



2nd MenEngage GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM 2014

Men and Boys for Gender Justice

10-13 November 2014
Habitat World, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

BACKGROUND

The 20-year commemoration of the Beijing Platform for Action (Beijing+20) is envisaged as a highly visible, dynamic, and engaging process with a focus on accelerated and effective implementation of the Platform for Action. A series of thematic events will take place throughout 2014 and 2015 to mark Beijing+20. These events are instrumental in bringing together policy makers, political leaders, technical experts, and gender advocates to share cutting-edge experience and knowledge in each critical area, and identifying recommendations to accelerate progress towards gender equality and women's empowerment.

One of the key Beijing+20 global events in 2014 is the 2nd Global Symposium "Men and Boys for Gender Justice". Organized by the MenEngage alliance in close collaboration with UN Women and other partners, the Symposium will bring together researchers and practitioners, advocates and activists, government representatives and the donor community to share experiences, evidence and insights and seek directions on how men and boys can creatively contribute to gender equality and women's empowerment, including in the context of the post-2015 development agenda.

While the participation of men and boys is essential to end the negative effects of patriarchy, gender-based violence and inequality, men have been typically removed from discourses on these issues. UN Women and MenEngage seek to take the issues of men, masculinities and gender equality to and beyond the academic, activist and research domains. The Symposium will create an appropriate and safe space for discussion and dialogue on complex issues related to working with men for furthering action on human rights/social justice, including partnerships with women's rights movements. It will also develop a set of positions on the need for engaging with men and boys in the post-2015 sustainable development agenda.

Bringing together about 900 delegates from all regions of the world, the Symposium will be structured as a series of plenary panels, breakout and satellite sessions, an exhibition fair, as well as a series of high-profile public events.

The Symposium is an opportunity for UN Women to present the strategic vision of its work with men and boys as gender equality advocates, and highlight the recently launched high-visibility HeForShe campaign.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

Launch of DISCUSSION PAPER: "Men, Masculinities and Changing Power: A discussion paper on engaging men in gender equality from Beijing 1995 to 2015"

UN Women has commissioned a discussion paper from MenEngage to conceptually frame the Symposium in the context of Beijing+20. The paper discusses developments on engaging men and boys to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women over the past 20 years. Topics and trends

are highlighted with global data, as well as with case studies. It includes key recommendations on how engaging men and boys can be meaningfully integrated into normative frameworks, policies and programmatic interventions to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The paper will be distributed in English and Spanish online and at the Symposium and will be officially launched on 10 November at the Symposium.



PARTICIPATION OF UN WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DR. PHUMZILE MLAMBO-NGCUKA

The UN Women Executive Director will officially inaugurate the Symposium on

10 November 2014 at 5.30 pm, Stein Auditorium

She will also participate in the following session:

Opening Plenary: State of the Field in Engaging Men in Gender Equality

11 November 2014, 9.00 am

Other Panelists:

- Gary Barker, Executive Director of Promundo
- Michael Kauffman, Professor, Stony Brook University, and Executive Director, Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities
- Vivek Divan, Policy Specialist, Key Populations and Access to Justice, UNDP

Moderator:

Shereen El-Feki, Author, "Sex and the Citadel: Intimate Life in a Changing Arab World"

HeForShe CONVERSATION: MALE LEADERS FOR GENDER EQUALITY

10 November 2014, 2.00 – 3.30 pm, Silver Oak Hall 1

This HeForShe conversation will focus on male accountability for gender equality. Panelists will speak to strategies, measures and policies that they have adopted as male leaders to promote gender equality in their workplace or communities. The moderated discussion will highlight how effective these have been in transforming gender relations, what challenges remain and how male leaders can be more strategic in moving the gender equality agenda forward.

The session will feature men who have taken leadership in this area. Panelists:

- Henry Mac-Donald, Permanent Representative of Suriname to the United Nations, New York
- Kumi Naidoo, Executive Director of Greenpeace International
- Dakshita Wickremarathne, youth leader from Sri Lanka and member of UN Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group
- Bharath Sesha, President of DSM in India
- Janet Menzies, Program Manager and Secretariat of the Male Champions of Change, Australia

Moderator:

Lopa Banerjee, Chief, Civil Society Section, UN Women

BEIJING+20 PLENARY SESSION

11 NOVEMBER 2014, 4.00 – 5.30 pm

Twenty years after the Fourth World Conference on Women and the International Conference on Population and Development, how can engaging men and boys work to achieve gender equality through future norm-setting frameworks?

As a new post-2015 development agenda is being crafted, it is essential to ensure that a transformative approach be adopted, particularly as it relates to achieving the goal of gender equality, women's rights and women's empowerment. This plenary discussion, organized by UN Women, UNFPA and MenEngage, will examine how to build on current achievements and address gaps in normative frameworks related to the engagement of men and boys in gender equality work. It will provide key recommendations for the development of future frameworks, as well as for the formulation of effective policies and scaled-up programmes.

Panelists:

- Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women
- Kate Gilmore, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA
- Gréta Gunnarsdóttir, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations
- Bandana Rana, President, Saathi, Nepal
- Joni van de Sand, MenEngage

Moderator:

Todd Minerson, Executive Director, White Ribbon Alliance

OTHER UN WOMEN PARTICIPATION

10 November, 3.30 pm, Plenary Hall – Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director of UN Women, will participate in the Symposium's Curtain Raiser event.

12 November, 11 am, Deck Suite – Ms. Lopa Banerjee, Chief of UN Women Civil Society Section, will chair the abstract-driven session on the "Role of community and religion in addressing violence" under the track "Peace Building, Social Justice, Inclusion".

12 November, 11 am, Kadamba Hall – Mr. Julien Pellaux, UN Women, will chair the abstract-driven session on the "Role of Institutions – Religion and Media" under the track "Making of Men".

EXHIBITION BOOTH

UN Women will have a special HeForShe and Beijing+20 booth at the exhibition space throughout the duration of the Symposium. Please visit us to sign up for HeForShe and get some special Beijing+20 materials!