



Interactive Roundtable

4) Violence against Women

Tuesday, 4 November 2014, 11:30 - 13:00
Palais des Nations Geneva, Room XVII

Introduction: The 90-minute Interactive Roundtable will provide a space for critical analysis and discussions on key achievements in combating VAW in the ECE region in the last 20 years, the legal framework for accountability, emerging issues and how to address the gaps between Beijing and the proposed Sustainable Development Goals.

Objectives: 1) Create a space for the Beijing+20 ECE review process amongst NGOs and women's rights advocates who are active in Europe, North America and Central Asia 2) Provide an overview of achievements and progress made in terms of integrated measures and actions taken by Governments to prevent & eliminate violence against women (BPFA) 3) Identify and discuss current and emerging issues related to violence against women in the ECE region 4) Provide policy directions for the region as well as recommendations for the integration of prevention and elimination of violence against women into the Post-2015 development agenda.

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| Convener | Marie-Claude Julsaint , Global Program Manager for Violence against Women, World YWCA |
| Moderator | Triin Käpp , Pastor, Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church |
| Speakers | Jackson Katz , Filmmaker and Co-founder, Mentors in Violence Prevention Marilou McPhedran , Professor and Director, Institute for International Women's Rights, Global College, University of Winnipeg Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard , President, Zonta International Pierrette Pape , Policy Officer and Project Coordinator, European Women's Lobby Olena Liakhova , young woman peacekeeper UNDPKO (UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations), Ukraine |
| Recommendations, Q&A | From the floor |
| Rapporteurs | Kawa Banda , World YWCA Brigitte Polonovski , ICW-CIF |
| Interpretation | Provided from and into English, French and Russian |

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Short Bios: Violence Against Women

Convener: Marie-Claude Julsaint, Global Programme Manager for Violence against Women, World YWCA, holds a Masters degree in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International Relations in Geneva, Switzerland and a Masters degree in Development Studies from the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) in Lausanne, Switzerland. She joined the World YWCA in April 2001 and since 2011 is the Global Program Manager for Violence against Women. In her capacity as Global Program Manager for Violence against Women, Marie-Claude has coordinated the World YWCA's engagement with the UN Human Rights Council and with the CEDAW Committee, as well as its work on UNSCR 1325.

Moderator: Triin Käpp, Pastor, Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church, has studied at the University of Tartu, Faculty of Theology, and at the Pastoral Seminary of the Institute of Theology of the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church. She currently works as Second Pastor at the St. John's University congregation in Tartu and as a project manager at the Centre for Ethics at the University of Tartu. Triin was also involved in the founding and development of the Lutheran St Peter's school which was opened in 2013. She has published thought-provoking and critical articles on women's issues in the local church paper, including on abortion-related concerns, how the church is addressing these and what still remains to be done.

Speaker: Jackson Katz, Educator, Author, Filmmaker and Co-founder of Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP), is a pioneer in the fields of gender violence prevention education and media literacy, and enlists men in the struggle to prevent men's violence against women. Katz is the creator of popular educational videos including *Tough Guise: Violence, Media and the Crisis in Masculinity*. He is the author of *The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help and Leading Men: Presidential Campaigns and the Politics of Manhood*. He has also appeared in several documentaries, including *Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes* and *MissRepresentation*.

Speaker: Marilou McPhedran, Founder and Director, Institute for International Women's Rights at The University of Winnipeg Global College in Canada, and member of the WILPF Academic Network, a research associate of the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, a national director of the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (VOW) as well as the founder of the collaborative website on Legal Empowerment of the Poor (LEP). In 2012, she was seconded to UNFPA-Geneva as a senior human rights specialist and in June 2013, Rashida Manjoo, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women (VAW), invited Marilou to present as the only Canadian on the 'Forward Looking Strategies' panel before the UN Human Rights Council during the annual session on VAW. She directed the first CEDAW Impact Study (1998-2000) and she chaired the inquiry in 1991 that introduced the standard of 'zero tolerance of sexual abuse' by those in positions of power that has been adopted internationally, including as a UN peacekeeping responsibility. She is a co-founder of Canadian systemic change civil society organizations that focus on the 'lived rights' of women and girls: LEAF (the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund in 1985) and METRAC (the Metro Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children in 1984). McPhedran's most recent publication is 'Complements of CEDAW' in the *Michigan State Law Review*, 2014.

Speaker: Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, President, Zonta International, also serves as President of the Zonta International Foundation for the biennium 2014 - 2016. In addition to her involvement with Zonta, Ms. Oestergaard is vice-chair of the International Board of Directors of MTI, the Materials Technology Institute, a sponsor member of the Women's Council in Denmark and member of the Expert Database within KVINFO, the Danish Centre for Information on Gender, Equality and Ethnicity. Ms. Oestergaard has a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Materials and Corrosion. She is Principal Engineer at Haldor Topsoe A/S, a Danish company that works for the optimization of energy resources through catalytic processes. In this role, she leads and manages an international materials science expert group.

Speaker: Pierrette Pape, Policy Officer and Project Coordinator, European Women's Lobby (EWL) since 2009, and most specifically in charge of monitoring and influencing the EU policies on violence against women and developing EWL's work at international level, coordinates the EWL campaign 'Together for a Europe free from prostitution' and the network of abolitionist NGOs 'The Brussels' Call'. She has initiated EWL's work on men and feminism, and coordinated the publication of the second edition of the *European Women's Voice on men and feminism*. Since 2013, she is in charge of the advocacy work of the EWL at United Nations level, being an EWL representative at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York every March. In 2014, she coordinates the work of the EWL on the 20 years of the Beijing Platform for Action. Between January and May 2014, she was Acting Coordinator of the European Women's Lobby (EWL); during this period, she developed the EWL Manifesto for the European elections and the advocacy work towards candidates and the general public to promote EWL demands. She is also an activist in various women's organisations in Belgium, such as a grassroot NGO working to assist and support persons in prostitution, a feminist NGO working on gender and development, and she is a member of the editorial Board of the Belgian publication 'Chronique féministe'.

Rapporteur: Brigitte Polonovski, Representative, ICW-CIF-France, has built expertise for the last 20 years in human rights with a special focus on violence against women and girls, as well as in extreme poverty. Through permanent representation at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva and on a regular basis at the special sessions of the United Nations in New York, Brigitte has successfully negotiated with NGO and Government delegates for women's issues to be integrated in resolutions, conventions and additional protocols. Brigitte has faced discrimination in her own professional career and since then has a strong commitment for the recognition of women's rights.

Rapporteur: Kawa Beatrice Banda is in her final year of studies for a Bachelor in International Business Administration from The American University of Paris. Fluent in French and English, she also masters Spanish at a working intermediate level. Kawa joined the World YWCA in September 2014 for an internship as an Event Coordinator, in hopes of gaining more work experience and exposition to international advocacy. She is passionate about human rights, equity, women's rights and advancement, grassroots development programs, the collaboration between private and public sector and general international development programs.
