

PREVENTING AND ELIMINATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM

13 – 14 December 2012

United Nations Headquarters | North Lawn Building, Conference Room 2

The event is open to holders of a valid UN ground pass

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

10:00 – 10:30 A.M.

Opening session

Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara, Permanent Representative of Liberia to the United Nations and Chair of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

10:30 TO 11:45 A.M.

Panel 1: Setting the stage – existing global commitments for prevention and elimination of violence against women

MODERATOR:

H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations

PANELISTS:

H.E. Mr. Herman Schaper, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Henry Leonard Mac-Donald, Permanent Representative of Suriname to the United Nations and Chair of the Third Committee of the sixty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly

Ms. Dubravka Šimonović, Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Ms. Hibaaq Osman, Founder and CEO, Karama; Member, UN Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group

Followed by discussion

11:45 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

Panel 2: Ensuring leadership, coordination and meeting the resource challenge for ending violence against women

MODERATOR:

H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini, Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations

PANELISTS:

H. E. Mme. Mariama Sarr, Minister of Women, Children and Women's Entrepreneurship, Senegal (to be confirmed)

The Hon. Ms. Sandra Falconer, Minister with Responsibility for Information (Office of the Prime Minister), Jamaica

Ms. Liz Forsyth, Partner, Government Advisory Services, KPMG

Ms. Charlotte Bunch, Founding Director and Senior Scholar, Center for Women's Global Leadership, USA

Followed by discussion

1.15 – 2.45 P.M.

SURVIVORS' FORUM: a panel discussion in which women who are survivors of violence will speak about how they have effected change in their communities and used their experience to promote legislative and policy reform in their particular contexts.

MODERATOR:

Antonyia Parvanov (Bulgaria), Member of the Gender Equality Committee of the European Parliament

PARTICIPANTS:

Ms. Mayerlis Angarita, Colombia; **Ms. Sacide Akkaya**, Turkey; **Ms. Cathy Eatock**, Australia; **Ms. Autumn Burris**, USA; **Ms. Maria da Penha**, Brazil (via video statement)

3:00 TO 4:30 P.M.

Panel 3: Tackling causes and risk factors to prevent violence against women and girls: what works

MODERATOR:

H.E. Mr. Desra Percaya, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations

PANELISTS:

H.E. Ms. Olivia Muchena, Minister of Women's Affairs, Gender and Community Development, Zimbabwe

Ms. Annette Musu Kiawu, Deputy Minister for Research and Policy, Ministry of Gender & Development, Liberia

[H.E. Ms. Aparecida Gonçalves](#), National Secretary for Ending Violence against Women, Brazil

[Mr. Babatunde Osotimehin](#), Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

[Ms. Soon-Young Yoon](#), Chair, NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York

Followed by discussion

4:30 TO 6:00 P.M.

Panel 4: Ensuring inclusive policies and strategies to eliminate violence against all women and girls: what works

MODERATOR:

[H.E. Mr. Alexander Lomaia](#), Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations

PANELISTS:

[H.E. Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury](#), State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs, Bangladesh

[Ms. Tarcilia Rivera Zea](#), Member, UN Women's Global Civil Society Advisory Group

[Mr. Todd Minerson](#), Executive Director, White Ribbon Campaign and member of the United Nations Secretary-General's Network of Men Leaders

Followed by discussion

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

10:00 TO 11:30 A.M.

Panel 5: Integrated service delivery and multi-sectoral responses: good practice examples

MODERATOR:

[H.E. Ms. Anne Anderson](#), Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations

PANELISTS:

[H.E. Hon. Hajija Zainab Maina](#), Minister of Women's Affairs and Social Development, Nigeria

[H.E. Ms. Mervat el-Tallawy](#), President of the National Council for Women, Egypt

[H.E. Mrs. Vanda Pignato](#), First Lady and Presidential Secretary of Social Inclusion, El Salvador

[Mr. Andrei Sinelnikov](#), Deputy Director, National Centre for the Prevention of Violence (ANNA), Russian Federation

[Ms. Marja Ruotanen](#), Director of Justice and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

Followed by discussion

11:30 A.M. TO 1.00 P.M.

Closing session: Key findings and commitments, and the way forward

CHAIR/MODERATOR:

[Ms. Michelle Bachelet](#), Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Women

COMMENTS:

[H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara](#), Permanent Representative of Liberia to the United Nations and Chair of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

[H.E. Mr. Kim Sook](#), Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations and President of the Executive Board of UN Women

BACKGROUND

Violence against women persists in every country in the world as a pervasive violation of human rights and a major impediment to achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women. Such violence harms women, their families and communities, has significant economic costs and restricts and undermines economic growth and development.

The fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in March 2013, will focus on the priority theme of the "Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls". In inter-active panels, the Commission will review experiences, lessons learned and good practices; it will assess achievements and identify gaps and challenges and it will discuss ways and means to accelerate implementation of existing commitments on ending violence against women. The Commission will adopt agreed conclusions that are expected to identify gaps and challenges in the implementation of existing commitments and address action-oriented recommendations

to States, relevant intergovernmental bodies, mechanisms and entities of the United Nations system and other stakeholders, in order to accelerate implementation.

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day and the conclusion of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, UN Women is convening a forum to engage a range of stakeholders in the preparations for CSW57, with the objectives of:

- Raising awareness of existing commitments and standards for ending violence against women;
- Creating a platform for sharing ideas and strategies that work and bring results;
- Identifying key areas and issues where consensus needs strengthening;
- Fostering dialogue and build alliances to accelerate implementation and follow-up to the outcomes of CSW57.