Jacqueline O’Neill

Jacqueline O’Neill is responsible for overall policy and advocacy, as well as all regional programs and research, at Inclusive Security.

For more than a decade, Ms. O’Neill has worked with women leaders around the world, advocated to high-level decision makers, and trained and advised military, police, and civilians serving at NATO, the UN, the US Department of Defense, and elsewhere. She established Inclusive Security’s dynamic national action plan initiative and has worked directly with civil society and government in more than 20 countries to create or improve government-wide strategies on women’s inclusion in security issues.

As Director, Ms. O’Neill has testified to both US and Canadian Senate and House Committees. She speaks regularly at international security conferences, and has been published by outlets including Foreign Affairs, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Christian Science Monitor. She has authored numerous publications and served as an editor for the US National Defense University’s PRISM magazine special edition, “Women, Peace, and Inclusive Security,” as well as Inclusive Security’s “A Women’s Guide to Security Sector Reform.”

Before joining the organization in 2006, Ms. O’Neill was concurrently at the UN peacekeeping mission in Sudan and at Khartoum’s Afhad University for Women. Previously, she was a policy adviser to Canada’s Secretary of State for the Asia-Pacific region. Along with former Lt. General Roméo Dallaire, she helped found an initiative to address the issue of child soldiers.

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