



Additional Interactive Roundtable (cross-cutting issue)

iv) Men & Boys – In Solidarity for Gender Equality

Tuesday, 4 November 2014, 16:30 - 18:00

Palais des Nations Geneva, Room XVII

Introduction: Acts and threats of violence, whether occurring in the home or in the community, or perpetrated or condoned by the State, instill fear and insecurity in women's lives and are obstacles to the achievement of equality, peace and development. By launching the White Ribbon campaign in Switzerland, the initiative joins over 50 countries that follow the original Call to Action to men and boys, and also to women and girls, to mobilize them to pledge not to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls. The women are speaking up and out, and men's voices need to be heard more loudly to make the end of violence a global reality. **Objective:** This Interactive Roundtable will present a Declaration from the Swiss White Ribbon Ambassadors and focus on recommendations to accelerate the elimination of violence against women and girls.

Co-conveners	Elly Pradervand , White Ribbon Secretariat; CEO and UN Rep., WWSF; Taskforce Chair, Substantive Issues, NGO CSW Geneva Beijing+20 Review Forum Ricardo Espinosa , Head of Development and Global Initiatives, Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue (GCHRAGD)
Moderator	Ricardo Espinosa , Swiss White Ribbon Ambassador
Speakers	H.E. M. Mehmet Carikci , Ambassador, Perm. Mission of Turkey to the UN Nago Humbert , Founder & President, Médecins du Monde-Suisse; Swiss White Ribbon Ambassador Ervin Laszlo , Founder of the Club of Budapest; President of the E. Laszlo Center for Advanced Studies; Advisor to the UNESCO Director General Oliver Rizzi , Chair and UN Rep., United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY); Swiss White Ribbon Ambassador (tbc)
Presentation	of a DECLARATION from the Swiss White Ribbon Ambassadors: "The Elimination of Violence Against Women: Horizon 2030"
Questions	From the floor
Rapporteurs	Daniel Fuhrer , Swiss White Ribbon Program Coordinator Shannon Meehan , Advocacy Coordinator, Children's Section, WWSF
Interpretation	Provided from and into English, French and Russian

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Short Bios: Men & Boys – In Solidarity for Gender Equality

Co-convener: *Elly Pradervand*, is Founder/CEO of WWSF and initiated in 2009 the Swiss White Ribbon campaign. WWSF serves as the White Ribbon CH Secretariat for outreach and education, mobilizing the Swiss public to pledge not to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls, which is the campaign message. The website www.white-ribbon.ch (in 4 languages) provides a calendar of activities, including monthly meetings every first Tuesday of the month to discuss projects and innovative steps for the creation of Switzerland without violence against women and girls. Swiss White Ribbon Ambassadors (40 to-date) are prominent leaders who lend their name and position to move Switzerland forward and who just published a Declaration for the Elimination of Violence against women: horizon 2030.

Co-convener & Moderator: *Ricardo Espinosa*, Head of Development and Global Initiatives (GCHRAGD); White Ribbon Ambassador CH and former UNOG Liaison officer for the Geneva UN Director General. Ricardo Espinosa is a senior expert in international relations, with a wealth of 35 years of experience in the area of international relations, development issues and human rights. He completed Master's courses from the University of Geneva and from the Geneva Graduate Institute of Development Studies. R. Espinosa successively worked as a computer systems engineer in the private sector and within the University of Geneva, before embarking on an international career that led him to work on the ground in the area of bilateral development aid in Senegal, Rwanda, Burundi, Peru and Cameroon. Between 1998 and 2013, Mr. Espinosa has been working as a United Nations International Civil Servant, holding high positions within the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the International Labor Office (ILO) and the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). Between 2003 and January 2014, Mr. Espinosa worked within the Cabinet of the UNOG's Director General, where he served as the Head of the team in charge of working relations with Non-Governmental and Civil Society Organizations.

Speaker: *S.E. M. Mehmet Carikci* is Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva. Previously, S.E. Carikci held the position of Ambassador and Senior Foreign Policy Adviser to the President of Turkey, a role he assumed in 2007, before being promoted to the position of senior advisor in 2010. Ambassador Carikci had previously been posted to governments in the West and the Middle East, including Germany, the US, Iran and Iraq.

Speaker: *Pr. Nago Humbert* is Founder/ President of NGO Doctors of the World- Switzerland, Directeur de l'Unité de consultation en soins palliatifs pédiatriques at CHU Ste Justine Montreal, and Professeur adjoint de clinique département de pédiatrie faculté de médecine at Université de Montréal. Il est maintenant professeur agrégé au département de pédiatrie de la faculté de médecine de Montréal.

Speaker: *Prof. Dr. Ervin Laszlo*, twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, is editor of the international periodical *World Futures: The Journal of General Evolution* and Chancellor-Designate of the newly formed GlobalShift University. He is the founder and president of the international think tanks the Club of Budapest and the General Evolution Research Group and the author of 83 books translated into 21 languages. He lives in Italy.

Speaker: *Oliver Rizzi* is Chair and UN Representative of the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY) and Swiss White Ribbon Ambassador. The United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY – pronounced 'You Know Why') is a global network of youth organisations committed to establishing peaceful societies. Young people constitute half of the world's population and UNOY strongly believes in their importance in society. Since its inception in 1989, UNOY has developed a multi-dimensional expertise in its main areas of action; advocacy and capacity building.

Rapporteur: *Daniel Fuhrer* is Program Coordinator for the Swiss White Ribbon Campaign, where he is involved in the outreach for the mobilization of civil society, schools, universities, sports clubs, religious communities and the business world, as well as the media and social media. He holds a bachelor degree in international relations and a master degree in European studies from the University of Geneva. He is particularly driven by human rights and other development and research-related issues.

Rapporteur: *Shannon Meehan* is Advocacy Coordinator for the Children's Section of the Women's World Summit Foundation, and a member of the Swiss White Ribbon Committee Secretariat. Ms. Meehan previously worked as a strategic development consultant for UPR Info (Geneva) and a researcher for the International Institute for Management Development (Lausanne). Ms. Meehan holds a Bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley, a Master's degree from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, and advanced certification in mediation and restorative justice.
