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Association of War Affected Women

NEWSLETTER



Marking 25 years of
UNSCR 1325

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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.

- Active Citizens for Elections and Democracy (ACED)
- Bridging the Gap Between Tracks - Women Taking Leadership - Operationalizing UNSCR 1325
- Road to Reconciliation, Justice, Hope, Dignity in Sri Lanka – Celebrating the Pluralistic and Diverse Nature of the Republic
- Marking 25 Years of UNSCR 1325: A Call to Action for the Full Implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda
- Enhancing Awareness Among Women and Local Level Government Officials on Pathways to Sustainable Peace – Localizing UNSCR1325

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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



Workshop to develop an advocacy road map: Strengthening Democratic Institutions in Sri Lanka through full implementation of UNSCR 1325



Visit to the Sri Lanka Parliament with women political leaders to study the process of tabling and passing bills



Bridging the Gap Between Tracks - Women Taking Leadership - Operationalizing UNSCR 1325
Developing the Roadmap/Strategy for the Framework Including Local Knowledge Sharing
Funded by Women Mediators Across the Commonwealth (WMC)



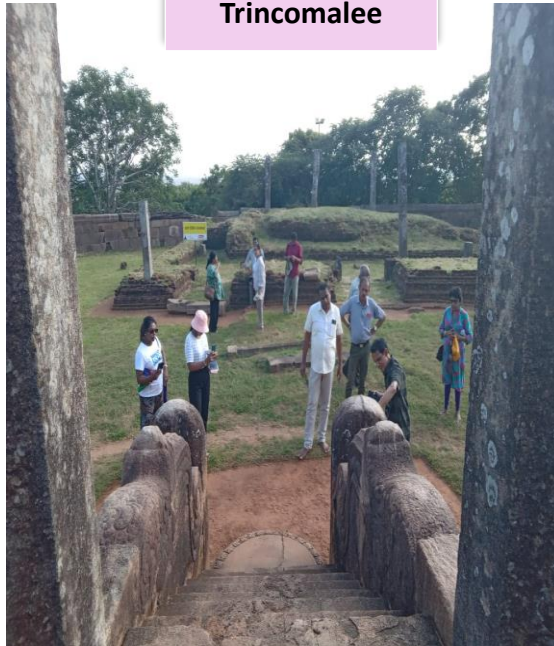
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Field Visits to Archaeological Sites

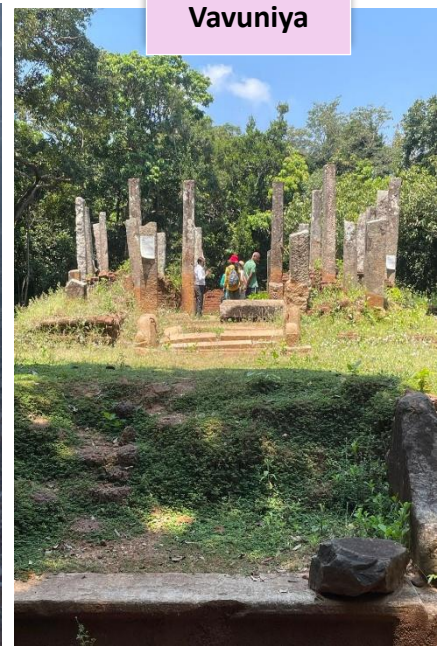
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Vavuniya



Sri Lankan Cultural Corridor: A Bridge for Peace and Development

Photos and information on the heritage sites and locations visited are available on the website:
<https://srilankanculturalcorridor.lk/>

Three-day workshop held to draft the preliminary observations report of the research on heritage sites.



Discussion with the research team and validation of the research findings



Marking 25 Years of UNSCR 1325: A Call to Action for the Full Implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda

Funded by International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) and She Builds Peace



Enhancing Awareness Among Women and Local Level Government Officials on Pathways to Sustainable Peace – Localizing UNSCR1325

Funded by Global Affairs Canada through Alinea International Ltd

District-level workshops on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) in Puttalam, Galle, Kandy & Nuwara Eliya



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 awarded the USIP, Women Building Peace Award 2024



Visaka Dharmadasa was selected as a winner of the Women Peace Builder at the 15th Top50 Professional & Career Women Global Awards 2025



United Nations DPPA/ office of elections team Meeting Women Leaders at AWAW



At the review meeting of the implementation of National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 of Sri Lanka



Women Waging Peace Conference, Nepal



GPPAC RSG in Kathmandu, Nepal



ICAN Writers Workshop, Lisbon



Peace Connect Conference, Nairobi, Kenya



ICAN & IPI: Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda UNSCR 1325, New York



Arab-Asia Regional Exchange and Interreligious Dialogue on Gendered Religious Peacebuilding
Amman, Jordan



1st -6th December 2025, Copenhagen, Denmark



Third Civil Society Organizations- United Nations Dialogue
on Peacebuilding, Geneva, Switzerland





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Cheers!!!

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