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The responsibility of men and boys in achieving gender equality

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SPEAKER BIOS

Moderator: Ms. Noelene Nabulivou

Ms. Noelene Nabulivou is from Fiji and Australia. She is a member of Diverse Voices and Action for Equality (DIVA), part of the Executive Committee of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) and member of UN Women Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Advisory Group. Since the mid-1980s, she has used feminist political economy approaches to work on various aspects of gender equality and human rights, social and economic justice and ecological sustainability, including climate justice. She has worked within and across multiple groups, networks and movements of squatter and informal settlement women; sex workers; lesbian, trans and queer women; young Pacific feminists; women prisoners and ex-prisoners; women's human rights defenders and peacebuilders. Ms. Nabulivou is the coordinator of a feminist community based organization, Women's Action for Change, (WAC) since 2004, and serving as gender adviser to the Australia/Fiji Community Justice Program.

Panelists

Dr. Gary Barker is International Director and founder of Promundo-DC, member of the Secretary-General's Network of Men Leaders; co-chair and co-founder of MenEngage, a global alliance of more than 400 NGOs and UN agencies working to engage men and boys in gender equality. He has carried out research on men, violence, gender, health and conflict in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, and co-authored numerous training materials, including the Program H series for working with young men to promote gender equality and reduce violence against women. He has served as a consultant to the World Bank, the International Rescue Committee, UNDP, WHO, UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID, the Ford Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation and the Brazilian government on issues related to gender, engagement of men, health promotion and violence prevention. He holds a master's in public policy and a PhD in child development and is an Ashoka Fellow.

Mr. Bafana Khumalo is Senior Programmes Specialist at Sonke Gender Justice and one of the organization's co-founders. Sonke Gender Justice works across Africa to strengthen government, civil society and citizen capacity to promote gender equality, prevent domestic and sexual violence, and

reduce the spread and impact of HIV and AIDS. Mr Khumalo served as co-director of the organization from 2006 – 2010 and as manager of Sonke’s International Programmes Unit and the Policy, Advocacy and Research Unit from 2010 – 2011. He has a long and accomplished track record in the NGO sector. He was senior gender technical advisor for EngenderHealth South Africa. He served as a Commissioner at the National Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) from 2000 – 2006 and 2007 – 2011. At the CGE he was instrumental in assisting National and Provincial Departments of Government to plan and coordinate many activities related to men, gender and HIV/AIDS. He has published widely in professional journals and appears frequently on radio and television in South Africa. He holds a Bachelor of Theology (Hon) and Masters in Theology from the University of Natal – Pietermaritzburg. Together with Sonke Co-Director Dean Peacock, he was awarded Men’s Health Magazine “Best Man” Award in 2007.

Dr. Natko Gereš is Director of Status M Centre and has been working for the last 7 years with young men on the promotion of non-violence, health and gender equality, through deconstruction of rigid norms of masculinity and resetting a more just and equitable society. To this end, he runs the programme ‘Young Men Initiative’ for the prevention of gender based violence and the campaign “Be a man – change the rules”, working with young men aged 14 to 18. As a licensed medical doctor, he believes that building a base for physical, mental and social health of youth best supports the processes of community improvement. He started his active civic engagement in the medical student association through a local partner of the International federation of medical students association, CroMSIC, where he worked for years in the field of reproductive health and AIDS.

Mr. Soren Feldbaek Winther has worked in the Danish Ministry for Gender Equality since 2000. He was the coordinator of the first national action plan to combat domestic violence and action plan to combat trafficking in women. Currently he is the project manager for the planning and execution of Denmark’s national celebration of the 100 years anniversary in 2015 for women’s right to vote and stand for election. He is also leading the Ministry’s project to promote men as kindergarten teachers working with local municipalities and daycare institutions. He has been at the CSW several times and has been part of the Danish delegation to the CEDAW examinations in 2009 and 2015. Søren Feldbæk has lived and worked abroad i.e. in Malawi and Sri Lanka, for a number of years where he has been involved in projects on women and development and has volunteered at women's NGOs. He has a background in social science and psychology specializing in gender equality.

H.E. Mr. Henry MacDonald is the Permanent Representative of Suriname to the UN, co-hosted the Barbershop Conference in January 2015 and is spokesperson for the HeForShe UN Ambassadors. Prior to his current position as Permanent Representative he served as the Deputy Chief of Mission at Suriname’s Embassy to the United States in Washington, D.C., as well as Alternate Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS). Mr. MacDonald served as the Coordinator of the Unit for International Affairs and Human Rights in Suriname’s Ministry of Justice and Police from 1989 to 1998. He also represented his Government at a host of international and regional conferences since 1994. Mr. MacDonald received a Master of Laws in law and government from the American University in Washington, D.C., in 2004. He also received a legal master’s degree from Anton de Kon University of Suriname in 1994.

Respondents

H.E. Mr. Antonio Gumende is the Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations. Prior to his appointment, he served as High Commissioner for Mozambique in the United Kingdom since May 2002. During that tenure, he also served as Chair of the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth Secretariat from 2006 to 2008. Since 2002, he has been Chairman of the AGM MediaCoop Jornalistas Associados. For five years before that, he was Executive Editor of the Southern African Research and Documentation Centre (SARDC) in the Mozambican capital, Maputo. Mr. Gumende has worked as editor, writer/reporter, and correspondent for various news organizations. Mr. Gumende has, among other degrees, a Master's degree in Financial Economics from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies and a Master's in Business Administration from Nottingham Trent University.

Ambassador Hiroshi Minami is the Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN. Prior to his current position, he held various other high level positions in the Japanese Foreign Service, including Deputy Director-General for Global Issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister in charge of human rights, humanitarian affairs and Specialized Agencies at the Permanent Mission of Japan in Geneva. Ambassador Minami holds a BA in Law from the University of Tokyo and an MA in Economics from St John's College, University of Cambridge.

Ms. Kate Gilmore is the Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA, since February 2012. She started her career with her Government in social work and community education roles. From 1986 to 1996, she worked in different capacities for the Royal Women's Hospital, Australia, and for Broadmeadows Community Health Service, then Australia's largest community health service based in Melbourne. In 1996, she joined Amnesty International Australia as National Director, and in 2000, was appointed Deputy Executive Secretary General of Amnesty International, based in London. Ms. Gilmore holds a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Melbourne, Australia, a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New England, Australia, and has pursued post-graduate studies in social work and community development in Australia.

Mr. Gary Cohen is executive vice president of Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD), a global medical technology company with 30,000 associates in more than 50 countries, and Founder of the Together For Girls Partnership. He also serves as acting CEO of the Global Business Coalition on Health, GBCHealth, vice chair of the UN Special Envoy's Office for MDG Financing and a board director of the Perrigo Company, US Fund for UNICEF and Accordia Global Health Foundation. Gary served as board chair of the CDC Foundation from 2010—2014. He is very engaged across the public, private and NGO sectors to address unmet global health needs. Gary holds a BA and MBA from Rutgers University.

Ms. Ayla Goksel is the CEO of the Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV) a pioneering non-profit organization in Turkey working in the areas of education, women's empowerment, and rural development. ACEV's programmes are also implemented in nine other countries in the Middle East and Europe. Ms. Göksele has also been instrumental in the establishment of the Education Reform Initiative, a multi-partner policy institute focused on education reform in Turkey. She holds a BSc from the University of Bath, an MSc from the London School of Economics, and has conducted fellowships at Johns Hopkins University and Harvard. She was selected to be a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2008.