



Colombian Feminist Foreign Policy: Pacifist, participatory, and intersectional

Side event in the margins of the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Tuesday, March 7, 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

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Colombia is committed with the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly with SDG 5 related to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.

In that regard, the Colombian government is working on its Feminist Foreign Policy (FFP) whose main goal will be to promote gender equality, women's empowerment, and political participation of women in all their diversity, as well as the respect for their Human Rights, including those of vulnerable populations like LGBTIQ+ people, and ethnic minorities, through the mainstreaming of the *gender-transformative* approach.

To do so, the Colombian FFP will have three guiding principles: 1) *pacifist*, in line with the Colombian Peace Agreement; 2) *intersectional*, by recognizing the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination; and 3) *participative*, by encouraging women to actively engage in the decision-making process in the public and private sphere.

Accordingly, Colombia, through its FFP, will promote a critical examination of the inequalities, roles, social norms, and gender dynamics and stereotypes, to recognize and strengthen positive norms that support equality and enabling environments for women and girls.

This side event to the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, is organized by the Colombian Government, and will be lead by the Viceminister of Multilateral Affairs, Ms. Laura Gil, who will share the construction process of the Colombian FFP, the actors involved, the challenges faced, and the solutions that came across for the effective launching of the policy.

The target group of this side-event will be government officials, delegates, NGOs, and civil society of like-minded countries, working both on the construction and implementation of their own Feminist Foreign Policy.

The core objective of this side-event will be to present the advances of the Colombian FFP, including its guiding principles, its strategic areas, alliances, and decisions taken during the current Government to promote the feminist approach in the foreign service.

Panelists

- Laura Gil, Viceminister of Multilateral Affairs of Colombia
- Spogmay Ahmed, Senior Policy Advisor at the Feminist Foreign Policy Collaborative
- Foteini Papagiotti, Senior Policy Advisor at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)

Moderated by Arlene B. Tickner, Deputy Permanent Representative of Colombia