



*PeaceWomen Across the Globe*  
FRIEDENSFRAUEN WELTWEIT  
نساء من أجل السلام عبر العالم  
Femmes de Paix Autour du Monde  
Женщины мира за мир на земле  
MUJERES DE PAZ EN EL MUNDO  
Mulheres pela Paz ao redor do Mundo  
DONNE DI PACE NEL MONDO

ピースウーマン—国境を越え平和をつくる女たち  
全球和平妇女

## PeaceWomen Across the Globe

3-years-Program 2009–2012

# «Redefining Peace – Women Lead the Way»

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PeaceWomen Across the Globe's (PWAG) overall purpose is to increase the visibility of women peace-builders and support their efforts for peace and justice. The organization grew from the initiative to nominate 1000 women for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005. PWAG is recognized for its global network of women experts for the essential questions on human security and justice in this century. This extraordinary network of peacebuilders from all regions of the world constitutes an immeasurable potential, which PWAG intends to build on more deliberately during the coming 3-year period in order to 1) contribute to human security, peace and justice; 2) promote women's integration in peacebuilding activities; 3) mobilize and leverage the breadth of experiences of the women peacebuilders and activists in the network.



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In order to achieve these objectives, PWAG developed the 3-year program «**Redefining Peace – Women lead the Way**» (October 2009–September 2012). PWAG will continue the drive for networking and connecting and for projecting the combined experiences of the PeaceWomen on a global level – thus amplifying their impact. Most importantly, the program will be concrete evidence of activities for the realization of the goals and objectives of UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820, 1888, 1889, and also constitutes further steps for achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

PWAG engages in collaborative projects and builds mutual expertise. It lobbies for women's rights and their participation in peacemaking activities and supports campaigns to raise public awareness against all forms of violence. Peace is defined holistically by PWAG as human security and justice, relevant at community, state and international levels. PWAG specifically fosters a feminist perspective and focuses on women actors; however, the organization aims to achieve improved living conditions for all. PWAG **projects** are relevant to peace and justice and have positive impact on gender because of women's involvement. Sustainability needs the experience and knowledge of women on alternatives. Societies benefit from women's security concepts. PeaceWomen are recognised as peace experts in the regions, and should be involved in gender or sustainability implementation of Swiss projects/programs (official and NGO level).

All of the **activities** coming up to 2009 have contributed to the development of a **third pillar**: the new program «Redefining Peace – Women lead the Way», to build on the expertise of the PeaceWomen. This **program** consists of concrete projects within two thematic strands:

- «**Women's Advocacy for Peace & Justice**», participating in peace processes with a focus on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 and 1820 to transform conflicts towards peaceful coexistence.
- «**Ecological Security & Environmental Justice**», taking action based on women's concepts on ecological security and livelihood focusing on peace relevance and

gender impact.

The **value-added** that PWAG brings to the multitude of peacebuilding organizations is an extraordinary network of 1000 unique PeaceWomen across the globe. PWAG's activities are based on the achievements of the International Women's Movement, like the Beijing Declaration and Action Plan (Beijing 1995 «Equality, Development and Peace»). PWAG projects are contributions to implement relevant goals of the International Community, like the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discriminations Against Women (CEDAW/1982 and Optional Protocol/2000), the UN Security Council Resolutions on «Women, Peace and Security» (1325/2000, 1820/2008, 1888/2009, 1889/2009), «Violations Against Children During Conflict» (1882/2009) or the Millenium Declaration (2000/2005).

In the year 2008, PWAG started the **expertise project**, where we gathered more information about each of the PeaceWomen so as to build a pool of experts in peacebuilding. The goal was to establish opportunities and mechanisms for PeaceWomen to engage in formal policy processes where their expertise would be drawn upon. The response on the questionnaire was very positive: 250 women confirmed their desire to cooperate actively with us.

## **Focus for 2009–2012**

The **overall goal** of PWAG is to strengthen and develop the competence and strategies of PeaceWomen in achieving peace, security and justice. Together with approximately 250 PeaceWomen and other partner organizations in the regions, PWAG is working on peacebuilding projects in situations either demanding urgent action or needing support for sustainable social change towards human security.

For the program «Redefining Peace – Women lead the Way», PWAG will seek to achieve the following **objectives**: a) to mobilize and leverage the potential and breadth of experience of women peacebuilders and activists in the network. This builds upon

PeaceWomen's wish to share and combine their knowledge and relate to a global peace movement and, b) to narrow and sharpen the focus and range of activities undertaken. It is intended that mobilizing around and engaging in a small number of projects to achieve concrete changes will sharpen the collective focus and impact of PWAG. For all projects that PWAG undertakes, **sustainability** of results is taken seriously.

## **Program «Redefining Peace – Women lead the Way»**

The program «Redefining Peace – Women lead the Way» has two thematic program strands, as we have mentioned before: «Women's Advocacy for Peace & Justice» and «Ecological Security & Environmental Justice». The significance of these program strands is their **interdependence** – they both facilitate civil conflict transformation. Experience and competence for creative interventions and strategies during and after conflicts (1st strand) as well as to secure livelihood (2nd strand) are fundamental for assuring sustainable peace and security. By supporting women in their quest for an equal voice in family, local, national, and international decision-making arenas and by denouncing violence against women, PWAG emphasizes women's vital roles in the development of democratic societies, peace and justice. Annual gatherings of active participants/leaders will deepen the discussion and enable shared learning.

### **Type of Activities**

Within the program, PWAG is **supporting existing peace efforts**, building on knowledge and networks of PeaceWomen. PWAG is **documenting** the process and the outcome of the projects, developing it into **knowledge** and making it globally accessible.

Together with PeaceWomen of the region, PWAG is developing and realizing **peace**

**projects:**

- for situations demanding crisis intervention;
- for situations needing support for conflict transformation;
- fostering participation in decision-making process;
- offering thematic expertise and/or
- facilitating the implementation of UNSCR 1325, 1820, 1888, 1889, Millenium Declaration etc.

In the workshops and seminars, concrete **activities** for achieving change will be discussed and assessed in terms of effectiveness, such as: solidarity campaigns, training, participation in negotiation, or sharing lessons learned.

Furthermore, the strand «Ecological Security & Environmental Justice» concentrates on **sustainability**, developed and implemented by PeaceWomen. This includes:

- focus on peace relevance/dimension;
- focus on gender impact;
- ecological resource management;
- participating in decision-making;
- advice and monitoring;
- training programs for/by PeaceWomen;
- peace education materials.

Details on the structure, organization, objectives, criteria and course of action of the program and its projects can be provided on request.

## **Thematic Strands and Projects**

Within the 3-year program «Redefining Peace – Women lead the Way», a number of activities will be implemented. These will build on the experiences and results of projects that have already been carried out and respond to specific needs according to

the criteria set out earlier. The projects of the first year (2009–2010) have been defined by the Steering Groups (conceptualization, coordination, monitoring and evaluation) of each thematic strand; with project managers (development and management) appointed – these include PWAG coordinators and expertise pool.

The **projects** are developed according to the following criteria:

- PeaceWomen indicate they want to collaborate with PWAG in the given activity/project;
- local PeaceWomen take a leading role in the project;
- the PWAG expert pool serves as a resource for knowledge and support;
- PWAG's role supports already initiated activities by strengthening expert groups, using their knowledge and facilitating knowledge sharing.

The descriptions of the projects within the two strands vary in detail, because they are at different levels of realization. What follows is a brief summary of the projects within each thematic strand.

### **Strand 1: Women's Advocacy for Peace & Justice**

The PWAG projects included in this strand aim to 1) amplify PeaceWomen interventions to resolve violent conflicts; 2) prevent political, ethnic, communal or class violence from breaking out; and 3) foster connections between women peacebuilders to promote dialogue and mediation in order to encourage or consolidate peace.

PWAG will add momentum and seek to accelerate implementation of UNSCR 1325 and 1820. It is a strategy to promote women empowerment and gender equality, as well as acting upon UN Convention CEDAW, UNSCR 1325, 1820 and 1882. PWAG considers violence against women (VAW) a security issue that threatens peace and security for families, communities and nations (through exclusion of decision making, injustice, denial of human rights, rape, religious fundamentalism). The envisaged projects strengthen community responses towards the protection of women and enhance

institutional capacity to respond to women's needs to comply with international conventions.

**Project 1** «Workshops and Campaigns: Implementation 1325 & Peace Education», 2008–2010 in four regions:

**Latin America:** Femicide, Trauma and UNSCR 1325;

**Brazil:** Women for Peace – Human Safety and Justice;

**Indonesia:** Promoting Women's Participation and Peace Education; and

**West-Africa:** Against the proliferation and use of small arms (*Project Coordination: International Secretariat; ongoing, details on request*).

**Project 2** «10 years UNSCR 1325», 2010: PWAG contributes to the 10 years UNSCR 1325 events in October 2010. In New York, PWAG realizes activities together with the International Women's Tribune Centre in New York. PWAG is in contact with the Swiss Ambassador to the United Nations in New York in regard to Swiss activities. PWAG will also participate in the events of the European Council in Strassbourg. A meeting with the Swiss delegation will take place in August 2009 (*Project Manager: International Secretariat; planned*).

**Project 3** «Women's Platform for Conflict Transformation in Sudan», 2010–2012: The project consists of four components: 1) Seminar in Khartoum with Sudanese PeaceWomen and women peacebuilders from other war-torn countries in Africa (i.e. Somalia, Liberia) to determine specific and adapted peacebuilding strategies. 2) Visits to South Sudan, Blue Nile State, and to Darfur State in order to empower women and to develop skills to transform conflicts and promote peaceful resolutions. 3) An intervention in the Darfur dialogue with the goal to build trust between the different groups. 4) A research and training component in order to change the attitude of the community towards women's participation in resolving conflicts. The target groups are traditional leaders, community leaders, civil society representatives, women, youth and government authorities. Timing: 2009 project development (*Project Manager: Maha ZeinElabdin; conceptualized, details on request*).

**Project 4** «Women’s Forum for Peace» in Central Asia, 2009–2011: A regional Women’s Forum for Peace for PeaceWomen and women leaders, who are working for peace, justice and development in their societies. Preparatory meetings have already taken place in Kazakhstan and Afghanistan. The Forum will initiate regional partnerships of women from different countries for mutual support and solidarity, exchanging experience, education, and training. The Forum will support women in the region to make their work more effective and to cooperate on various projects (*Project Manager: Marina Pikulina; conceptualized, details on request*).

**Project 5** «Promoting Women’s Security» in Central and West Africa, 2010–2012: The initiative reduces sexual violence against women including rape in selected post-conflict countries in West and Central Africa by reinforcing the capacity of peace women organizations to prevent and protect women against violence; strengthening the legal protection of victims; strengthening prevention mechanisms; and building connectivity and alliances for a greater and sustainable impact. In this project for the implementation of UN Resolutions 1325 and 1820 the following activities are planned: trainings on community, provincial and national levels as well as advocacy campaigns and lobbying activities (*Project Manager: Cecile Mukarubuga; conceptualized, details on request*).

## **Strand 2: Ecological Security & Environmental Justice**

Long and short term impacts of climate changes, exploitation of natural resources or questions of the ownership of biodiversities have the potential of large scale problems and conflicts and in the worst case to wars. Peace is endangered by environmental degradation whether it is caused by military intervention, the exclusion of women from decision processes of resource management, patents on life, or overuse of non-renewable resources.

The aim of the program is to expand knowledge and skills among PeaceWomen

working in the field of Ecological Security & Livelihood (Millenium Goals), to disseminate their expertise beyond their immediate spheres of influence, and promote an exchange of practical experience and improvement of appropriate technologies for this field will be promoted.

**Project 1** «**Ecological Security & Livelihood: Practice & Theory**», 2008–2010, has been under way since 2008. Its pilot phase has been funded and implemented: University courses in Hong Kong (2008/2009), conferences and seminars with PeaceWomen in Taiwan and China in June 2009 (*Project Manager: Kin Chi Lau; ongoing*).

**Project 2** «**International Promotion**» of **Good Practices**, 2010–2011, Promotion of the PWAG expertise on resource management and decision-making processes at community, national and international levels; presentation of concepts at conferences (especially at the WSF in Senegal, January 2010), building partnerships and making this knowledge available to the public arena; development of educational materials (*Project Manager: Kin Chi Lau; conceptualized*).

**Project 3** «**Thematic foci**», 2010–2012, in **Asia** (water & energy: livelihood and sustainable resource management), **Africa** (scarcities & peace: sustainable resource management is a peace component), **Latin America** (alternatives: indigenous visions and solidarity economies), **Europe/Northern America** (lifestyle & responsibilities: consumers' behaviour and multinational agro-industry). Those regional programs share the following common concerns and activities:

1. exchange of experiences and best practices, and transfer of know-how
2. conceptualization, articulation and knowledge dissemination
3. expertise offered by think-tank, international fair in India (*Project Manager: Kin Chi Lau; planning stage*).

**Project 4** «**International Fair**», 2012, in India (*Project Manager Kin Chi Lau, idea*)

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