

# The Initiative for Inclusive Security

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## **Leading Government Officials from Sudan, Uganda, Nepal, Colombia to Meet in Cambridge, MA and Washington, DC**

*Will Share Strategies to Promote Security and  
More Inclusive Government and Political Systems*

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Despite making profound contributions to stability, prosperity, and peace throughout the world, women remain severely underrepresented in governments worldwide. [The Initiative for Inclusive Security](#), including the global [Women Waging Peace Network](#) is committed to increasing women's political participation in conflict and post-conflict societies. From January 7 – 18, 2007, Inclusive Security will bring together approximately 20 women - current and former elected and appointed leaders in government - from **Colombia, Iran, Iraq, Nepal, Sudan, and Uganda** to participate in the eighth annual Colloquium in Cambridge, MA and Washington, DC.

These women have overcome tremendous odds to become credible leaders, and each faces distinct social and political obstacles to making her voice heard. Over the course of two weeks, the participants will share strategies and craft an agenda to cooperatively influence public policy. They will learn from one another as well as renowned Harvard experts as they develop new approaches to expand the roles of women in government and to stabilize their countries.

Just last week, the UN released a report stating that Arab women are largely excluded from political participation. In fact, worldwide, **women make up only 15 percent of ministers, members of parliament, and heads of state**. While a few women are breaking through traditional barriers and assuming government positions as presidents, prime ministers, cabinet members, and legislators, those who are elected or appointed encounter new obstacles in office. Some women, for instance, only hold symbolic rather than influential positions.

Inclusive Security's distinguished Colloquium participants will spend several days in Cambridge taking part in the *Women and Security Executive Training Program*, organized by the [Women and Public Policy Program](#) at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. They will then travel to Washington, DC where they will advocate for increasing women's participation in government at Inclusive Security's eighth annual policy forum, to be held on January 16, 2007. This luncheon will be attended by over 400 key decision makers from the United States Government, the United Nations, foreign governments, international financial institutions, regional security organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

**Don't miss this tremendous opportunity to develop a relationship with accomplished women who are leading their countries and can offer a unique and often overlooked perspective on volatile regions of our world. These experts are available for individual interviews or other media opportunities upon request during their stay in the Boston and Washington, DC areas.**

The Initiative for Inclusive Security's Colloquium is led by its chair, **Ambassador Swanee Hunt**. Ambassador Hunt also directs the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

**The Initiative for Inclusive Security Colloquium**  
January 7-18, 2007  
**Public Schedule of Events (Tentative)**

***Members of the media are invited to attend the following events only if they respond to Katie Elbert ([Katie\\_Elbert@huntalternatives.org](mailto:Katie_Elbert@huntalternatives.org) OR 617.995.1925).***

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007 (CAMBRIDGE, MA)**

9:30AM – 12:30PM                      Participants from **Sudan** and **Uganda** will be guest speakers in Ambassador Swanee Hunt's Inclusive Security Course at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007 (CAMBRIDGE, MA)**

6:00PM – 7:30PM                      **A Public Discourse: Women Stopping War**  
Location: JFK Jr. Forum, Kennedy School of Government  
*Four participants will share their powerful stories in a panel discussion held at the John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum. An opportunity for questions will follow the formal speaking portion as well as a reception after the forum.*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007 (CAMBRIDGE, MA)**

9:30AM – 12:30PM                      Participants from **Colombia** and **Nepal** will be guest speakers in Ambassador Swanee Hunt's Inclusive Security Course at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

12:30PM – 1:30PM                      Presentation of Harvard Women and Security Executive Program Certificates  
Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 AND MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2007 (WASHINGTON, DC)**

Members of the media are invited to observe strategy sessions conducted by Inclusive Security staff and European Union, World Bank, and USAID policymakers. For more details, please contact Katie Elbert, [Katie\\_Elbert@huntalternatives.org](mailto:Katie_Elbert@huntalternatives.org) or 617.995.1925.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007 (WASHINGTON, DC)**

12:30PM – 2:30PM                      **Women in Government: Securing the Future**  
J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
*A select number of participants will advocate for increasing women's participation in government at The Initiative for Inclusive Security's eighth annual policy forum attended by 400 key decision makers from the United States government, the United Nations, foreign governments, international financial institutions, regional security organizations, and non-governmental organizations.*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007 (WASHINGTON, DC)**

6:00PM                                      Congressional Women's Caucus Reception (TBD)  
US Capitol

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**The Initiative for Inclusive Security**, a program of Hunt Alternatives Fund, advocates for the full participation of all stakeholders, especially women, in peace processes. Creating sustainable peace is achieved best by a diverse, citizen-driven approach. Of the many sectors of society currently excluded from peace processes, none is larger—or more critical to success—than women. Since 1999, Inclusive Security has connected more than 450 women experts with over 3,000 policy shapers to collaborate on fresh, workable solutions to long-standing conflicts across the globe. For more information visit [www.InclusiveSecurity.org](http://www.InclusiveSecurity.org).

## The Initiative for Inclusive Security Colloquium

January 7-18, 2007

### Participants (subject to change)

Country	First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization
Colombia	Isabel	Londono	Consultant	Women's Caucus, Senate
Colombia	Alicia	Silva	Advisor	Office of Vice President Francisco Santos, Government of Colombia
Colombia (DC only)	Gina	Parody	Senator	Government of Colombia
Colombia (US based)	Sandra	Suárez Perez	Fellow	Mason Program, Harvard University
Colombia (US based)	Catalina	Suárez Perez	Advisor for New Resources for International Cooperation	Presidential Agency for Social Action and International Cooperation
Iran (US based)	Fatemeh	Haghighatjoo	Fellow	Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard University
Iran (US based)	Mehrangiz	Kar	Human Rights Fellow	Harvard Law School
Iraq (US based)	Mishkat	Moumin	Futrell Visiting Scholar	Environmental Law Institute
Nepal	Sarita	Giri	Spokesperson	Central Committee (Sadwawana Party)
Nepal	Chitra	Lekha Yadav	Deputy Speaker	House of Representatives (Nepali Congress Party-Democratic)
Nepal	Sahana	Pradhan	Founder and Chairperson	Inter Party Women's Caucus (Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist)
Nepal	Pravita	Rana	Member	Central Committee (Rastriya Prajatantra Party)
Nepal	Indira	Shrestha	Member	National Planning Commission
Sudan	Aisha	Abubakr Subaira	Peace and Development Office coordinator	Community Development Association
Sudan	Mariam	Almahdi	General Secretary Assistant for Communication	Umma National Party
Sudan	Grace	Datiro	Minister of Education	Western Equatoria State, Government of Southern Sudan
Sudan	Lily	Kiden	Member	National Assembly (Sudanese People Liberation Movement)
Sudan	Amna	Haroun Ahmed Ali	Executive Director	Khartoum Locality
Sudan	Betty	Achan Oggwaro	Member	Government of Southern Sudan
Sudan	Dr. Hawa	Suliman Hussain	Member	Government of Northern Darfur
Uganda	Anne	Auru	Member	Parliament of Uganda - Moyo District (peace activist in the West Nile Region)
Uganda	Franca	Judith Akello	Member	Parliament of Uganda - Pader District
Uganda	Jane	Akwero Odwong	Former Member	Parliament of Uganda - Kitgum District
Uganda	Rose	Wabwire Munyira Omusolo	Member	Parliament of Uganda - Busia District
Uganda	Betty	Ocan Aol	Member	Parliament of Uganda - Gulu District
Uganda	Santa	Oketta	Women Representative	Local Council - Gulu District
Uganda	Betty	Ongom Amongi	Member	Parliament of Uganda - Apac District

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