



# NOGP Newsletter

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## NATO Office on Gender Perspectives

### Annual meeting of the NCGP

The annual meeting of the NATO Committee on Gender Perspectives took place from 22 to 25 May.

The Opening Conference held on the first day emphasized the theme: “**Effects of Armed Conflict to a Society**”. Several speakers briefed about their personal and professional experiences related to the topic. In their briefings, the NATO gender advisors provided an overview of their work in their respective mission areas.

The report of the Opening Conference and the entire meeting, including the presentations and the outcome are available on the web.

[NATO Topics](#)

### From NATO TV:

#### Afghanistan's first female radio station

A Canadian NGO sponsored the first female radio station in the Bath Province in Afghanistan. Its aim is to educate women and to inform them about social, legal and political issues. Search for “Afghanistan's first female radio station” on:

[http://www.natochannel.tv/first\\_female\\_radio](http://www.natochannel.tv/first_female_radio)

### From NATO Training Mission:

#### Afghan women train to “knock-out” gender discrimination

NTM-A is a coalition of 38 troop-contributing nations charged with assisting the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in generating a capable and sustainable Afghan National Security Force ready to take lead of their country's security by 2014. NTM-A also trains female candidate Officers and NCO's.

[NATO - News: Afghan women train to 'knock out' gender discrimination, 06-Jun.-2012](#)

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*Quote of the month:*

*"NATO is deeply involved in Afghanistan so I think it is natural for me to support the women there". Mrs. Anne-Mette Rasmussen, at the occasion of the NATO Charity Ball.*

## From Amnesty International:

### Human Rights in Afghanistan through the transition of Security Responsibility and beyond

This Amnesty International briefing highlights priority human rights issues, relevant to the NATO Alliance's immediate and future role in Afghanistan. Amnesty International urges all NATO Allies, ISAF partners, the Government of Afghanistan, and other states and inter-governmental organizations at the Summit, to ensure that both existing and new agreements reached, do not undermine, but strengthen human rights and the rule of law in Afghanistan.

[http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/afghanistan\\_briefing-nato\\_summit\\_may\\_2012.pdf](http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/afghanistan_briefing-nato_summit_may_2012.pdf)

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## From "Foreign Affairs":

### "Why women are a Foreign Policy issue" by M. Verveer

In this article, the U.S. State Department's Ambassador for Global Women's Issues shows evidence of the need to include women in politics, economics and global security issues

[Why Women Are a Foreign Policy Issue - By Melanne Verveer](#)

### The Peace Process and Afghanistan's Women

This report reviews open-source information regarding the potential impact of reconciliation and reintegration on the role of women and the achievements they have attained in the last decade. It concludes with a number of challenges that Afghan women hope will be addressed in the scope of and following any peace and reconciliation process.

[http://reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full\\_Report\\_3816.pdf](http://reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full_Report_3816.pdf)

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## National Action Plans

Two more countries – Australia and Georgia - have released their National Action Plan to implement the UNSCR 1325. This makes a total of 36 national governments that have developed such an action plan.

Australia: [Australia/NationalActionPlans/aust\\_nap2012\\_2018.pdf](#)

Georgia: [Georgia/NationalActionPlans/georgia\\_napdec\\_27\\_2011.pdf](#)