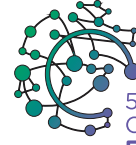




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## Background and Objectives

**On June 2nd and 3rd, 2026, Spain will host in Madrid the 5th Ministerial Conference on Feminist Foreign Policy: Building Peace and Democracy**, a high-level global summit dedicated to feminist foreign policy, women's rights and gender equality as not only priorities in their own right, but also fundamental principles and critical pillars to advancing global peace and strengthening democracy. This year's conference follows previous editions held by [Germany in 2022](#), the [Netherlands in 2023](#), [Mexico in 2024](#) and [France in 2025](#).

The 5th Ministerial Conference will explore **how support for women's rights and leadership can defend the Rule of Law and a rules-based international order, fostering an accountable multilateralism responsive to the current challenges and a full commitment with human rights, peace and social, environmental, economic and gender justice**, including the right to sustainable development. The 5th Ministerial Conference on Feminist Foreign Policy and Gender Equality will build on **Spain's leadership of the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development**, hosted in June 2025. It will explore and reinforce links between the global and regional agendas for gender equality, human rights, democracy and development,

as well as the overall strengthening of a reinvigorated, strong and inclusive multilateralism and reaffirmation of the values and principles of the UN Charter.

The Conference will be organized under the assumption that there is no better way to establish global stability and defend national interests than by building a better world, based on strong moral principles and respect for rules. As such, it will serve as a **critical opportunity for a diverse and global coalition of states to reaffirm — and to increase — ambition to defend substantive equality, the rights of women and girls and other structurally excluded populations, to promote democracy, peace and sustainable development**. It is envisaged as **an opportunity to expand international human rights standards and existing political and financial commitments on these and other related pressing issues**, to share good practices and lessons learnt, and to advance announcements of innovative, effective, transformative and coordinated policies, programs and initiatives.

## Format and Participation

The Conference will convene **Ministers of Foreign Affairs from countries with a firm commitment to gender equality and the implementation of the Agenda 2030** for sustainable development, in particular SDG5, the Convention on the Eradication of Discrimination against Women, and the advancement of the 12 areas of action contained in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, as well as representatives of international organizations, philanthropy, civil society and feminist movements, including participation of representatives from the Global South.

The Conference will be held at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain (Plaza del Marqués de Salamanca, 8) over one and a half days, from the afternoon of Tuesday, June 2nd at 2pm through Wednesday, June 3rd. The Conference will be preceded by a **civil society-organized forum, June 1st, the outcomes of which will be incorporated into the official Conference program.**

## Program and Outcomes

The Conference will open with a high-level plenary, inaugurated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain, José Manuel Albares. The program will seek to surface **innovative ideas and feminist approaches that can reset and refine a new, transformative and more peaceful vision for the future** as an old and imperfect world order erodes. The program consists of the following sessions.

- **Four ministerial plenary sessions** will seek to achieve geographical and demographic diversity, as well as gender parity and will be operative in nature, with segments building on and reinforcing joint themes and outcomes.
- **Twelve concurrent sessions** (side events/workshops) will provide space for in-depth dialogue on the operational and practical

implementation of feminist foreign policy and the, with civil society and government representatives analyzing and proposing actions to common challenges.

Throughout the program, **priority focus will be afforded to specific actions stakeholders can take to advance feminist approaches to foreign policy, democracy, peace and development**, prioritizing the announcement of new and expanded commitments. The Conference will close with the **signing of a political declaration** and announcement of new political and financial commitments, which will be monitored and reported on via an ongoing accountability mechanism.