

Women, Peace and Security in Africa

June 21 - 23, 2021 **Live-Stream**

Press Release

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APSA CO 2021: « Women, Peace, Security in Africa »

The Policy Center for the New South holds the 5th Edition of its Annual Conference on Peace and Security in Africa (Online) June 21 – 23, 2021

« Women, Peace and Security », is the theme of the 5th Edition of APSACO, one of the flagship conferences of the Policy Center for the New South, which will be organized online this year on the [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) Pages of the think tank.

Twenty years after the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (WPS), what progress has been made in Africa to include women in the defense forces, but also in the prevention and resolution of conflicts? Of the 81 countries that have developed a national plan to implement the WPS Resolution, 25 are African. The African Union (AU) has also adopted a Continental Results Framework for monitoring and reporting on this specific agenda. Are potential breakthroughs hampered by persistent gender inequalities and violent conflicts, in which young girls, in particular, are used to carry out suicide attacks in the Sahel?

To discuss this issue, high-level experts will be invited to speak at four webinars on June 21 and 22 (see attached agenda). The floor will be largely given to women, including four prominent Africans: **Bineta Diop** (Senegal), Special Envoy of the African Union Commission on WPS and **Hafsat Abiola** (Nigeria), President of Women in Africa Initiative, **Letty Chiwara** (Zimbabwe), UN Women Representative to Ethiopia, the Africa Union and the and Economic Commission for Africa, and **Mamphela Ramphela**, Co-President of the Club of Rome and Co-founder of ReimagineSA (South Africa).

Rama Yade (France), Senior Fellow of the Atlantic Council, will also speak, along with political and military decision makers, including **Birame Diop** (Senegal), Chief of Staff, **Dominique Trinquand** (France), former Head of the French Military Mission to the UN and NATO and **Ibrahim Diarra Siratigui** (Mali), former Chief of Staff and Director of Prospective and Strategic Analysis at the Presidency of the Republic.

Other analysts who will speak at the conference include **Yonas Adaye Adeto** (Ethiopia), Director of the Institute for Peace & Security Studies (IPSS), **Badreddine El Harti** (Morocco), Director of the Rule of Law and Security Institutions at UNDP and Special Advisor to the

President of Burkina Faso, and **Serge Stroobants** (Belgium), Director for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa of the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) whose Global Peace Index will be presented.

In addition, the Policy Center's Annual Report on the Geopolitics of Africa will be published and presented on June 23, as well as the « ISIS Files », a report from George Washington University that focuses on the analysis and presentation of 15 000 administrative documents left behind by the Islamic State in Iraq and collected by New York Times reporter Rukmini Callimachi.

The webinar will be broadcasted live in English and French on the Policy Center for the New South's [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#), with live tweets on [Twitter](#).

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