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The Dutch-Congolese Diaspora in Action for Gender, Peace & Security, Learning from 20 years of the UNSCR. 1325, 15 years of Cooperation Netherlands-DR Congo on the WPS agenda & SDG's

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Introduction

Despite the outbreak of the COVID19 in the earlier 2020, the 2020 was particular, especially in the context of the International Commitments on Women's Rights, Gender Equality and the Sustainable Development Goals, the SDG's. In the Netherlands and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), several events and meetings were organized to celebrate the UNCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) in combination with the international efforts to achieve sustainable development in post conflict zones. In the Netherlands, to celebrate this international event, the Congolese women organizations signatory of the Dutch National Action Plan (NAP) on the 1325 contributed to the development of the 4th Dutch NAP and the 2nd NAP of the DRC.

Therefore, the 2020 was worthy to be celebrated:

- o 25 years since the International Conference on Women in Beijing
- o 20 years since UNSCR 1325 on Women Peace and Security in post conflict zones
- o 15 years of cooperation on the UNCR 1325 between the Netherlands and the DRC,
- o 10 years of implementation of the DRC NAP (Plan National) which was adopted since 2010
- o 5 years of coordination of the Dutch NAP DRC country group by the Congolese diaspora in the Netherlands

As the Dutch NAP 1325 IV launch approached, the Dutch Congolese diaspora women organizations DRCC¹ foundation and TOSANGANA² have organized an international webinar to reflect the cooperation Netherlands-DRC during the NAP II & III by presenting the results/outcomes.

For the event, several “institutions” and organizations (public and private) participated in the expert meeting. As result of COVID19 restrictions, the meeting was held partially online and in presence in the Netherlands and the DRC linking partners and ministries to share their expertise and lessons learned in the past 20 years.

Despite small budget and the COVID19 challenges, the meeting succeeded to bring together 25 participants including the Dutch Government, the Congolese Government, and the organizations on the Civil Society to address the achieved outcomes, the failures, the improvements, and the lessons forward for the implementation of the next NAP in both two countries. In the DRC, the meeting reached the National Government in Kinshasa, the partners in the South-Kivu and North-Kivu provinces, where the DRCC foundation and Tosangana have been working on the 1325 during the past 9 and 16 years. The webinar also was the opportunity to showcase of the good cooperation between DRCC-Tosangana and the two countries to advance women rights and SDGs from a gender perspective.

DRCC foundation and Tosangana (organizers) thank so much Haëlla Foundation and the participants who devoted their time and means to join this meeting. They are further thankful



¹ Democratic Republic of Congo à la Carte, DRCC: www.drccfoundation.org

² Kongolese Vrouwen Stichting **Tosangana** "let us come together", KVST: www.tosangana.com

for the contribution of the focal points in Kinshasa, North-Kivu, and South-Kivu (DRC) for their efforts to reflect and share their experience on working with DRCC foundation and Tosangana on the UNSCR 1325.

1. Goals of the International Webinar on WPS NAP1325

Initially intended to host an international learning event with all members of the Dutch NAP1325 DRC Country group, the International Webinar was hosted at the Hague and the DR Congo by the organizations DRCC foundation (www.drccfoundation.org) and Tosangana (www.tosangana.com). After the disappointment of the Diaspora Women organizations to participate in the current COVID19 recovery policy, it became difficult to bring all Dutch NAP 1325 DRC signatories together to organize an international event on the 1325. Therefore, Diaspora Organization DRCC and Tosangana took the initiative and the opportunity by the celebration of the 20 years of the UNSCR 1325 worldwide.

The main goal of the international webinar by DRCC and Tosangana was to provide space for feedback and reflection to the following questions:

- Where are we so far with the UNSCR 1325 in the NL and DRC?
- What result have we achieved on the 1325 so far and what is the role of the Congolese Diaspora Women?
- With whom do we partner in DRC to achieve the present results?
- What do our allies in Netherlands and DRC like to reflect on our work?
- How to deal with challenges in the future if we like to equal participate in the Dutch NAP1325 IV meanwhile supporting the implementation of the DR Congolese NAPII?

The above questions constituted a discussion guide to generate objective, realistic feedback on what has been done in the past 5 years by the Dutch Congolese diaspora and the 20 years of cooperation with the Dutch government on the UNSCR. The international webinar helped also to understand and to reflect on the meaning of 20 years of the UNSCR 1325 for the peace process and gender mainstreaming in policies and programs in the DRC. For the DRC, the UNSCR 1325 has particularly great significance since the DRC is one of the conflict countries that meaningfully contributed to the international commitment towards *Women, Peace and Security* in conflict settings. After witnessing more than 3 decades of war, the DRC diaspora women in the



Photo: A young women with her new baby born from the hospital on the motor going back home, in Lwiro, South-Kivu, DRC very risky for mother and child with such kind of transportation, yet the tradition in this Country, source: Marie-Cakupewa Fundiko, DRCC , 2016

Netherlands are better qualified than anyone to share experience on women participation and gender equality linked with peace and security in post conflict zones in DRC.



Marie-Cakupewa Fundiko (DRCC) with Julienne Doppenberg (Tosangana)

2. Diaspora Linking Netherlands with DR Congo on WPS & SDG's

In the context of COVID19, the webinar could not be hold at the WO=MEN, but finally switched to Maanweg 66, The Hague in the NL, and in 3 provinces in the DRC (Kinshasa; North/Kivu-Goma, and South-Kivu/Bukavu-Kalehe-Fizi/Minembwe) where the hosts and their local partners could rent a space that met the COVID19 measures as stated in the official regulation. Beside the Netherlands and the DRC, we also registered other partners participating from other countries in Europe (Germany) and Africa (Uganda) etc. In the table 1 the participants to the webinar are listed.

Participant	Country/Region, from	Contact
The NETHERLANDS		
Dutch Min. of Foreign Affairs	The Hague	Dutch Government 1325
WO=MEN	The Hague	DRCC-TOSANGANA
TIYE INTERNATIONAL	The Hague	DRCC Foundation
DRCC foundation	The Hague	DRCC Foundation
TOSANGANA	The Hague	TOSANGANA
Goûts & Couleurs	The Hague	DRCC Foundation
Het Zwarte Schaap	The Hague	DRCC Foundation
BWPD	The Hague	DRCC-TOSANGANA

STAD	The Hague	DRCC-TOSANGANA
OQ Consulting	The Hague	DRCC Foundation
The Hague Municipality	The Hague	DRCC-TOSANGANA
VOND	The Hague	DRCC-TOSANGANA
SPM	The Hague	DRCC-TOSANGANA
The DRC/KINSHASA		
Presidency de la République	Kinshasa	DRC Gouvernement
Minister Gender, Family and Child	Kinsahsa	DRC Gouvernement
National Secretariat For the 1325	Kinsahsa	DRC Gouvernement
Femmes en Action-Tosangana	Kinsahsa	TOSANGANA
Voix des Faibles	Kinshasa	TOSANGANA
ONU femmes	Kinshasa	TOSANGANA
Groupe des femmes journalists	Kinshasa	TOSANGANA
The DRC/SOUTH-KIVU		
ADDROSMIL	Bukavu	DRCC Foundation
CAML	Katana	DRCC Foundation
DDRCDCIAP Souhth Kivu	Bukavu	DRCC Foundation
HFI	Bukavu	DRCC Foundation
ISTD KALEHE	Kalehe	DRCC Foundation
JEBK	Katana	DRCC Foundation
SOLIFEDE	Fizi/Minembwe	DRCC-TOSANGANA
SOP	Bukavu	DRCC Foundation
UFPPS	Bukavu	DRCC Foundation
The DRC/NORTH-KIVU		
AHPVEO	Goma	
BEED	Goma	DRCC Foundation
GAPD	Goma	DRCC Foundation

MEMI	Goma	DRCC Foundation
UADI	Goma	DRCC Foundation
RDR	Goma Kasaï, Lubumbashi	TOSANGANA
UADI	North-Kivu	DRCC Foundation
Gouvernorat du Sud-Kivu	South-Kivu	DRCC Foundation
CAML	Uganda	DRCC Foundation

3. Organization: Focal Zoom Rooms from the DRCC

To reach our partners in the focus country with limited means, in the DRC, we organized small zoom meeting rooms for which the logistics and facilities have allowed the participation in the zoom conference from the Hague (8:00-13:00). To do so, COVID19 measures and logistic were also met including transportation, the lunch of the participants, the logistics such internet, energy, communication, etc... The organization is summarized as following in the table 2. Some of the local participants in the provinces could not meet in the cities (Bukavu, Goma, Uvira-Fizi, Kinshasa). Given the long distance separating rural localities from cities, zoom rooms were established accordingly. Each Zoom Room (Focal points) was led by a representative of DRCC or of Tosangana depending on the province. At some places, the partners of the Diaspora organizations mixed to attend, this happened for instance in the North-Kivu/Goma where both DRCC foundation and Tosangana are operating. The table 2 summarizes the focal points:

Table2: Focal Zoom Rooms in the DRC

Zoom Room/Focal Points	Place	Contact
DRCC-Tosangana	The Netherlands/The Hague	DRCC-TOSANGANA
ADDROSMIL/DDR-CIAP	Bukavu/South-Kivu	DRCC Foundation
ISTD Kalehe	Kalehe/South-Kivu	DRCC Foundation
Le Gouverneur de Province	Bukavu/South-Kivu	DRCC Foundation
SOLIFEDE	FIZI/Minembwe-South-Kivu	DRCC-TOSANGANA
Min. Genre & Presidency DRC	Kinshasa - Gombe	TOSANGANA

Femme en Action Tosangana/ONU Femmes/Voix des faibles	Kinshasa - Kalamu	TOSANGANA
Groupe des femmes journaliste	Kinshasa - Ngaliema	Tosangana

As you can see in the table 1 and 2, 8 zoom rooms were held, 3 in Kinshasa, 5 in provinces North-Kivu/Goma and South-Kivu/Bukavu, and the host in the Netherlands. Furthermore, the International Webinar DRCC-TOSANGANA was followed on zoom and other social media in countries beyond the NL, The Hague, respectively in Uganda and Germany.

In the DRC, notably in the provinces of Sud-Kivu in Bukavu the capital, in Fizi- Minembwe via Bukavu and Kalehe; in the province of Nord-Kivu in Goma. In the province of Kasai the RDR NGO focus group also connected, whereas other partners were listening from Lubumbashi, Kisangani/Isiro, and Maniema provinces.

From the Capital Kinshasa, at national level, beside the Min. Gender, Family and Child, Mr. GOBY KIMFU, representative and Focal Point of the 1325 at the *Présidence de la République*, in charge of Sexual Gender Based Violence was connected to the zoom meeting.

While Mrs. ANNIE NKENDA, Director and Coordinator of the National Secretariat on the NAP 1325 at the Min. Gender, Family & Child presented the DR Congo Policy and programs on the NAP II, the Governor of the South-Kivu together with the Coordinator of the DDRC/CIAP² South-Kivu were also on the zoom. The DRC authorities attended the webinar from start till the end.

Participating organizations included NGO's, public governmental bodies, individual and universities. That is a proof of the powerful and added value of the Diaspora women DRCC-TOSANGANA. Both can mobilize a diversity of actors for the WPS policy at local, regional, and international level linking the North (NL) with the South (DRC) "ANNE FLOOR"

Therefore, the webinar has been a unique event and opportunity for the Dutch policy maker on the WPS agenda (MOFA) and the Congolese Diaspora Women in the Netherland to link the two countries, two different continents (Africa and Europe), around the thematic on Gender Equality and Peace despite the challenging pandemic COVID19. The professionalism of the diaspora keynote speakers illustrated the value of the diaspora that can be considered by the Dutch Government and the international community. The contribution of the Congolese diaspora women is truly important to achieve and implement global commitments on WPS and SDG's.

² Désarmement, Démobilization, Reintégration Communautaire in the frame work of the Reform of Security Services in the DRC

4. Voices from the South: Added Value of the Diaspora

- On behalf of the DRC government, Mrs. ANNIE KENDA (National Coordinator of the National Secretariat on the 1325) shared her experience of working with the women of the Dutch Congolese diaspora. Mrs Kenda appreciated the valuable contribution of the Diaspora Women despite the fragile political period the DRC is going through in order to consolidate peace and celebrate the 20th anniversary of UNSCR 1325. Through the international zoom partners from the 3 provinces joined and raised their voices to provide feedback to the actions of the Dutch international organizations DRCC/TOS active in the DRC.
- There is a general recognition that the DRC government has adopted Laws and regulation towards Gender Equality, to fight against SGBV, and to stimulate women participation. Yet, there is lack of technical, financial, and logistic support to implement these commitments in the country.
- The validation of the National Plan II in October 2020 for further implementation of the Resolution 1325 is an effort made by the Government.
- Tosangana was part of the pressure group that lobbied for the adoption of the law on the family code
- Tosangana was one of the organizations that contributed to the development of the NAP II DRC and to advocate for its validation
- Tosangana is the first organization to implement the DRC's NAP II by setting up early warning committees in all 24 municipalities.
- From 2011 Tosangana has worked under inclusivity approach. Tosangana has lobbied for the inclusivity of youth and men. Thanks to their lobby the customary chiefs of Kinshasa were approached for the first time in changing harmful norms towards women.
- The Congolese diaspora women under the DRCC foundation and Tosangana have been advocating with the Dutch and Congolese authorities for the inclusion and participation of the Diaspora and their local partners in the implementation of the policy on WPS & SDG's, yet they are financial barriers to reach out to all women in the entire country.
- While the involvement of the diaspora NGO's has reached some localities, yet much more is still to be done in the country, to make the NAP1325 visible.

- Beside the Min of Gender, Family and Child, several governmental bodies such *Presidency* are involved.

The diaspora NGO's DRCC and TOS were among the pioneers to develop and organize the preliminary *Train of Trainers* on NAP1325 in rural areas in the DRC (Kivu, Kongo Central and Equateur) through the ***Small Seeds Big Baobab***. The reports from the South-Kivu *In Her Own Hands* by Tiye/DRCC) and the *Pilot project with the Youth* by Tosangana and partners in Equateur also anticipated on the concept of *positive masculinities* in the implementation of the 1325. Yet , there was no follow up for this project as result of lack of financing of the diaspora. A synergy between the National Secretariat 1325 DRC with the diaspora women organizations is also taking roots in provinces. This synergy recently demonstrated its impact in rural areas although at small scale such in the North-Kivu/Goma, in South-Kivu/Bukavu and surroundings thanks the DRCC foundation and partners.

« In the past 5 years, the DRCC foundation trained several grassroots organizations in the Kivu on WPS content, the principles of women entrepreneurship according the approach "training-production". In this approach, women and girls are benefiting from our project and are able to generate income from the main activities and secondary activities, such for ex. the specialization in sewing skills which generate further income activities. In this way, one local partner was able to reintegrate 192 vulnerable women on the job market and increasing their participation in the community » (MEMI, Goma/North-Kivu).

- The added value of the diaspora particularly DRCC & Tosangana is *lobby, advocacy, and capacity building* at local, regional, national and international level.
« Thanks to the lobby from the Diaspora, TOSANGANA in particular, the capital Kinshasa is actually equipped with so called municipality steering committees that monitor the implementation of the NAP 1325. The committees constitute a guideline and link between the national, provincial and the grassroots level » (DRC Secretariat National on 1325).
- **From the North Kivu/Goma**, experts Participants stressed the necessity of supporting women's initiatives at the local level. They therefore appreciated the initiatives already undertaken by the DRCC foundation to strengthen vocational training and entrepreneurship for women and youth in vulnerable conditions, such as with the implementation of Centre for vocational education and entrepreneurship in rural areas; the distribution of tools such sewing machines and others tool. Anno 2020, almost 450 tools distributed to Centers for Vocational Training to strengthen Women participation and Youth.
- **From the South-Kivu**, the experts drew attention on ongoing violations of women's rights including domestic, professional violence etc. To end these SGBV, efforts should focus on raising awareness for the respect for women's rights. Advocacy on

the 1325 should be strengthened among public, private institutions and households. They suggested:

- Prioritize and support the pacification process of the Kivu and the Eastern of the DRC through the Disarmament, Demobilization and Community Reintegration (DDRC) of armed groups. This as precondition and prerequisite for any program/project on WPS/SDG's, otherwise any programs by International Community towards North and South Kivu have less chance of success as long as the root causes of DDRC is undermined.
- Build and implement a ***Taskforce of different organizations signatory of the resolution 1325 NAP II*** to promote this international commitment on Women rights in the DRC. Therefore, the National Secretariat on the 1325 should provide the provincial organizations the opportunity to become signatory of the NAP II.
- Provide financial and technical support to local women initiatives to promote Gender Equality and women participation. Microcredit and concrete funding opportunities for Women can help women in their income-generating activities.
- Funding allocated by Dutch international organizations in the framework policy on WPS agenda in DRC should become visible and access for local grassroots for effective action and visible results on the ground.
- Significant efforts should be made to increase awareness of Gender within public and private institutions.
- Since Women, young girls and children constitute the majority of the victims targeted by for armed groups, stress on the protection of this category citizens is still priority in the perspective of peace and reconciliation.
- Allow women to take leadership in the prevention and conflict resolution, this can only be achieved if the NAP1325 of the country is promoted and implemented
- Ensure women's representation at all levels of conflict resolution and in the peace process, in particular by supporting initiatives for peace and the empowerment of women through activities that contribute to strengthening financial and technical support , logistics and staff training in gender issues, linking the WPS with the SDG's in holistic approach.
- Need to establish an international criminal court on the DRC SGBV and the legal chambers specialized in the repression of the perpetrators of serious crimes committed against women and young girls.
- Need to facilitate experience sharing on the 1325 with organizations from other provinces.

- With a holistic approach it is feasible to raise public awareness, prevention of more armed conflict and rape of women and girls as war weapon in the Drcongo And Protect These Local Community Networks And/ Or Groups from growing abuse or denial of their human rights. Therefore, Transparency and realistic opportunities for them in the future. (To enhance equal opportunities).
- Set up a platform for monitoring serious violations of Women rights to identify and provide desagregated statistics of victims of SGBV in DRC starting with the eastern and extend this to the whole country
- Ensure publication of research and statistics and stimulate advocacy both at nationally and international level such Rwanda does in case of the so called *Genocide of Tustsi* », SGBV as war weapon has caused more harm similar to genocide
- Establish and support Community Broadcast (*Radios Communautaires*) as communication tool to spread message on the NAP 1325 and gender-sensitive regulations to rural areas

5. Success

- This first International Webinar as coordinator, was a success despite the low budget, a lot of unpaid professional work and technical problems. Everyone we invited was extremely excited.
- There were about 50 representatives, the majority were political -, diplomatic and civil society from DRCONGO and the Netherlands, including the rural community delegates of South kivu, North-Kivu and Kinshasa
- The setting up: ADDROSMIL host this zoom part in Bukavu, SOLIFEDE in Fizi-Minembwe both in South-kivu, and the BEED/GAPD in Goma in the North-kivu , the delegates from the rural areas of both provinces in the eastern DRC, could participate in this very interesting meeting , with *their own strength and in their own hands*.

Kinshasa: Femmes en Action and La Voix des Faibles have hosted



Zoom meeting at Goma/North-Kivu, hosted by BEED/GAPD, source: Guillaume

- Goodwill of WO=MEN to moderate the first part of the session of the International Webinar
- The creativity among the organizers who were also keynote speakers, and the support of the partners, this webinar could be documented.
- The contribution of the diaspora women in the Netherlands as well as of the rural women and men in the DRCONGO (focus country) was more visible and they were able to let their VOICE heard and to have more access to participate independent and let the Dutch government (MOFA) appreciate the capacity of the diaspora women with their local partners.
- This international webinar shown how important it is to take serious into account the perspectives of rural women, when formulating gender policy and their access to services, including professional education, health and employment (Social – and Economic Empowerment), psychological support etc.
- UN SDGs (UN agenda 2030), and Beijing platform for action and the Beijing declaration 1995 /, the Strategic Objectives and Action by the State. This 1995 PLATFORM for Action reaffirms the importance of ensuring the objectivity and non-selectivity of the consideration of human rights issues in their own country in conflict.
- The audience discussed future challenges for the Government about the Regional Approach proposed so far for the implementation of the international pillar WPS in war conflict in the DR Congo.

6. Lessons learned.

- More time to prepare such meeting.
- Longer campaign for the involvement of the Dutch NGO'S
- Involvement of the Congolese authorities is desirable.
- The authorities feel considered when they are consulted and become helpful
- According the zoom meeting: consideration of time in all corners of the world who participate in

7. Challenges

Challenges for the future of the NAP 1325 are:

- Keeping donors accountable and the local authorities in the focus countries: Monitoring and Evaluation of the policy framework
- Transparency of reporting on implementation of UNSCR1325 NAP IV
- More support for bottom – up peace -and security building by grass roots women 'groups and – the Diaspora women NGO "s
- Broader definition of concept "Security and DDR" (Disarmament, Demobilisation and Community Reintegration) and including rehabilitation
- Funding



Other big challenge for the implementation of the UNSCR1325 in rural conflict zones is the lack of support to women of the diaspora, in order to reach remote areas, pic. DRCC foundation, Marie-Cakupewa at the work in the Kivu

8. Recommendations

- Opportunity to ask questions to the Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Lobby results in the public sector should also be more transparent in the future

- Linking to international mechanisms can be a solution such as besides the UNSC1325 and other related thematic Resolutions in this context, but also, the CEDAW/and relevant General recommendations, (CEDAW / GRs), on Women Peace in conflict settings, relevant.
- Increase the participation, promotion and protection of these women, men, and youth in armed conflict situations more effective and with a transparent reporting, with concrete qualitative output, not only in general quantitative one.
- Ensure also the follow up and outcome are basic for promoting the Un-Wps -Agenda in their own geographical area.
- Linking to CEDAW General Recommendation GR 30 can be of great help to start a lobby campaign to come to transparency, especially of reporting over public funded programmes in the country of the different selected focus countries for the implementation of policy on WPS in combination with the SDG's (UN agenda 2030).
- Neighbouring countries in the Great Lakes region of DRCONGO have totally different historical-, social- and cultural-, backgrounds and different economic life standards. But also, with different historical trauma's and other kind of relationship with the Dutch Government, and not all are war conflict countries. Therefore, A gender responsive situation analysis of each individual country separate is needed before including the DRC (a sub-continent with decades of war) in the so-called Regional Approach so far used by the Dutch NAP 1325 policy implementing agencies. In this way the most long-lasting War of the 21st and the disaster of Balkanisation could be avoided. More hostility or disorderly fragmentation by this proposed regional approach is not needed if policy maker intend to enhance sustainable justice, peace and gender equality and security in the interest of all the selected countries involved in this context.
- Despite the progress made with raped women and children (Sexual Violence as war weapons, Rapport Mapping, 2003), the access to medical care in the clinic of Dr. Mukwege has been improved. Yet, till now, rape and Sexual gender Based Violence especially of women and girls, as war weapons, still ongoing, whereas the DRC health system is still struggling with the lack of medical care infrastructure. Access to medical care for the women and children is also preconditions to equal participate as summarized in the 17SDG's. How is this fact monitored by the policy framework on WPS?
- The sensitisation of the local communities, including the rural areas, with the participation of the local political - and military authorities, was a good practice achieved by the DRCC/Tiye and Tosangana as these diaspora organization are pioneers for implementing the WPS 1325 in rural areas. (Kivu, Kinshasa en Equateur through the MOFA pilot fond Small *Seeds Big Baobabs*, 2015 under NAP II. The

role of national governmental bodies, international cooperation and the role of civil society should be clear and visible.

- To sustainably advance women participation in rural areas in the conflict zones, a holistic approach is needed: combining advocacy with practice. In the Kivu for instance to fight against social harmful gender norms in the communities, the DRCC foundation has contributed to the empowerment of almost 100 women and youth through straightening their capacity in entrepreneurship and vocational training skills, meanwhile addressing the gender norms. Women especially are encouraged to learn and work within non-traditional income generating activities, often dominated by men in rural areas.



Woman and man during practicing masonry in the South-Kivu, at vocational training centre CAML/DRCC .

9. Acknowledgment

The DRCC foundation and TOSANGANA are thankful to the participants at the international webinar on WPS. We are particularly grateful for the representatives of both Governments of the DRC and the Netherlands for their presentation at the international conference and their cooperation with the DRC diaspora women organizations DRCC & Tosangana. Our gratitude to the sponsors of the event and appreciate the cooperation with WO=MEN who accepted to moderate the event although for short moment. Special thanks to our DRC partners in Kinshasa and the Kivu with special attention to the women of SOLIFEDE in the Uvira-Fizi-Minembwe zones in the South-Kivu to contribute to the webinar. For the collaboration with several member organizations of the Dutch NAP 1325 community, we are also thankful.



Juliënne and Marie are thankful to wo=men for agreeing to moderate the session

Annex 1: Evaluation guidelines

Guide Discussion and Evaluation of the Expert Meeting on UNSCR.1325, October 6, 2020

What is your experience of working with Dutch Diaspora organizations?

DRCC foundation and Tosangana in your programmes on Res.1325 including the SDG's?

According to you, what is the added value of the diaspora? What challenges and opportunities does the cooperation with the diaspora women offer? Do you have any concrete suggestions to give to the women of the diaspora who are signatories of the Res. 1315 in the Netherlands (DRCC foundation & Tosangana)?

This is our first time for DRCC foundation and Tosangana to organize via ZOOM an International Conference on Women, Peace, Security agenda. Please, briefly describe in an objective way your appreciation of this meeting (the + and the -) including your observations on both the content and the keynote speakers to allow us to improve.

Thanks so much for your feedback evaluation before the 15th October 2020. Wishing you all a peaceful happy Year 2021!

✚ *"I was very proud to be part of this international Zoom seminar. You also prove that there is a sight of the diaspora women's groups, that is till now invisible in the Netherlands. They never had an equal opportunity to prove this and to speak for themselves, so have their own VOICE. In the audience there were experts and people with experiences from the DRCONGO, also from the diaspora groups in the Netherlands, including the TWO DIASPORA GROUPS the NETHERLANDS AND THEIR STRATEGIC ALLIANCES in the Netherlands in their very committed struggle to enhance Gender, Peace, Security and (Sustainable) Development. The international webinar was also a success and good practice to consider for the future of the Congolese & Dutch policy Framework on the UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace & Security", Rita Naloop, TIYE INTERNATIONAL, 6 October 2020)"*

✚ *The activities of the NGOs funded by the Netherlands are concentrated in a small part of the DRC which is the KIVU provinces on the border with Rwanda. This arrangement is not effective for the plight of women in other regions of the DRC. For the effectiveness of the Dutch intervention, we request these NGOs to expand their activities throughout the DRC to touch the lives of women in all regions of the DR Congo. (ANNY KENDA, Kinshasa)*

✚ *Diaspora Women's Organizations signatories of Res. 1325 are particularly important both in the domestic and foreign policy of countries because their challenges, their motivation and their dual expertise constitute both opportunities for the North and for the South for the construction of peace and development in fragile zones.*

- ✚ *The Diaspora Women's Organizations signatories of Res. 1325 are particularly important to both in the domestic and foreign policies of countries because their challenges, motivation and dual expertise constitute opportunities for both the North and the South for the peace building and development. (Kinshasa, ministry of Gender)*
- ✚ *Ms. Annie Kenda (National Coordinator of the National 1325 Secretariat) thanked the NGO Tosangana for accompanying the National Secretariat R.1325 and for its involvement in the implementation of Pan II specifically in the setting up of early warning mechanisms (1325 communal committees) as recommended in the new Pan.*
- ✚ *Define a framework for ongoing collaboration among all stakeholders to assess issues of women, peace, justice and sustainable development (Kinshasa- KIVU)*
- ✚ *Maintain a permanent monitoring of the progress already recorded so far by Tosangana's and DRCC partners in the country to sustain these achievements(Justin-Kinshasa)*
- ✚ *Except the technical problem, well done DRCC and Tosangana (ministry of Gender)*





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Annexe 3: Invitation & programme



INVITATION

Monsieur, Madame, cher partenaire,

2020 est une année toute spéciale, surtout dans le cadre de la Convention Internationale sur les Droits des Femmes, égalité des genres aux Pays Bas et en RD Congo.

Pour ce, le groupe RDC des organisations signataires du Plan d'Action National Néerlandais (PANN) sur la Résolution 1325 de l'ONU, (*The Dutch NAP 1325 DRC country group*) se réjouit de:

- 25 ans depuis la Conférence Internationale sur la Femme à Pékin
- 20 ans depuis la Rés. 1325 de l'ONU,
- 15 ans de coopération sur la Res. 1325 entre les Pays-Bas et la RDC,
- 10 ans d'existence du Groupe RDC sur le PANN,
- 5 ans de coordination du Groupe PANNN-RDC 1325 par la diaspora Congolaise aux Pays-Bas

A l'approche du lancement de 4ème PANN (Dutch NAP IV) sur la Rés. 1325, les organisations Néerlandaises de la diaspora Congolaises **DRCC³ foundation et**

³ DR Congo à la Carte

TOSANGANA organisent une matinée de réflexion pour clôturer le PANN III en présentant les résultats de la coopération Pays-Bas-RDC.

A cette occasion, nous vous invitons à participer à la Conférence des Experts qui sera organisée en présence et en ligne depuis les Pays-Bas et qui vous permettra de partager votre expérience de collaboration avec la diaspora.

Thème

“20 ans de la 1325, 15ans de Coopération pour le Genre, Paix, Sécurité, & Développement Durable” entre Pays-Bas et la RDC: La Diaspora en Action pour la Paix”.

Date: le 6 octobre 2020

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Votre participation est vivement souhaitée.

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Programme Expert Meeting

Temps	Au programme
9.00-9.15	Accueil des invités/connection en ligne
9.15-9.20	Mot de Bienvenue et introduction des participants
9.20-9.30	Mot de la part de wo=men
9.30-10.00	Présentation des programmes 1325 par la Diaspora Congolaise (Tosangana & DRCC)
10.00-10.10	Ministère des Affaires Étrangères Néerlandais/ DRC Land Helpdesk
10.10- 10.25	DRC Ministère Genre, Famille & Enfant en coll. avec la Présidence de la RDC (sur la valeur ajoutée de l'action de la Diaspora pour DRC NAP 1325)
10.25-10.40	Echanges en groupes (assumptions)
10.40-11.15	Témoignages des partenaires locaux de la 1325 DRC(Sud-Kivu, Nord-Kivu & Kinshasa)

11.15-11.30	Echange en groupes
11.30-11.50	Plainière: Résumé des Recommandations
11.50-12.30	Clôture et network informel

Annexe 4. Financial report

1. Financial report

Financial overview

Table 3.

Provenance	Amount €
Haella	500
DRCC	320
Tosangana	320
Other	Unpaid work from DRCC
Total	1140 euros

To support the local partners in DRC, the leaders of the focal points for the meeting respectively ADDROSMIL RDC ASBL (South-Kivu, Bukavu) was supported by DRCC foundation with a total amount of **150,50 Euro** for South-Kivu/Bukavu, whereas the GAPD ASBL received **132,00Euro** to hold the meeting as the focal point in North-Kivu Goma. The total amount of 282,50Euro was further utilized by the focal points as described in tables 1 and 2, 3.....

North Kivu/Goma, Focal point GAPD

Table 4.

Designation Unit	Unit	Quantity	Unit price in Euro	Total Price
Logistique: Internet, matériel, transport et communication				
Megabytes	Giga octet	15	2	30,00
Local router	Piece	1	8	8
Renting Projector	Piece	1	5	5
Energy	liter	5	1	5
Transport logistic		1	5	5
Technical Support	Service	1	5	5
Communication unit	Unit	350	0,01	3,5
Print/Copy services	Service	2	2,5	5
	Subtotal			66,50Euro
COVID19 Measures & Lunch Participant				
	Drink/Cass crout	Box	5,5,	5,5
	Masks	Piece 10	1	10
	Subtotal			15,5 Euro

Transport Participants				
	Individuals	10	5	50
	Subtotal			50Euro
Total				132,00Euro

South-Kivu/Bukavu, Focal point ADDROSMIL RDC ASBL

Table 5:

Designation Unit	Unit	Quantity	Unit price in Euro	Total Price
Logistique: Internet, matériel, transport et communication				
Megabytes	Giga octet	15	3	45,00
Local router	Piece	1	8	8
Renting Projector	Piece	1	5	5
Energy	liter	5	1	5
Transport logistic		1	5	5
Technical Support	Service	1	5	5
Communication unit	Unit	700	0,01	7,00
Print/Copy services	Service	2	2,5	5
	Subtotal			85,00Euro
COVID19 Measures & Lunch Participant				
	Drink/Cass croute	Box	5,5,	5,5
	Masks	Piece 10	1	10
	Subtotal			15,5 Euro
Transport Participants				
	Individuals	10	5	50
	Subtotal			50 Euro
Total				150,50 Euro

Kinshasa/F.A. TOSANGANA: the local partners in Kinshasa, the leaders of the focal points for the meeting respectively Femmes en Action and La Voix des Faibles used 380,00

Table 6.

Designation Unit	Unit	Quantity	Unit price in Euro	Total Price
Logistique: Internet, matériel, transport et communication				
Megabytes	Giga octet	1	1	30
Local router	Piece	-	-	-
Renting Projector	Piece	1	50	50

Energy	liter			
Transport logistic		1	40	40
Technical Support	Service	1	25	25
Communication unit	Unit	2	10	20
Print/Copy services	Service	1	5	5
	Subtotal			170
COVID19 Measures & Lunch Participant				
	Drink/Casse croute	10	3	30
	Masks	-	-	-
	Subtotal			30
Transport Participants				
	Individuals	6	10	60
	individuals	3	40	120
	Subtotal			180
Total				380,00

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Table. 7.

Designation Unit	Unit	Quantity	Unit price in Euro	Total Price
Logistique: Internet, matériel, transport et communication				
Megabytes	Giga octet			
Local router/New devices to strengthen the internet connexion	Piece	1	67,00	67,00 euro paid by DRCC
Renting Projector/ROOM	Piece	-	-	-
Energy	liter			
Transport logistic			10,00	10 Tosangana
Technical Support	Service			
Communication unit	Unit		50,00	40 Tosangana
Print/Copy services /Flowers	Service		15,00	15 Tosangana
Drink/cass crout			25,00	25,00 Tos Drcc
Total				157,00

