



South Africa in Africa workshop and seminar series Co-hosted by SIGLA, the Danish Embassy in South Africa and RDDC

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**The Residency of the Danish Ambassador to South Africa
369 Lawley Street, Waterkloof.**

Seminar:

Fighting gender-based violence, discrimination and sexual exploitations in peace missions

18 years after the dawn of UNSC RES 1325 – status on the achievements made and the challenges ahead

A South African Perspective

South Africa has taken up its third term in the United National Security Council (UNSC) which allows us to reflect on several South African issues of security and human rights in its domestic sphere and international cooperation. South Africa's domestic and foreign policy champions its commitment to human rights, with an exceptionally modern and liberal Constitution. Policy and political rhetoric furthermore, emphasises the country's commitment to advancing the protection and consolidation of rights concerning gender, as well as the fight against gender-based violence, sexual violence and exploitation. UNSC Resolution 1325 addressing women, peace, and security is one of the front-running international commitments that South Africa and the broader international community has embraced.

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However, effective *implementation* of the values and policies like UNSC RES 1325 have faced numerous challenges – and implementation within the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) is no exception. South Africa has one of the world's highest percentage of women being deployed in peace missions, and there is recent research showing that a higher percentage of women involved in peace processes and missions increases the likelihood of a successful outcome. Despite this, the SANDF has one of the highest numbers of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) cases in the world, causing international criticism and UN investigations. It is relevant to ask the question of whether this is a uniquely South African issue, since South Africa also faces significant challenges regarding gender-based and sexual violence within its national communities. It is also important to examine some of the potential underlying causes and systematic process around gender issues and SEA within the SANDF and peace missions.

However, SEA and gender based violence is not a uniquely South African problem, but a challenge for many military forces. Human rights, including actions against gender-based and sexual violence, are critical issues in the creation of future successful peace missions. The seminar will provide an in-depth discussion into South Africa's position and experience and general challenges and dilemmas within peace missions zooming in on issues surrounding UNSC RES 1325. The seminar brings together a key group of stakeholders that include relevant academics, practitioners and decision-makers for a day of open and free discussion under Chatham House rules.

For questions related to the seminar and for registration pls. contact: Prof. Thomas Mandrup, RDDC/SIGLA, thomasm@sun.ac.za, Cell: +27 (0)833370009

Program

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Time	Subject	Speaker
08.30-09.00	Arrival	
09.00-09.10	Welcome	Thomas Mandrup RDDC/SIGLA
09.10-09.20	Denmark – the advancement of UNSCR 1325 principles	Amb. Tobias Elling Rehfeld
09.20-09.40	UNSCR 1325 – paying lip-service to the principles of gender equality	.Prof. Cheryl Hendricks, Dir. The Africa Institute of South Africa
09.40-10.00	South Africa and UNSCR 1325: Promoting the gender question?	Ms. Lieketseng Mohlakoana-Motopi, The SA Commission for Gender Equality
10.00-10.30	Discussions	
10.30-10.50	Coffee/Tea	
10.50-11.10	To change an institutional culture? - Gender discrimination in the SANDF	Prof. Lindy Heinecken, Dep. of Sociology, SU
11.10-11.30	National vs international – laws and norm convergence?	Dr. M. Nel, SIGLA-SU
11.30-12.00	Discussions	
12.00-13.00	Lunch	
13.00-13.20	Pre-mission preparations and training – realities and challenges	Annette Leijenaar, Programme Head, ISS
13.20-13.40	Pre-mission preparations in the SANDF – gender in PSO	Lt Col Lydia Raadt, Head, Peace Keeping Training School
13.40-14.20	Discussions	
14.20-14.50	Coffee/tea	
14.50-15.10	Gender protection and equality – from theory to practice	Mary Crewe, Director: Centre for Sexualities, AIDS & Gender (CSA&G), UP

15.10-15.30	A view from the field – SONKE’s work on implementing UNSCR 1325	Ms Mpiwa Mangwiro, SONKE Gender Justice, Regional Campaigns and Advocacy Specialist Regional Programmes and Networks Unit
15.30-16.10	Discussions	
16.10-16.20	Wrap-up	Francois Vrey, Prof. SIGLA

List of participants

Name	Institution
1. Tobias Elling Rehfeld	Danish Ambassador to South Africa
2. Karina Hedemark	Deputy Head of Mission, Denmark
3. Thomas Mandrup	Prof. SIGLA - RDDC
4. Michelle Nel	Prof. SU
5. Lindy Heinecken	Prof. SU
6. Cheryl Hendricks	Prof. Dir., AISSA
7. Francois Vrey	Prof., SU
8. Lawrence Smith	Maj. Gen. (RTD), SANDF
9. Belen Calvo-Uyarra	EU-EEAS
10. Lydia Raadt	Lt. Col., SANDF, Head, Peace Keeping Training School
Ms. Lieketseng Mohlakoana-Motopi	Researcher, The SA Commission for Gender Equality
11. Ms MC Kgomo	Directorate: Gender and Diversity Management, DIRCO
12. Craig Moffat	GGA
13. Vibeke Huges Rehfeld	Embassy of Denmark
14. H.E. Mrs Cecelia Julin	Ambassador, Embassy of Sweden
15. Pamela More	Head of Political Department, Canadian High Commission.
16. Gavin Cawthra	Prof. Emeritus, Wits Uni.
17. Faith Mabera	Senior Researcher, IGD
18. Anca Alexandrescu	EU EEAS, Pretoria
19. Jens Pedersen	SALO
20. Erin Mccandless	Prof., Wits University
21. Eben Barlow	Dir, STTEEP
22. Annette Leijenaar	Head of the Peacekeeping Department, ISS
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27. Mpiwa Mangwiro	SONKE Gender Justice, Regional Campaigns and Advocacy Specialist Regional Programmes and Networks Unit
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