The year 2020 marks the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR)1325 on women, peace and security. It also coincidently marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which forms the future around which this landmark resolution was adopted. The adoption of Resolution 1325 is considered by many to be a historic breakthrough since it marked the first time that the UN Security Council dealt specifically with gender issues, by focusing on women’s experiences in ‘conflict’ and ‘post-conflict’ situations and their contributions to conflict resolution and prevention. Resolution 1325 urged all actors to incorporate gender perspectives in all UN peace and security efforts and called for action on women’s empowerment and inclusion in preventing and resolving conflict and building peace. This was a major strategic shift in the framing of previous UN resolutions which had treated women as victims of war, in need of protection. Since 2010, there have been multiple other resolutions adopted by the UNSCR under the broader umbrella of Women, Peace and Security. In response to persistent advocacy from civil society, the UN Security Council has so far adopted ten resolutions on “Women, Peace and Security”. These resolutions are: Security Council Resolution 1265 (2000), 1888 (2009), 1889 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2011), 2122 (2013), 2242 (2015), 2467 (2019), and 2493 (2019). These resolutions provide guidance and enhance efforts to promote and protect the rights of women in conflict and post-conflict situations.

All these resolutions notwithstanding, the commitment and guarantees to institutionalize the WPS agenda has far adopted ten resolutions on “Women, Peace and Security”. These resolutions are: Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009), 1889 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2011), 2122 (2013), 2242 (2015), 2467 (2019), and 2493 (2019). These resolutions provide guidance and enhance efforts to promote and protect the rights of women in conflict and post-conflict situations.

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It is within the context of these the issues raised above, that this we seek answers to these complex questions, which we argue lie within this special anniversary edition of the Annual Review of Peace Support Operations.

Suggested Topics
Please consult the list of topics below in line with the above theme and submit a 200-word abstract of your proposed paper to: fiifi.edu-afful@kaiptc.org; eduafful@gmail.com; frank.okyere@kaiptc.org; fiifi.okyere@gmail.com on or before March 13, 2020.

Submissions are invited on a range of related topics expected to be in line with Resolution 1325 including but not limited to:

- Conflict Prevention
- Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding
- Early warning and Peace Processes
- Security and defense institutions
- Conflict resolution and post-conflict environment
- Gender and women’s empowerment
- Political Representation/Participation
- Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA)
- Conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV)
- Violence against women
- Civil Society Activities
- Human Rights (including socio-economic rights/development; Ethnic Discrimination; International and Regional Instruments and Mechanisms
- Demobilisation, Disarmament, Reparation, Resettlement and Reintegration
- Small Arms and Light Weapons
- Landmines
- Displacement
- Humanitarian Assistance
- Migration
- Health (including HIV/AIDS and Reproducative Health)
- UN/UNAMS Implementation
- National Implementation (including NAPs)

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1. What has been the experience of female peacekeepers?
2. How are women deployed in peace operations?
3. What are the barriers to the inclusion of women at the local, national, regional and continental levels?
4. How do women function as mediators? How do women prevent conflict? What is the role of women in conflict?
5. How can women promote or create a more gender equal society?
6. How can nations be incentivized to improve gender equity?
7. What challenges and opportunities do women face in peace and security?

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