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Interactive Roundtable

12) The Girl Child

Tuesday, 4 November 2014, 16:30 - 18:00
Palais des Nations Geneva, Room XI

"Girls are often treated as inferior and are socialized to put themselves last, thus undermining their self-esteem. Discrimination and neglect in childhood can initiate a lifelong downward spiral of deprivation and exclusion from the social mainstream" (BPfA).

Through this interactive Roundtable discussion, we will analyze the remaining gaps in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for action and also identify additional measures for increased empowerment and protection of the girl child.

Convener and Moderator	**Anne Guyaz**, Coordinator, NGO-Coordination post Beijing Switzerland
Speakers	**Petra Stipanic**, Ambassador of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts **Natalie Trummer**, Executive Director, TERRE DES FEMMES, Switzerland **Susan O'Malley**, Vice Chair, NGO CSW/NY
Title of video	*Stop the violence: speak up for girls' rights*
Recommendations, Q&A	From the floor
Rapporteur	**Roman Helfer**, European Delegate, Swiss Council for Youth Activities
Interpretation	Provided from and into English and French

Short Bios: The Girl Child

Convener & Moderator: Anne Guyaz

Anne Guyaz is the Executive Director of the NGO-Coordination post Beijing Switzerland since 2011. She is also a trustee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts after having chaired the Swiss Guide and Scout Movement for five years. Engaged in politics in her city, she also works as a translator. She has a Master in Theology and a degree from the Pedagogical High School in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Speaker: Petra Stipanic

After having studied pedagogy and andragogy at the University of Ljubljana, Petra Stipanic worked as a teacher and researcher in various governmental and non-governmental organisms on human resources and. She took leadership in her activities in the Slovenian Catholic Girl Guides and Boy Scouts Association and different roles in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts where she now volunteers as an Ambassador, bringing in the voice of the girls in the post-2015 Agenda.

Speaker: Natalie Trummer

After her studies of History, Islam and Economy in Bern and Jerusalem, Natalie Trummer received postgrads in International Law Development Cooperation. As the Executive Director of TERRE DES FEMMES Switzerland, she fights for the rights and the dignity of women and girls. Through campaigns, expertise, projects and advocacy, TERRE DES FEMMES Switzerland fights against early and forced marriage, feminine genital mutilation, honor crimes, gender-based violence, migration and sexism. Based in Bern it is active in and out of Switzerland.

Speaker: Dr. Susan O'Malley

Dr. Susan O'Malley is Vice Chair of the NGO CSW/NY and a Representative to the UN for the International Federation of Business and Professional Women. She is also active in the Working Group on Girls and the Planning Committee for the NGO Forum 59. In addition to serving as the elected Faculty Trustee and Chair of the 22-campus City University of New York (CUNY) Faculty Senate, Dr. O'Malley taught English Literature and Women's Studies at CUNY (Kingsborough and the Graduate Center) for 36 years. She is currently involved in Cities for CEDAW to get CEDAW ratified in NYC.

Rapporteur: Roman Helfer

During his studies first in cooking and then in Economics, Roman Helfer has continually been active in volunteer work. Member or founder of many associations, he is engaged to fight any kind of discrimination. Today, Roman Helfer is the European Delegate of the Swiss Council of Youth Activities. This role brings him across Europe to contribute to Youth politics.