Factsheet
Women’s Empowerment

We work globally

Working towards the full implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda

Projects designed to promote women’s empowerment and gender equality

Thematic Areas

- Advancing the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda.
- Prevention of sexual and gender-based violence.
- Equal participation in decision making processes.
- Gender equality and integration in peace support operations.
- Women’s Leadership for Peace.
- Women-led mediation and negotiation.
- Women’s entrepreneurship and grassroots initiatives.
- Effective monitoring and reporting on the WPS Agenda.

Our Services

- Training and facilitation.
- Coaching and mentoring.
- Training of Trainers (ToT).
- eLearning.
- Master degrees and postgraduates.
- Learning support materials.
- Advocacy.

Our Mission

We contribute to a more peaceful, inclusive and just world by closing the capacity gap standing in the way of the full realization of the Women Peace and Security (WPS) agenda.
To advocate for sustained commitment to the full implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda, UNITAR provides dedicated support to Member States with the development of National Action Plans and the creation of strategies to report on their implementation. Women are at the forefront of advancing the WPS Agenda and thus UNITAR has committed itself to providing a range of programming aimed at supporting their efforts. Exemplifying this work, UNITAR supports the Office of the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Women, Peace and Security. Through the secondment of a Gender Monitoring Specialist, UNITAR provides dedicated support to Member States on the monitoring of WPS Agenda implementation and the development of WPS National Action Plans.

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Recognising the importance of women in leadership roles at all levels for the promotion of stable and lasting peace, UNITAR offers targeted transformative leadership programmes that respond directly to the unique challenges faced by women in the peace and security space. Specifically, the Women’s Leadership for Peace programme provides women with a set of experiences, knowledge, and skills to take up leadership roles and/or increase their leadership potential by stepping into their power and defining what authentic leadership looks like within their respective context. Designed to be tailored to the specific needs of audiences, UNITAR implements the programme for different cohorts of women at different levels and different capacities. In 2023, participants included members of the Senior Women Talent Pipeline, Ukrainian diplomats, and students from the Kroc Institute and Albright Institute.

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"Breathtaking! The training delivered by the Senior Women Talent Pipeline in partnership with UNITAR, Rwanda Peace Academy and Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) is of exceptional quality. It offers participants from all over the world the opportunity to get up to speed on the challenges of working in peacekeeping operations, but also to train, in a caring environment, in the latest leadership techniques and trends. I recommend this course to all women who aspire to leadership careers in the United Nations. We come out of it grown in every way!"

- Participant of the Senior Women Talent Pipeline Women’s Leadership for Peace Programme