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CALL FOR ARTICLES: *Women Peace and Security Journal (WPS Journal)*

The Editor of the Women, Peace and Security Journal (WPS Journal) invites interested scholars and practitioners to submit manuscripts for consideration in the journal.

Why a Journal on Women Peace and Security?

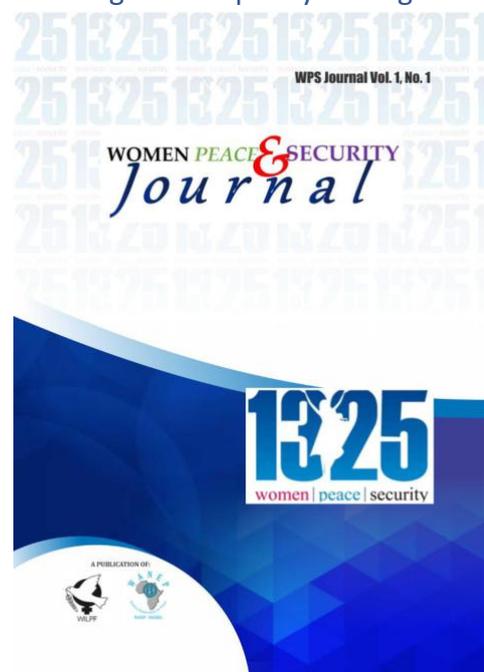
Following the landmark publication by the UN Secretary General on Conflict Prevention in June 2000, the issue of Women, Peace and Security gained central attention as the report underscored the importance of gender equality among other things. In response to the Secretary General's report, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) passed the Security Council Resolution 1325 on October 31 of that year, 21 years ago now.

During the past two decades, a lot of progress has been recorded including evidence of remarkable contributions by women in Nigeria have been noted and documented. Nine additional Resolutions have been passed since then by the UNSC, which the global community warmly welcomed. Nigeria on her part Localized the UNSCR 1325 with the first and second National Action Plans (NAP). The first lasted through 2013-2016 and the second lasted through 2017-2020 and both Plans aimed to advance the work of

Government and stakeholders around key WPS principles and strategies (the 5 'P's) including: Prevention, Participation, Protection, Prosecution, and Promotion.

Today, by virtue of the progress made through the NAP implementation, Nigeria has a WPS policy 'road map' and WPS infrastructure in place. During the past 8 years the peace and security policy architectures of Nigeria have witnessed the impact of the WPS Agenda as relevant policies and legislation at the national level and in some states are now in place thanks to the commitment of diverse stakeholders.

Jointly inspired by a commitment to promote the contributions of women to peace and security processes in Africa through evidence based research, the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP Nigeria) and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF Nigeria) have introduced the WPS Journal, to be published bi-annually. The objectives for the Journal are, to: document qualitative and quantitative information based on facts from women, peace and security interventions in Nigeria; provide a platform to share information and best practices



on implementation of Nigeria's NAP on UNSCR 1325 and other women, peace and security related issues; and provide dependable reference materials for academic discourse on WPS agenda.

At national, state, and local levels the contributions of women in Nigeria across the 5 key stages of the peace process continue to gain recognition. It is time to begin to document the positive impact recorded so far. This is where the role of a WPS Journal fits in so well.

Acceptable topics and requirements

- Authors are invited to submit articles that document the key contributions of women in the peace process wherever the evidence can be identified, including in areas of: conflict prevention, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, conflict resolution and post-conflict processes, or cross-cutting issues.
- Original submissions will be accepted for publication provided that they have not been previously published or submitted for publication elsewhere.
- Acceptable articles will be those that document in clear, inspiring, and truthful manner the contributions to peace and security by individual women or a group of women in Nigeria.
- Articles that present a case study of how an organization or business operating in Nigeria worked with a woman or a group of women to positively impact the peace and security landscape in the spirit of UNSCR 1325 may be considered for publication.
- Articles to be submitted for consideration may cover any topic under the theme of Women, Peace and Security (WPS), should be relevant to the Nigerian context, and may not exceed 5,000-7,000 words.
- The articles submitted must be in MS Word format, font type, Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 line spacing, and the approved referencing style is APA 7th Edition.
- All submissions will be peer reviewed and the decision to publish will be based on the result of the review process.

All authors who submit articles will be informed of the decision regarding their submission after a final decision regarding the submissions will have been reached.

Direct your article to wps.journal.ng@gmail.com ON OR BEFORE February 10, 2022. You may also contact the Editor on +2348066559669.