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# Gender Mainstreaming in Conflict Transformation: Building Sustainable Peace

## EXPERT PANEL/BOOK LAUNCH

**Conference Room A, United Nations Secretariat, New York**

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This is the latest title in the Commonwealth Secretariat's Gender Mainstreaming Series, which highlights Commonwealth Secretariat and partners' work in the area of peace and conflict management.

Issues of socio-economic development, democracy and peace are inextricably linked to gender equality. *Gender Mainstreaming in Conflict Transformation: Building Sustainable Peace* brings together a body of work into an advocacy, capacity-building and policy tool to contribute to gender mainstreaming in all processes of conflict transformation and in building sustainable peace. It argues that gender equality needs to be placed on the policy and programme agenda of the entire spectrum of peace and conflict-related initiatives and activities in order to achieve conflict transformation. This includes conflict prevention, early warning mechanisms; peace negotiations and agreements; peacekeeping, disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration; truth and reconciliation commissions; post-conflict reconstruction; peace building and peace education.

The Book Panel will be chaired by

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**Ms. Elsie-Bernadette Onubogu**, Gender Adviser, Commonwealth Secretariat, will facilitate the panel.



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