

The Action Plan has created opportunities to advance the WPS agenda domestically as well. An improved understanding of the gendered impacts of conflict and its reinforcement of multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination faced by, for example, religious minorities, Indigenous women and LGBTQ2 persons, has helped inform Canada's efforts in the resettlement of refugees, including Yazidi women and girls and other survivors of Daesh.



Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Ahmed Hussen and civil society organizations who support women newcomers discuss immigrant women's integration into the workforce.

The Canada Centre for Community Engagement and Prevention of Violence (Canada Centre) was launched in June 2017 to provide leadership and support for countering radicalization to violence in Canada. In all of its partnerships, the Canada Centre ensures that efforts to understand, prevent and counter radicalization to violence in Canada integrate the tenets of the WPS agenda by consulting with diverse citizens and community-based organizations; by paying attention to distinctive risk and preventive factors as well as strengths and vulnerabilities of diverse communities, families, women and youth; and by integrating considerations of gender and diversity into the design, measurement and evaluation of programs. The Canada Centre, in collaboration with Global Affairs Canada, also leads Canada's international efforts on countering radicalization to violence. One example of results during the

reporting period was the integration of gender considerations into the G7 commitments relating to countering radicalization to violence. Policies that reflect WPS principles have also helped strengthen efforts to improve gender equality in the CAF and RCMP, an important step in increasing the gender awareness and sensitivity of Canadian deployments to international peace operations and other stabilization efforts.

The new Action Plan has also provided the Government of Canada with an opportunity to pilot an approach in tracking international assistance investments that advance the WPS agenda. Tracking funding is crucial in demonstrating progress on implementing the Action Plan, ensuring ongoing support for the WPS agenda, and strengthening accountability. To date, there is no internationally agreed-upon method for tracking WPS funding. A description of Canada's approach to tracking WPS investments is outlined in the attached annex. It builds on the gender equality policy marker and thematic purpose codes developed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

When Canada organized a Foreign Ministers' Meeting on Stability and Security on the Korean Peninsula with the United States in Vancouver, women peacebuilders were invited to present their recommendations and participate in a round table led by Canada's foreign minister. The initiative provided an important opportunity to hear the views and insights of civil society representatives, including women peace activists, giving them access to decision makers and setting a precedent for future meetings.