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## PANEL TITLE: ENGENDERING PEACE: WHY WOMEN EXPERTS MATTER?

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### ABSTRACT

Peace is a multidimensional state of harmony where there is a perfect balance among social, economic, cultural, technological, environmental, and spiritual interventions in human society. As complete and absolute peace does not exist anywhere, peace building becomes the process to strive towards peace. On this path the process needs to be geared towards harmony and balance. But most often the decision makers fail to strike required harmony and balance. The decision makers and thought leaders learn and get inspired from the public knowledge and likewise shape their own organizations, nations, and institutions. But the public domain is often exclusive and non-representative of women's experiences and expertise. There is a conspicuous lack in the number of women experts sharing their views and insights in the public domain into the most important issues including the areas of sustainable development goals, conflict, war, and peace building.

The proposed panel draws inspiration from initiatives like Women of Colour Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS), United States and Women Experts in Current Affairs News and Broadcasting (WECANB), Bhubaneswar. This dialogue intends to invite papers from experts and curate an edited volume as well.

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