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WIIS (pronounced ‘wise’) sponsors leadership, training and capacity building programs as well as substantive events focused on current policy problems.

WIIS also supports research projects and policy engagement initiatives on critical international security issues, including the nexus between gender and security.

WIIS PROGRAMS

Gender Scorecard Initiative measures and assesses how gender is mainstreamed in institutions and programs.

The Gender, Peace and Security (GPS) Initiative bridges divides between the traditional security community and the WPS community.

The Combat Integration Initiative (CII) examines the integration of women in the military, including the integration of women in combat positions in the U.S. military.

Gender, Peace and Security Policy Roundtables explore the gender dimensions of key national and international security challenges.

The Missing Peace Initiative examines the issue of sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict settings with the goal of enhancing the effectiveness of national and international policy.

Mentoring and Professional Development Program increases professional opportunities for women.

The Women, Peace and Security Leadership Program provides training and advice for governmental and non-governmental entities on WPS programming, including National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security.

THE WIIS NETWORK

WIIS has members—women and men—in 47 countries on 6 continents. They work in international organizations, government, NGOs, think tanks, universities, corporations and media outlets.

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“Our mission is profoundly important: Advancing the role of women in the field of international peace and security will be one of the keys to advancing peace and security in the 21st century.”

Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat
President, WIIS