

SPEAKERS

Applying Human Rights to Sexual and Reproductive Health A Reality for All?

Alfonso Barragues, *UNFPA*, From global commitment to rights-based action and accountability



Mr. Alfonso Barragues is the Deputy Director of UNFPA's liaison office in Geneva. Before that, he served as UNFPA senior Human Rights Advisor in New York, with a leading role in promoting human rights and coordinating UNFPA's work to advance reproductive rights. He has 22 years of experience in the field of human rights with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) at its headquarters in Geneva, in Guatemala and Rwanda as well as with the Department of Peace Keeping Operations (DPKO) in Angola and Mozambique. During all these years, Mr. Barragues has been responsible for managing a range of programmes in the areas of human rights awareness, access to justice, development of national human rights protection systems and social accountability. Mr. Barragues has led UN inter-agency efforts to apply a human rights based-approach to development in global advocacy, UN Common Programming processes and national policies and budgets. Mr. Barragues holds a Master's degree in Law from Universidad Autonoma of Madrid, Spain.

Erika Placella, *SDC, Bern*, A rights-based approach to sexual and reproductive health services for young people in Moldova: challenges and opportunities



Erika Placella has over 15 years of experience in public health. She is currently the SDC health advisor for Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Before joining SDC, Mrs Placella worked for various medical and public health organizations in Africa, Asia and the Middle East in the field of zoonoses, sexual, reproductive and child health, Food security and NCDs. Mrs Placella has a thorough understanding and knowledge of health trends, health reforms, health systems and related challenges in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, with a focus on Primary Health Care and control and management of major NCDs.

Mrs Placella provides strategic, thematic and technical support and backstopping on SDC health strategies and programs in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Bosnia y Herzegovina, Kosovo, Albania, Ukraine, Moldova, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan), including in new EU member states (Lithuania, Poland, Bulgaria, Czech Republic). She also provides health policy and policy influencing guidance and contributes to positioning SDC/Switzerland in international and global health debates. Her responsibilities also include ensuring continuous thematic coaching and backstopping of SDC national program officers and expats involved in health programs. Finally, she facilitates the exchange of experiences and capitalization on health programs between countries and regions..

Jana Gerold, Swiss TPH, Results of the MMS survey on human rights based approaches among its member organisations



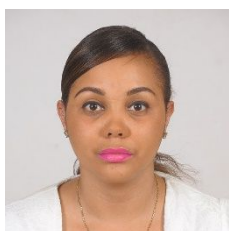
Jana Gerold is a medical anthropologist working in the Sexual and Reproductive Health Unit within the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) since 2015. Her areas of work include qualitative research and evaluation in the field of public health, with a special focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights as well as maternal and child health. She has long-term work and research experience in the Philippines and Tanzania.

Stuart Halford, The Sexual Rights Initiative, The Geo-politics of sexual and reproductive rights at the United Nations – how to address the protection gaps



Stuart Halford is the Senior Representative to SRI a coalition of 6 NGOs from Canada, Poland, India, Egypt, Argentina and South Africa which work to advance human rights related to sexuality. Stuart's focus is on advancing sexual and reproductive rights throughout the UN system including the Universal Periodic Review, the treaty-monitoring bodies, the Special Procedures and the Human Rights Council. Stuart has given numerous seminars, briefings, trainings and lectures on human rights related to sexuality, gender and reproduction for Member States, UN Agencies and civil society organizations. He has been a Technical Expert at the World Health Organisation's Expert Meeting: "Sexual health, human rights and the law" and a Technical Expert for the OHCHR's study on "The Right of the Child to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Health". He is an advisory group member of the Lancet / Guttmacher Institute Commission on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in the post-2015 world and has represented the UK government at the Commission on Population and Development (2012, 2013).

Tabitha Griffith Saoyo, KELIN, Kenya, Using a Rights Based Approach to Advocate for Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights: The Kenyan Experience



SAOYO TABITHA GRIFFITH, LLB (Moi University), Post Graduate Diploma (Kenya School of Law), LLM (Centre for Human Rights, Pretoria), Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, Programmes Manager, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights Thematic Area at the Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network on HIV&AIDS (KELIN) and coordinator to the Reproductive Health and Rights Alliance (RHRA) Project.

Ms Saoyo has previously worked at the Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) Kenya, The Ark Foundation (Ghana) and Madan-Handa & Co. Advocates. She has also been an adjunct lecturer at the Riara Law School for the past two years and is a visiting scholar for this year's Gender Week at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. Saoyo has published several articles on a variety of human rights issues. More recently, she has primarily focused her research on sexual and reproductive health and rights and the reduction of maternal mortality in Kenya through a variety of articles. Through KELIN, Saoyo has consulted, in partnership with UNDP Nairobi, in the implementation of the Project on 'Contextualizing sexual and gender based violence and HIV: Strengthening the responses, understanding the linkages' and is currently the lead consultant for the Judiciary in the development of the Sexual Offences Chapter of the Criminal Law Bench Book.

Jasna Zecevic, *Vive Zene, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Service provider and civil society actor at the same time: Challenges of rehabilitation of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina



Mrs Zecevic started to work in Vive Zene from its establishment, 1994, as assistant of the main Vive Zene coordinator and as interpreter in therapy session. After taking the position of “Vive Žene” president, in 1996, Jasna Zečević managed in a very short time to build the internal capacity of the organization and raise its work standards aiming at addressing the needs of the vulnerable groups targeted with the programs of the Association. This gave “Vive Žene” a role as leading protector of fundamental human rights for SGBV survivors in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mrs. Zečević’s strong personality, commitment to her work and excellent communication capabilities created a recognizable profile of “Vive Žene” which has become an activist fighter for change, but also expert partner of the government. Even though her education background is not from the psychosocial sphere, she has developed a deep understanding for this type problematic and gained a broad knowledge on trauma and psychosocial work that compliment her management skills.

Monika Christofori-Khadka, *Swiss Red Cross*, Workshop A: How are Human Rights Based Approaches to programming best applied?



Monika Christofori-Khadka works as Health Adviser for the Swiss Red Cross International Cooperation. She holds a degree in Public Health as well as in Health Economics, Policy and Management. She has been working for the Red Cross Movement since 15 years and has international long and short term experience in different countries in Asia.

Janet Perkins, *Enfants du Monde*, Workshop B: Advocacy for sexual and reproductive health: Using human rights mechanisms



Janet Perkins is a Health Specialist at Enfants du Monde, where she has been collaborating since 2010. She obtained her bachelor’s degree in Anthropology from Brigham Young University following which she completed a Master’s in Public Health at the University of Texas Houston Health Science Center in 2008. Between 2008-2009 she worked with governmental and non-governmental organizations on health promotion in Houston, Texas, U.S.A. In addition, she served as a consultant to the World Health Organization between 2012-2014.

Anja Baier, *IAMANEH*, Workshop C: Ensuring Rights to health: The importance of Advocacy



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