



Interactive Roundtable

2) Education & Training of Women

Tuesday, 4 November 2014, 9:30 - 11:00
Palais des Nations Geneva, Room XVII

Introduction: Education is an essential human right and a vital tool for achieving the goals of equality, sustainable development and peace. Through education, people become empowered as individuals and as members of their communities. Non-discriminatory education benefits all people – girls and boys – and ultimately contributes to more equal relationships between women and men. Participants will discuss in groups to formulate recommendations to governments in the area of “Education and Training of Women” focusing on: illiteracy and access to education; training and continuation of education; and non-discrimination in education and training.

Co-conveners	Hayley Ramsay-Jones and Kazunari Fujii , UN Rep., Soka Gakkai Intl. Sabine Kinzer and Wilfrida Hendrickx , UN Rep., Soroptimist Intl.
Moderator	Danièle Castle , Executive Director, International Federation of University Women
Keynote Speaker	Maria Luisa Frosio , University Professor and Education and Training Advocate
Roundtable Facilitators	Claire de Lavernette , Main Representative to the UN, Geneva, International Organization on the Right to Education and Freedom of Education Susanna Hast , Specialist in Feminist Security Studies Richard Hart , Trainer and Consultant on Gender Equality
Response/Closing remarks	Government representative (tbc)/ Moderator
Comments/Recommendations	Roundtable participants
Rapporteurs	Francesca Fletcher Williams , Advocacy Manager, Soroptimist International Ivy Gabbert , Program Coordinator, Soka Gakkai International UN Liaison Office in New York
Interpretation	Provided from and into English, French and Russian

B+20 Review Forum Organizer: NGO-CSW-Geneva: www.beijing20.ngocsw-geneva.ch
E-mail: beijing20forum@ngocsw-geneva.ch



Short Bios: Education & Training of Women

Co-Convener: Soka Gakkai International (Hayley Ramsay-Jones and Kazunari Fujii)

SGI is a worldwide network of lay Buddhists consisting of 93 constituent organizations and members in 192 countries and territories. SGI has been active in public awareness-raising, upholding education for global citizenship under which umbrella it engages in human rights education; peace and disarmament; and sustainable development. SGI is currently co-secretary of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women Geneva.

Co-Convener: Soroptimist International (Sabine Kinzer and Wilfrida Hendrickx)

SI is a volunteer-led, grassroots movement. SI's 80,000 members work to transform the lives of women and girls in around 3,000 communities in 130 countries and territories worldwide. Soroptimists have united around the principles of educating, empowering and enabling opportunities for women and girls locally, nationally and internationally.

Moderator: Danièle Castle has extensive experience in both the business and the non-profit world, she has edited working papers, reports, articles and publications for organisations such as WHO, WEF, and IAPO. She also teaches several entrepreneurship courses and is a certified ghost-writer. Danièle was Director of Cause Marketing at the World Heart Federation and since 2013 she has been Executive Director of the 95 year old International Federation of University Women (IFUW) based in Geneva, Switzerland. IFUW is a federation of 61 members associations whose mission is to empower women through education up to the highest levels.

Keynote Speaker: Maria Luisa Frosio has been a member of the scientific board for Ph.D. in History and Literature at the Faculty of Education Sciences in the Catholic University-Milano, Italy. In addition to her long career in teaching, Maria Luisa Frosio is; the Secretary General of the Accademia Ambrosiana in Milan; a member of International Women Associates; and a member of the Board of Soroptimist International Europe. Maria Luisa was honored Cavaliere (Knight) dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana for her work in the Educational and Social fields. Maria Luisa Frosio is a strong believer in education as a right for all, not only through formal and informal education, but also through vocational training and life-long learning.

Roundtable Facilitator: Claire de Lavernette studied Law in Paris and used to work in the private sector before devoting herself to human rights. She is OIDEL's (International Organization on the Right to Education and Freedom of Education) Main Representative to the UN. OIDEL works with international organizations and governments to promote the right to education and freedom of education. In the work of OIDEL she considers the advancement of women's right to education preliminary to achieve sustainable and equitable development for all.

Roundtable Facilitator: Susanna Hast is specialised in international relations, Russian studies and feminist security studies. Her country of origin is Finland, and she is currently affiliated with the Graduate Institute of Geneva (IHEID) and the Centre of Excellence in Russian Studies, Aleksanteri Institute in Helsinki, Finland. She is conducting research on war experience in Chechnya, focusing on compassion, vulnerability of the body and agency.

Roundtable Facilitator: Richard Hart is a Family and Intimate Partner Violence Practitioner and Trainer with a key interest in gender equality, education and the elimination of gender based violence. He has worked in Youth and Community services for 19 years. Richard's areas of specialty include services for vulnerable teenage mothers, young people using intimate partner abuse and adult domestic violence perpetrator intervention.

Rapporteur: Francesca Fletcher Williams is the Advocacy Manager for the Soroptimist International. Prior to her current position she has worked on an education-based international development programme with Skillshare International, and has assisted with data analysis that contributed to establishing better community support systems for victims of sexual violence in war from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She has an M.Phil in International Peace Studies from Trinity College Dublin, and has been academically published.

Rapporteur: Ivy Gabbert is the Program Coordinator for Soka Gakkai International, UN Liaison Office in New York, engaged mainly in the area of the status of women. She serves on the Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York and is actively involved in Beijing+20 activities. She additionally covers areas such as sustainable development, culture of peace and education for global citizenship. Prior to her current position, she has worked in several fields including international education, as well as editing and translation. She holds an MA with a concentration in Sustainable Development from the School for International Training in the United States.
