



AGENDA

Monday, 2 June 2025

10:00 - 11:00

Main Stage
Beethoven Hall

WPS Forum 2025 Opening Ceremony

Official thematic video of the Forum

Opening Act: **From Surviving to Thriving!**

Masters of the ceremony: Dojna Mema and Ilir Deda

Welcome speech by H.E. Dr. Vjosa Osmani Sadriu, President of the Republic of Kosovo

Keynote speeches by:

- **H.E. Sir Rodney Williams, Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda**
- **H.E. Elisa Spiropali, Speaker of Parliament of the Republic of Albania**

Special video address by H.R.H. Grand Duchess Maria Teresa

11:00 - 11:20

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From Policy to Impact: The WPS Agenda at NATO

Fireside chat with NATO Secretary General Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security, Irene Fellin

Moderated by: Ilir Deda, Master of the Ceremony

11:25 - 11:55

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Presidential Medal Award Ceremony

12:00 - 13:00

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Peacemaking in the 21st Century: What Does It Take?

Keynote speech by:

The Hon. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Tanzania

Panelists:

1. Patricia Nangozo-Kainga, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malawi
2. Lalivan Karnchanachari, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Thailand
3. Silda Anagnosti Cepe, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Albania
4. Pavlína Žáková, Deputy Minister of European Affairs, Czech Republic
5. Eva-Maria Liimets, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia (2021-2022), Head of Democracy and the Rule of Law at the Estonian Centre for International Development, Estonia
6. Meliza Haradinaj, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2020 - 2021), Kosovo

Moderated by Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, Resident Senior Director, NOI Kosovo

13:00 - 14:15

Vera by the
Pool

Lunch reception and networking

14:15 - 15:15

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The Intergenerational Impact of War

Video address by H.E. Buthaina Bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi, Minister of Social Development and Family, Qatar

Panelists:

1. Dr. Maitha bint Salem Alshamsi, Minister of State, United Arab Emirates
2. Amina Priscille Longoh, Minister of State, Minister of Women and Early Childhood, Chad
3. Mayra Jiménez, Minister of Women, Dominican Republic
4. Nasseneba Touré, Minister of Women, Family and Children, Côte d'Ivoire
5. Vlora Çitaku, Minister for European Integration (2011 - 2014), Kosovo

Moderated by Reyes Charle Cuellar, Gender Advisor at European Union Kosovo

14:15 - 15:15

Strauss 1
Hall

An Outlook on Global Security: What comes next?

Panelists:

1. Ejup Maqedonci, Minister of Defense, Kosovo
2. Blerina Abrazhda, Deputy Minister of Defense, Albania
3. Rudolf Scharping, Federal Minister of Defense (1998 - 2002), Germany
4. Clare Hutchinson, Former NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security
5. Leszek Jażdżewski, Editor of Liberté
6. Dr. Savo Kentera, President of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro and former Director of the National Security Agency of Montenegro

Moderated by Skender Perteshi, Director of PREVENT Institute

14:15 - 15:15

Strauss 2
Hall

Empowerment as a Pathway to Peace

Video message by: Australia's Ambassador for Gender Equality, Stephanie Copus Campbell AM

Panelists:

1. Andreja Metelko-Zgombić, State Secretary for Europe at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Croatia
2. Sylvie Jacqueline Ndongmo, President of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Cameroon
3. Feride Rushiti, Executive Director, Kosova Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims
4. Dr. Pranvera Tika, Professor, University of Panteion

Moderated by Edita Miftari, WPS Programme Specialist, UN Women BiH

15:30 - 16:30

Main Stage
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Why peace needs women? And, how does that impact the lives of children?

Video message by Delphine O, Ambassador-at-large and Secretary General for the Generation Equality Forum (Beijing+25), France

Panelists:

1. Emilija Redzepi, Acting Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo
2. Remzie Istrefi, Judge at the Constitutional Court, Kosovo
3. Ambassador Gesa Bräutigam, Director for Human Rights and Global Health, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
4. Jülia Palik, Senior Researcher and Co-leader of Gender Research Group at PRIO
5. Emilie Nicolas, Anthropologist, consultant and columnist for Le Devoir and The Montreal Gazette

Moderated by: Mirsad Jacevic, Vice Chair of Inclusive Security

15:30 - 16:30

Strauss 1
Hall

The quiet crisis: Mental health in global security agendas

Panelists:

1. Veronika Vashchenko, Head of the UNICEF, Kosovo
2. Hon. Janet Ramatoulie Sallah-Njie, Vice Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
3. Manira Alva, Senior Advisor, Vital Voices
4. Irma Šiljak, Program Coordinator, Medica Zenica

Moderated by: Adelina Hasani, Researcher, Kosovo Center for Security Studies

15:30 - 16:30

Strauss 2
Hall

Securing her safety: Preventing gendered violence in conflict

Panelists:

1. Henriette Da, President of the National Human Rights Commission, Burkina Faso
2. Edi Gusia, Executive Director of Agency for Gender Equality
3. The Hon. Alejo Campos, Regional Director of Crime Stoppers Caribbean, Bermuda and Latin America
4. Hala Al-Karib, Regional Director, Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa [SIHA] Network
5. Vicenta Fernandes, President of the Cape Verdean Association for the Fight Against Gender-Based Violence

Moderated by: Eva Tabbasam, Director at Gender Action for Peace and Security

16:45 - 17:45

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Legal Lifelines: Securing Women and Children in Conflict

Panelists:

1. Albulena Haxhiu, Minister of Justice, Kosovo
2. Ambassador Darja Bavdaž Kuret, Special Envoy and Ambassador at Large for Women, Peace and Security and Empowerment of Women in International Organizations in the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovenia
3. Vera Mjeku, Legislative Policy Analyst, NYC
4. Dario Šikuljak, Political Military Legal Advisor to the Commander, NATO HQ Sarajevo
5. Dr. hab. Anna Rytel-Warzocha - Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Gdańsk

Moderated by: Kayla McGill, Expert on the Women, Peace and Security Agenda

<p>16:45 - 17:45</p> <p>Strauss 1 Hall</p>	<p>The Security Code for our Generation - priorities for a New Era</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michael Roth, Former Member of the German Bundestag 2. Dr. Małgorzata Bonikowska, President of the Center for International Relations 3. Major General Muniruzzaman (Retd), President and CEO of the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) 4. Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Billie Flynn, Global Strategic Advisor and Consultant-Advanced Aviation Technologies and Strategies Retired RCAF Combat Commander (F-35) 5. Dr. Velizar Shalamanov, Chairperson, NCI Organisation (NCIO) Agency Supervisory Board <p>Moderated by: Agron Demi, Co-founder and Executive Director, Atlas Institute</p>
<p>16:45 - 17:45</p> <p>Strauss 2 Hall</p>	<p>Unyielding voices: The Fight for Freedom in an Age of Uncertainty</p> <p>Video address by: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Chairwoman of the Center for Civil Liberties (CCL)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Jessica Smith, Director of Research, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security 2. Adrijana Hanušić Bećirović, Human Rights Lawyer and Transitional Justice Expert 3. Özge Genç, Visiting Fellow at Middle East Council on Global Affairs 4. Dr. Aigul Kulnazarova, Professor of International Relations and International Law at the School of Global Studies, Tama University 5. Anja Wehler-Schöck, International Editor, Tagesspiegel <p>Moderated by: Zillur Rahman, Executive Director of the Center for Governance Studies</p>
<p>20:00 - 21:30</p> <p>Grand Events</p>	<p>Dinner hosted by the President of the Republic of Kosovo, H.E. Dr. Vjosa Osmani Sadriu (by special invitation only)</p>

Tuesday, 3 June 2025

08:30 - 10:00

Roof-top

Closed roundtable discussion on “To protect women and children in times of war, we must first make sure they are protected in times of peace”

[by special invitation only]

Panelists:

1. Saara-Sofia Sirén, Member of the Finnish Parliament
2. Alben Reshitaj, Member of Parliament, Kosovo
3. Assoc. Prof. Jolita Miliuvienė, Parliamentary Ombudsperson, Lithuania
4. Senator Krista Ross, Senator at the Senate of Canada
5. Ulrich Lechte, Former Member of the German Bundestag
6. Senator Rebecca Patterson, Senator at the Senate of Canada
7. Hykmete Bajrami, Member of Parliament, Kosovo
8. Slavjanka Petrovska, Member of Parliament, Republic of North Macedonia
9. Shaip Kamberi, Member of the Parliament of Serbia
10. Mehmet Zenka, Member of Parliament, Montenegro
11. Senator Mary Robinson, Senator at the Senate of Canada
12. Nikola Zirojević, Member of Parliament, Montenegro
13. Shqipe Mehmeti Selimi, Member of Parliament, Kosovo
14. Diana Toska, Member of Parliament, North Macedonia
15. Ganimet Shala, Member of Ljubljana's City Council
16. Time Kadrijaj, Member of Parliament, Kosovo
17. Arbana Pasholli, Member of Parliament, Republic of North Macedonia
18. Dimitris Avramopoulos, Member of the Hellenic Parliament
19. Danijel Živković, Member of Parliament, Montenegro
20. Saranda Imeri-Stafai, Member of Parliament, Republic of North Macedonia
21. Rina Ajdari, Member of Parliament, North Macedonia
22. Xhevahire Izmaku, Member of Parliament, Kosovo
23. Ilire Dauti, Member of Parliament, Republic of North Macedonia

Moderated by: Edlira Çepani, Lawyer and Human Rights Activist

10:00 - 10:15

Main Stage
Beethoven Hall

Official Opening of Day 2

Masters of the ceremony: Dojna Mema and Ilir Deda

Keynote speech by H.E. Lady Sandra Williams, Spouse of the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda

<p>10:20 - 11:20</p> <p>Main Stage Beethoven Hall</p>	<p>Post-War Resilience - Reclaiming Lives and Reconstructing Futures</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arianit Besiri, Mayor of Morbach 2. Saranda Bogujevci, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Kosovo/Massacre Survivor 3. Velma Šarić, President and Founder of the Post Conflict Research Center 4. Moriko Hori, President of the WFPW International 5. Engjëllushe Morina, Senior policy fellow with the Wider Europe Programme at the European Council on Foreign Relations <p>Moderated by: Pranvera Lipovica, Program Director at National Democratic Institute (NDI)</p>
<p>10:20 - 11:20</p> <p>Strauss 1 Hall</p>	<p>Toward Justice: The Strength and Story of Survivors</p> <p>Video message by Dr. Christina Doctare, Former Nobel Peace Prize Laureate & Alisa Kovalenko, SEMA Ukraine Member/Survivor</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feride Rushiti, Executive Director of KRCT 2. Ramadan Nishori, Survivor of Sexual Violence during the last war in Kosovo 3. Lydmilla Makvey, Ukrainian journalist documenting war crimes <p>Moderated by: Korab Krasniqi, Project Manager, Pro Peace</p>
<p>10:20 - 11:20</p> <p>Strauss 2 Hall</p>	<p>WPS in Action: Results from Civil Society Support (CSS) Scheme</p> <p>Presented by Anita Vllahiu, Project Manager, QIKA - Center for Information, Critique, and Action Agenda</p> <p>Documentary screening</p>
<p>11:30 - 12:30</p> <p>Main Stage Beethoven Hall</p>	<p>From Ashes to Championing Democracy: Kosovo's Transformation Story</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vepore Shehu, Executive Director, Medica Kosova 2. Bekim Blakaj, Executive Director, Humanitarian Law Centre Kosovo 3. Dr. Atdhe Hetemi, Executive Director of the Institute For War Crimes in Kosovo 4. Naim Qelaj, Ombudsperson, Republic of Kosovo 5. Hilminjeta Apuk, Human rights activist <p>Moderated by: Teuta Arifaj, Journalist</p>

<p>11:30 - 12:30</p> <p>Strauss 1 Hall</p>	<p>Digital Defenders: Technology, Protection, and Rights in Conflict Zones</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abetare Gojani, Executive Director, The Foundation House 2. Mergim Cahani, CEO Gjirafa 3. Valon Canhasi, CEO, Hallakate 4. Colin Decker, Statistics and Digital Data Expert <p>Moderated by: Laura Soto Arroyave, Coordinator for Feminist foreign policy and gender affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia</p>
<p>11:30 - 12:30</p> <p>Strauss 2 Hall</p>	<p>Voices That Matter: Media's Power to Protect</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Claudia Palacios, Journalist, Colombia 2. Martin Ehl, Chief Analyst, Hospodářské noviny, Czech Republic 3. Małgorzata Rejmer, Polish novelist and reporter, Poland 4. Magda Jakubowska, Deputy Editor-in-Chief at Visegrad Insight, Poland 5. Noor Osama Nugali, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Arab News <p>Moderated by: Rinor Nuhiu, Communication Advisor to the President of the Republic of Kosovo</p>
<p>12:30 - 13:45</p> <p>Vera by the Pool</p>	<p>Lunch reception and networking</p>
<p>14:00 - 15:00</p> <p>Main Stage Beethoven Hall</p>	<p>The Role of the Western Balkans in European Security</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lieutenant Colonel Vjosa Maloku, Kosovo Security Force 2. Prof. Lars-Hendrik Röller, Chairman Berlin Global Dialogue, Germany 3. Angela Mondou, CEO of SGCX 4. Marta Szpala, Senior Fellow, Leading Polish Expert on the Western Balkans 5. Gëzim Visoka, Associate Dean for Research, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Associate Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, School of Law and Government, Dublin City <p>Moderated by: Teuta Sahatqija, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Former Ambassador and Consul General of Kosovo in New York</p>

14:00 - 15:00

Strauss 1
Hall

Resilience in Ruins

Panelists:

1. Tanya Domi, Adjunct Assistant Professor of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs
2. Dr. Charles A. Kupchan, Senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and Professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University in the Walsh School of Foreign Service and Department of Government
3. Audrey Wubbenhorst, Professor at Humber College, Canada
4. Daliborka Uljarević, Executive Director of Center for Civic Education

Moderated by: Kallie Mitchell, Program head and analyst for the Gender Policy Portfolio at the New Lines Institute

14:00 - 15:00

Strauss 2
Hall

Women at the Helm: Real-Life Stories of Female Leadership in Peacebuilding

Panelists:

1. Ambassador Ligia Quessep, Non-resident Ambassador of Colombia to Kosovo
2. Leonie Stamm, Research Fellow, DGAP
3. Katrien Coppens, Director of Mukwege Foundation
4. Jonathan Berkshire Miller, Expert on Foreign Affairs, National Defense and National Security

Moderated by Brikenda Rexhepi, Editor, Koha

15:15 - 16:15

Main Stage
Beethoven Hall

Lasting Peace in the Western Balkans

Panelists:

1. Igballo Rogova, Executive Director, Kosovo Women's Network
2. Velma Šarić, President and Founder of the Post Conflict Research Center
3. Jeta Krasniqi, Expert Consultant to the Government of the Republic of Kosovo on the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process
4. Nikolina Marceta, Former Gender Advisor to the EUFOR Commander

Moderated by: Vlora Nushi, Head of UN Women Kosovo

<p>15:15 - 16:15</p> <p>Strauss 1 Hall</p>	<p>Healing in the Aftermath: Survivors Reclaiming Their Lives</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Jennifer Okeke, Chairperson of the National Women Council (NWC) and the Anti-Trafficking Coordinator with the Immigrant Council of Ireland 2. Shyrete Tairi, Presidential Special Envoy for Transitional Justice, Kosovo 3. Kolbassia Haoussou MBE, Director of Survivor Empowerment, Survivors Speak OUT 4. Mirlinda Sada, Executive Director, Medica Gjakova 5. Nadine Tunasi, Survivor Speak OUT Manager and PSVI Survivor Champion <p>Moderated by: Antigona Baxhaku, Founder, She Solutions</p>
<p>15:15 - 16:15</p> <p>Strauss 2 Hall</p>	<p>The Peacebuilding Partnership: Women and the Security Sector</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brigadier General Sven Lange, NALT Director 2. Major Luljeta Mehmeti Quigley, Kosovo Police 3. Lieutenant Colonel Fatbardha Osaj Fazliu, Kosovo Security Force 4. Sanam Naraghi Anderlini, Founder and CEO, International Civil Society Action Network <p>Moderated by: Mirsad Jacevic, Vice Chair of Inclusive Security</p>
<p>16:45 - 17:30</p> <p>Main Stage Beethoven Hall</p>	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Video</p> <p>Special session with Alketa Vejsiu featuring the President of the Republic of Kosovo, H.E. Dr. Vjosa Osmani Sadriu</p>
<p>20:30</p> <p>Skenderbeu Square</p>	<p>Concluding event of WPS Forum 2025: Kanga jonë (by special invitation only)</p>



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