

AWAW Newsletter 2016

AWAW is very happy to announce the launch of its branch in New York city this year

- ❖ AWAW held a panel discussion during CSW “The Road to Reconciliation: Justice, Hope and Dignity in Sri Lanka at Sri Lanka mission in New York.
- ❖ AWAW launched its Sri Lanka Policy Forum at Columbia University NY on the 13th June 2016.
- ❖ AWAW made women’s submissions to the Constitution drafting committee
- ❖ AWAW together with the WDN held a communications workshop for women politicians.
- ❖ “Promoting Women’s Political participation”
- ❖ Women’s Peace table
- ❖ Women taking leadership in post war reconciliation
- ❖ Women in local governance
- ❖ SMART

“Bringing women together across the divide”



Visaka Dharmadasa
Chair
AWAW



Association of War Affected Women

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Vision

Peaceful prosperous Sri Lanka where all its peoples are living with dignity enjoying equal rights

Mission

Work towards strengthening democracy, women's advancement and equal participation in order to achieve sustainable development and permanent peace in Sri Lanka

“The Road to Reconciliation: Justice, Hope and Dignity in Sri Lanka”

On 17th March 2016 at the Sri Lankan Permanent mission to UN , New York.



AWAW together with Ministry of Women’s Affairs, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka and ICAN held a Panel discussion where the Hon. Minister of Women of Sri Lanka Hon. Minister of Defense South Africa, AWAW Chair and ICAN Executive Director was in the panel.

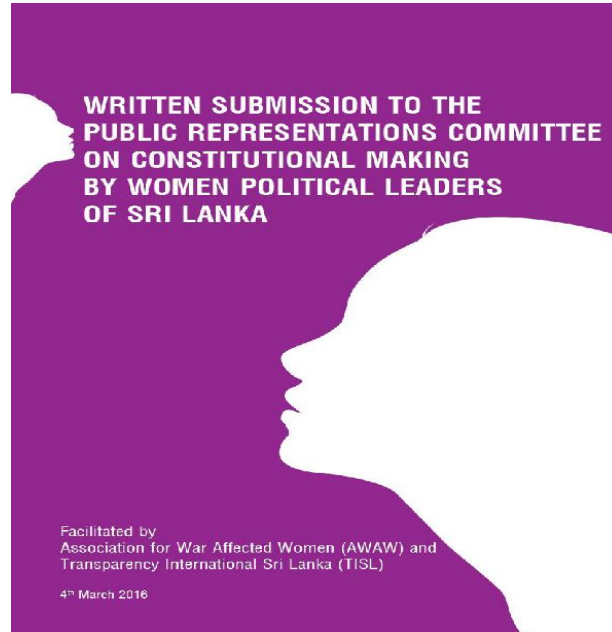


SRI LANKA POLICY FORUM



AWAW together with the Program on Peacebuilding and Rights at Columbia University's Institute for the Study of Human Rights launched Sri Lanka Policy forum on the 13th June 2016 at University of Columbia New York.

Women's Submissions to the Constitutional Reforms on 4th march 2016



**AWAW in partnership with Transparency International and
with the guidance of the Hon. Minister of Women handed
over women's submissions to the Constitution drafting
committee**

Promoting Women's Political Participation

A tripartite partner project Funded by Royal Norwegian Embassy and administrated by UN Women

Gender responsive policy design and implementation – A follow up meeting with Plantation Sector Participants

The plantation leaders discussed the issues face by them and also possible solutions, where they can use advocacy and lobbying as tools to secure solutions to their problems.



Networking workshops in order to build Regional women politician's caucuses



AWAW Established 5 Regional Women Politicians caucuses covering the entire country and held a net working summit Under the guidance of Eminent women Politicians of all Political parties



Sri Lankan Mobilized to Achieve Reconciliation Transmission

A project funded by EU through SFCG

Transitional Justice workshop and Youth presentations of their mini projects.



Communications skills training for women in politics

In partnership with Women's Democracy Net Work of International



Local Government Assessment

AWAW carried out an assessment in 4 Municipalities in partnership with Internationals Republican Institute and conducted an Orientation on Fostering Innovation in Municipal Governance



WOMEN'S VOICES IN POST WAR RECONCILIATION

WOMEN'S PEACE TABLE

AWAW held a women's peace table on Women's Voices in Post War Reconciliation in Jaffna in partnership with Peace Women Across the Globe and Women's Development Center ,Jaffna



Fifth ICAN forum: What the Women Say: Preventing Extremism by Promoting Rights, Peace, and Pluralism At Galadhari Hotel Colombo.



Women taking leadership in post war Reconciliation – Paving the Way for Sustainable Peace in Sri Lanka

A project funded by DAP Australia High Commission.

Project Goal: Enhanced awareness and participation of regional level women politicians in conflict transformation and reconciliation process

1st Workshop for women politicians of the south



In January 2016 AWAW Chair together with 10 other Civil society members were appointed by the Hon. Prime Minister for the Consultation Task force on Reconciliation Mechanisms , They carried out Island wide consultations and came up with a Report



AWAW Chair in Manila with Women Peace Makers Program and in DC with Experts of Resolution to Act



CSW in March



Meeting Mrs. Moon and with Global Solution Exchange



With Ambassador Natasha Stott Despoja of Australia and Prime Minister of Norway Hon. Erna Solberg



with women leaders at ICAN Forum Senator Mobina Jaffer of Canada



Belfast Northern Ireland with Women's Democracy Net work



**The Association of War Affected Women and
Friends of AWAW wish
A Merry Christmas and A Prosperous Peaceful
New Year**



“ We remember with deep gratitude our donors and partners, Their generous support has made our journey possible, a very special thanks to Sri Lankan Permanent Mission in New York and Madam Abigail Disney for their kindness towards us at all times.”

