 29 March the NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen met with Nobel Peace Prize winner Mrs Tawakkol Karman from Yemen, and peace activist Ms Hibaaq Osman from Somalia, in the margins of a NATO-sponsored conference on women, peace and security.

[NATO Sec Gen discusses W, P & S with influential female activists from the Middle East and North Africa, 29-Mar.-2012](#)

Female activists from the Middle East and North Africa talk about the Arab Awakening.

In April, a group of female activists were invited to NATO to discuss the role of women in the Arab Spring. See the interviews on:

<http://we-nato.org/2012/04/05/unscr-1325-interviews-with-female-activists-from-the-middle-east-and-north-africa/>

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http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/topics_50327.htm

Quote of the month:

"The GIRoA is committed to restoring the integrity of Afghan women on the fundamental principle that there can be no democratization, and no true promotion and protection of women's rights without the participation of women."
H.E. Dr. Zahir TANIN,
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative
of Afghanistan to the
United Nations.

Gender Balance and Diversity

NATO, who promotes itself as an equal opportunities employer, has published not only its "Gender Balance and Diversity Policy", but has also released the latest statistics on the gender balance within NATO HQ – International Staff.

[NATO - Topic: Gender balance and diversity in NATO](http://www.nato.int/nato_static/gender_and_diversity-gender_2012.pdf) and
http://www.nato.int/nato_static/gender_and_diversity-gender_2012.pdf

Course information:

Invitation for a Flag Officer Seminar on Gender Perspectives in operations (**22/23 May** at the National Defence College, Stockholm, SWEDEN)

The two-day seminar for Flag Officers will focus on how the work with gender perspectives in a military/security environment will contribute to the overall political, military strategic and operational objectives. The main purpose of this seminar is to raise the common knowledge on how a gender perspective can be integrated into daily work as well as in operational planning, execution and evaluation at strategic and operational levels.

The flag officer seminar will also address how the comprehensive approach is the model to fully integrate gender perspectives into military operations.

For more information, contact Mr Hans Persbjer, Course Administrator SWEDINT (hans.persbjer@mil.se)

or <http://www.forsvarmakten.se/swedint>

Invitation for a European Security and Defence College (EDSC) course: "Comprehensive Approach to Gender in Operations" (**11/15 June** - Centre for Higher Defence Studies, CESEDEN, Madrid, SPAIN)

The course aims to increase operational effectiveness by equipping students with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively operationalise a gender perspective in CSDP and international missions and operations.

For more information, contact Annemieke de los Santos, Course Director (annemieke.santos@oc.mde.es)

or <http://www.defensa.gob.es/GenderOpsCourse/>



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Conference - 22 May 2012

Conferenceroom LUNS
NATO HQ BRUSSELS

“The Effects of Armed Conflict to a Society”

- 09:00** **Opening Remarks and Welcome Address, Status Update**
NCGP Chair Cdr SG FLAKSTAD, Patricia
- 09:15** **Presentation by COL GJERDE, Ingrid**
Norwegian National Contingent Commander, Afghanistan
- 10:00** **Presentation by Mrs INDER, Brigid**
Women’s Initiative for Gender Justice, The Hague, The Netherlands
- 10:45** **BREAK**
- 11:15** **Presentation by Mrs BUGAIGHIS, Salwa**
Libyan attorney and member of the Coalition of the February 17 Revolution
- 12:00** **Presentation by Mr MUJICIC, Damir**
Bosnian lawyer, NATO HQ, Sarajevo,
- 12:45** **LUNCH**
- 14:15** **Presentation by Maj HOVDE, Kirsten**
NATO Gender Advisor in ISAF
- 15:00** **Presentation by Maj SCHLEICHER, Elisabeth**
NATO Gender Advisor in KFOR
- 15:45** **Closing of the Conference**
NCGP Chair Cdr SG FLAKSTAD, Patricia