

## **Initiative for Peacebuilding Workshops in Sierra Leone**

Cluster on Gender

### **Local Civil Society Workshops**

(10 March, Bo and 11 March, Makeni)

On 10 and 11 March, International Alert will host two local workshops in Bo and Makeni, Sierra Leone, in partnership with Women's Partnership for Justice and Peace (WPJP) and Grassroots Empowerment for Self-Reliance (GEMS). Based on the principles enshrined in UNSCR 1325, the workshops will focus on community perceptions of security threats and the process of Security Sector Reform (SSR).

### **National Civil Society Workshop**

(13 March, Freetown)

Following the International Colloquium on Women's Leadership, Empowerment, Peace and Security held in Monrovia, International Alert and the Coalition on UNSCR 1325 in Sierra Leone will be hosting a national workshop on 13 March to explore the themes of the Colloquium in relation to Sierra Leone.

The conference will focus on the key Colloquium themes of Women's Leadership, Security Council Resolution 1325, and Economic Development and Decent Work, while also discussing the Colloquium outcomes on Millennium Development Goal Three, Climate Change, and Migration. The workshop will provide participants with an overview of the discussions and outcomes of the Colloquium and then focus the debate on how to make progress on these issues in Sierra Leone.