

High-Level Launch of the Elsie Initiative Fund 4th Programming Round

9 October 2025 | 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM (EDT)

UN Women Headquarters, New York (220 East 42nd Street) | Zoom

Registration: [Zoom Link](#)

AGENDA

Minutes	Details
9:00-9:03	Introduction by Moderator: Ms Sarah Taylor , Independent Consultant - Gender, Peace and Security
9:04-9:14	Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Secretary-General Kirsi Madi, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women • Lieutenant General Cheryl Pearce, Acting Military Adviser, DPO
9:15-9:20	Keynote address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Elmore MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), United Kingdom, Co-Chair of the EIF Steering Committee
9:21-10:08	<p>Presentation on the Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations – MOWIP methodology: Dr. Sabrina Karim, Assistant Professor, Cornell University</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonel Lamine Diouf, Minister Counsellor – Military Adviser / Head of Military Office, Senegal • Dr. Carina de los Santos Gilomen (<i>virtual</i>), Project Manager, UN Women Uruguay • Colonel Siliva Raradoka Vananalagi, Military and Police Adviser to the UN, Fiji <p>Guiding Questions for Panellists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do you want other T/PCCs to know about your experience with the EIF—and what results have you seen so far from your project? 2. What advice would you give to countries considering applying to the EIF – including those already meeting the Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy (UGPS) targets? <p>United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) Perspective (<i>Virtual</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lieutenant General Mohan Subramanian, Force Commander, UNMISS <p>Guiding Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From your perspective in the mission, why is the meaningful participation of uniformed women essential to mission success 2. Your mission has just received EIF funding to strengthen gender-responsive peacekeeping. What do you expect this will enable the mission to do - what differences do you anticipate on the ground?
10:09-10:20	<p>Member State Interventions from the floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonel Werner Knappe, Head of the United Nations Affairs Branch, Federal Ministry of Defence of Germany • Colonel Bridget Mitzevich, Defence Attaché, Australia's Mission to the UN
10:21-10:30	<p>Closing remarks: H.E. Mr Michael Gort, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN, as EIF Founding Member</p> <p>Final remarks: Assistant Secretary-General Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women</p> <p>Conclusion by Moderator: Ms Sarah Taylor, Independent Consultant - Gender, Peace and Security</p>