



Reaching Critical Will



What's Gender Got to Do With It? Feminist Approaches to Disarmament and LAWS

Meeting of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons
Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems

SIDE EVENT BRIEFING

Thursday, 30 August 2018
13:15 - 14:45

Conference Room XXIV
United Nations Geneva

Light lunch will be provided

Is there a role for gender analysis in the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)?

This side event says yes. This discussion will contribute to issues considered at the second 2018 meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS). It will chart a path towards stronger consideration of gender in the context of LAWS and in the CCW's work more broadly. Speakers will address gender diversity and equality in disarmament negotiations and discussions; gender norms and the development and use of weapons; gendered impacts of existing weapon systems; how the issue of gender has been taken up in other disarmament forums; and the importance of feminist foreign policy approaches in relation to disarmament and arms control.

Moderator:

H.E. Ms. Rosemary McCarney, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Canada

Speakers:

- Ms. Ray Acheson, **Reaching Critical Will**
- Ms. Erin Hunt, **Mines Action Canada**
- Dr. Elke Schwarz, **International Committee for Robot Arms Control**
- Ms. Sylvie Jacqueline Ndongmo, **WILPF Cameroon**
- Dr. Branka Marijan, **Project Ploughshares**

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