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Association of War Affected Women

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AWAW

VISION

**Peaceful Prosperous Sri Lanka
where all its people 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.**

- **Building upon the Nagarkot Dialogue - Working towards a Pluralistic Society in Sri Lanka**
- **Presidential Election Phase – Strengthening Governance and Democracy drawing from Himalaya Declaration Articles**
- **Active Citizens for Elections and Democracy**
- **Road to Reconciliation, Justice, Hope, Dignity in Sri Lanka – Celebrating the Pluralistic and Diverse Nature of the Republic**
- **Other Highlights & Global involvements**

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BUILDING UPON THE NAGARKOT DIALOGUE - WORKING TOWARDS A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY IN SRI LANKA
Funded by: The Swiss Confederation, represented by the Swiss Federal of Foreign Affairs

Discussions to plan how to take the Himalaya Declaration to the people and create a national dialogue around it.



Five two-day conversations to familiarize 150 clergy from all faiths and civil society leaders from across Sri Lanka with the Himalaya Declaration.



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PHASE – STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRACY DRAWING FROM HIMALAYA DECLARATION ARTICLES
Funded by: The Swiss Confederation, represented by the Swiss Federal of Foreign Affairs

Inter-religious gathering for free & fair elections



Two-day symposium with clergy of all faiths & civil society leaders



A position paper to resolve Sri Lanka's ethnic problem was compiled after discussions with academics of Northern, Eastern & Southern Universities.



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Active Citizens for Elections and Democracy (ACED)
Funded by European Union through National Peace Council, Sri Lanka

Provincial-level workshops with women political leaders



Advocacy event requesting for 25% quota for women in Parliament



Road to Reconciliation, Justice, Hope, Dignity in Sri Lanka – Celebrating the Pluralistic and Diverse Nature of the Republic
Funded by International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)



Other highlights of the year & Global Involvements

We are proud to announce that Visaka Dharmadasa, Chair & Chief Operating Officer of Association of War Affected Women (AWAW), was selected as a Finalist for the prestigious *Women Building Peace Award* by the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP).

<https://www.usip.org/press/2024/11/us-institute-peace-announces-three-finalists-2024-women-building-peace-award>



WOMEN BUILDING PEACE
UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

2024 Award Finalists



**Lilly
BeSoer**

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



**Visaka
Dharmadasa**

SRI LANKA



**Dr. Mairo
Mandara**

NIGERIA

ICAN's 10th Women, Peace and Security Forum:
Peacebuilding in a Time of Pessimism, held in Tirana, Albania



10th Asia Pacific Mediation Forum Conference held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Regional consultation on advancing the implementation of the Marakaech Declaration in Jakarta, Indonesia





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Cheers

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