

PEACEBUILDING IN A TIME OF PESSIMISM

The Role of the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda

Special Session of the 10th International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) WPS Forum



PLACE: ALBANIAN PARLIAMENT

Date: 03 June 2024

AGENDA

The 10th International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Forum will examine pressing global challenges—from humanitarian crises and climate change to authoritarianism and election violence—with attention to the practical strategies and innovative solutions that women peacebuilders use at the local level to prevent and mitigate violence and transform crises and conflicts.

Convened the premises of the Albanian Parliament, this special session of the ICAN Forum is particularly significant, reflecting the ongoing commitment of Albanian institutions to advancing the WPS agenda at a time when security challenges are more complex than ever. The discussions will examine the dynamics of international responsibility, the achievements and potential of the WPS agenda, and strengthen our global-local cooperation as peace actors in these critical times. Speakers will include representatives of the Albanian government and institutions, international diplomats, and expert peace practitioners and mediators of the Women's Alliance for Security Leadership (WASL).

09:15 – 09:45 REGISTRATION

10:00 – 10:45 OPENING REMARKS

1	Ms. Lindita Nikolla - <i>Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania</i>
2	Ms. Emilia Rexhepi - <i>Deputy Prime Minister, Kosovo</i>
3	Ms. Albana Koçiu - <i>Minister of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Albania</i>
4	Ms. Megi Fino - <i>Deputy Foreign Minister, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania</i>
5	Ms. Rudina Çollaku - <i>Executive Director of the Woman Center for Development and Culture Albania (WCDCA)</i>
6	Ms. Sanam Naraghi Anderlini - <i>CEO of the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)</i>
MODERATOR	
Ms. Evis Kushi - <i>Member of Albanian Parliament</i>	

10:45 – 12:00 PANEL DISCUSSION: Strengthening an equitable ecosystem for peace: State and civil society partnerships

1	Ms. Ermonela Felaj - <i>Deputy Speaker from Albanian Parliament</i>	
2	Mr. Michele Ribotta - <i>Country Representative, UN Women Albania</i>	
3	Ambassador Michel Tarran - <i>Head of the OSCE Presence, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Albania</i>	
4	Ambassador Reinout Vos - <i>Ambassador of the Netherlands in Albania</i>	
5	Representative - <i>Embassy of the United States of America</i>	TBC
6	Ms. Robinah Rubimbwa - <i>Founder and National Coordinator, Coalition for Action on 1325 (CoACT) and member of WASL, Uganda</i>	
7	Ms. Ines Leskaj - <i>Executive Director, Albanian Women Empower Network (AWEN)</i>	
	<p>MODERATOR</p> <p>Ms. Eralda Çani - <i>Expert on law and legal framework of 1325 NAP</i></p>	