



Considerable progress has been made during the reporting period to set the Action Plan into motion. Important tasks in the second and following years include a commitment to:

- appoint a WPS Ambassador and establish an office to support this position;
- develop an approach to advancing WPS as it relates to Indigenous women and girls, including through an expanded federal partnership;
- implement G7 commitments relating to WPS;
- improve implementation plan indicators, including to better measure impact and capture gender disaggregated data;
- consider adding implementation targets, for example on natural resources and the role their exploitation can have in fuelling conflict or instability and disproportionately affecting women and girls, particularly Indigenous women and girls;
- increase focus on supporting youth as agents of change in the promotion of peace and security;
- increase focus on engaging men and boys in addressing SGBV and advancing gender equality in conflict settings;

- further explore avenues for supporting grassroots women's rights organizations; and
- further understand the multiple and complex roles of women in conflict, including as active participants in violence.

To improve policy coherence, coordination and the integration of the WPS agenda across the government, especially for emerging conflict situations, the government will explore:

- looking at options for integrating advice from the new WPS Ambassador;
- further defining the roles of WPS Champions and expert-level focal points;
- increasing WPS outreach sessions for Action Plan partners;
- developing a common understanding of gender and a feminist approach in the context of the WPS agenda; and
- considering how to further the already strong collaboration with civil society partners and improve coordination with Indigenous stakeholders.

This year marks an exciting moment for Canada and for all advocates of the WPS agenda. Together we remain focused on advancing the Action Plan's five main objectives through the delivery of diplomatic, advocacy and programming efforts that build on lessons learned from our efforts across the globe. The Government of Canada recommits to continuing its pursuit of its Action Plan objectives as our activities and outputs transform into enduring results.