

Keynote speakers and panellists Annual Seminar 2014

Gita Sen

Professor Gita Sen is a Development Economist at the Centre for Public Policy, IIMB and Adjunct Professor of Global Health and Population, Harvard School of Public Health. She has a PhD in Economics from Stanford University, an MA in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics and a BA in Economics from Fergusson College, University of Poona. Her research areas are broadly on human development with a focus on Health, Population, Gender and Development, and Inequality.



She is the President of the Health Economics Association of India and on the Steering Group of the National Rural Health Mission and on the Governing Body of the National Health Systems Resource Centre. She has worked over many years with different agencies of the United Nations System and is currently intensively involved in the UN sponsored discussions on the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

She directs the Gender and Health Equity Project, an action-research project that has been working in Koppal, a district in northern Karnataka, with communities and health providers, to improve the functioning of the public health system.

Marleen Temmerman

Since 2012, Marleen Temmerman is the Director of the Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR), and of HRP - UNDP - UNFPA - UNICEF - WHO - World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction—at the World Health Organisation (WHO).

RHR/HRP is the main instrument within the United Nations system for research in human reproduction and sexual and reproductive health, bringing together policy-makers and programmers, scientists, health care providers, clinicians, consumers and community representatives to identify and address priorities for research to improve sexual and reproductive health.

She is a full Professor OB/GYN at the Ghent University in Belgium, currently with leave of absence. She has a strong academic background with over 400 publications and books in the area of women's health. As an obstetrician she supervised over 18,000 births in many parts of the world, unfortunately with too many (72) preventable maternal deaths.

In 2007, Dr Temmerman was elected as a Senator in the Belgian Parliament where she was member of the Commission on Social Affairs, and chair of the Commission on Foreign Affairs. In that capacity, she was a member of the European Parliamentary Forum and chair of the HIV/AIDS Advisory Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. She served as a member of the iERG (independent expert review group) till 2012.



David Woodward

David Woodward is Senior Adviser to the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes at UNCTAD (the UN Conference on Trade and Development) in Geneva. He is the author of *Debt, Adjustment and Poverty in Developing Countries* (1992) and *The Next Crisis? Direct and Equity Investment in Developing Countries* (2001), and co-editor of *Global Public Goods for Health* (2003), and he has written numerous articles and discussion papers on a wide range of issues relating to the global economy, global economic governance, development, poverty and health.

David has previously been an economic adviser in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, technical assistant to the UK Executive Director to the IMF and World Bank, development economist in the Strategy Unit of the World Health Organisation, and Head of the New Global Economy programme at nef (the new economics foundation), as well as working with various development NGOs.



Dries Lesage

Dries Lesage is professor international policy at the university of Ghent. His research focuses on the architecture of multilateral governance and important policy and reform processes within organisations like the UN, G20, OECD and IMF. Dries Lesage teaches courses on Theory of International Relations, Globalisation & Global Governance and the History of World Politics (1815-now). Dries Lesage is member of the Federal Council on Sustainable Development.



Marge Berer

Marge Berer is the founding editor of *Reproductive Health Matters*, and an advisory group member and list serve coordinator of the International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion. She was chair (2002–2011) and remains a Steering Committee member of the International Consortium for Medical Abortion.

She also chaired *Voice for Choice* (2007–2009), a coalition of UK pro-choice organisations. She received the Olivia Schieffelin Nordberg Award for Excellence in Writing and Editing in the Population Sciences in May 2007. She was the first chairwoman of the Gender Advisory Panel, WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research 1996–2001, and on the International Women's Advisory Panel, International Planned Parenthood Federation 1993–1998. She published a book in 1993 on women, HIV and SRHR, has published many articles and blogs, and been an advocate for abortion rights and reproductive and sexual health and rights internationally for almost 35 years. She regularly speaks in conferences and lectures on courses and also teaches writing for publication.



Session 1: Advancing the right to sexual and reproductive health (EN)

Summary

The 1994 ICPD and subsequent agreements established global consensus on the necessity of universal access to sexual and reproductive health, including references to rights (SRHR), recognizing that these aspects of health are fundamental.

Partners from developing countries will present specific case studies that will address and concretize answers on the following questions: How to strengthen the role of civil society in policy development and implementation? What is the responsibility of the state in improving the right to sexual and reproductive health? How can actors in SRHR service delivery improve accountability towards the target groups they want to reach? How to effectively use the law for safeguarding and promoting sexual and reproductive rights? Following a moderated debate, collective policy recommendations will be formulated.

- Introduction by Rachel Hammonds (researcher in the Health Policy Unit of the Department of Public Health at Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium).
- Presentations with case studies: maximum 10 minutes each:
 - Susana Chavez, Promsex, Peru
 - Marites Bacunata, Advocates for Community Health, Philippines
 - Efrain Soria, Equidad, Ecuador.
- Debate & questions (40 minutes)
- Roundup & formulation of collective policy recommendations

Rachel Hammonds, Health Policy Unit, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Belgium

Rachel Hammonds is a graduate of McGill University (political science) and the University of Ottawa (common law) and is a NY licensed attorney. Her professional experience has mainly been based in academic settings including Comenius University, Slovakia, the Harvard School of Public Health, US and the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium.

Her current research focuses on identifying approaches to strengthening the evidence base of the added-value of human rights based approaches to international health policies and programmes. Since 2010 she has worked as a researcher in the Public Health Department at the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp and is a member of the Law and Development Research Group at the University of Antwerp's Faculty of Law.



Susana Chávez, Director Promsex, Peru

Ms Chávez is obstetrician graduated from the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos. She has a Master in Public Health from the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia and specialized in sexual and reproductive health and public policy at the Institute for Health Policy and Social Science, University of California, San Francisco.

She has served as advisor on sexual and reproductive health in the Project ReproSalud of the Movement Manuela Ramos in partnership with USAID. She was programme coordinator at the Centre for Peruvian Women Flora Tristan, consultant for the Population Fund and Project ParSalud I and advisor of the senior management of the Ministry of Health. She has conducted various studies and research in the field of sexual and reproductive health and developed several publications and articles. She is currently a member of the Ethics Committee of the National Institute for Health and Executive Secretary of the Latin American Consortium against Unsafe Abortion.



She is a founding member of Promsex. Between 1994 and 2000 she was advisor on reproductive health for the project ReproSalud and for the Manuela Ramos Movement. She has been in charge of the design and monitoring of community interventions in reproductive health, boosted by community-driven organizations of rural and peri-urban women in various regions of the country.

She was a fellow of the Institute of Public Policy about Reproductive Health in the University of San Francisco, USA, between 2000 and 2001. Between 2002 and 2004, she served as programme coordinator of sexual rights and citizenship in health in the feminist NGO Centre Flora Tristan.

Marites Bacunata, Advocates for Community Health, The Philippines

Dr. Marites Bacunata has been working with peasants and indigenous people in neglected areas of the countryside for more than 20 years. Her commitment to serve started while she was still a college student. She spent most of her semestral break working on community integration and this strengthened her commitment. Together with fellow doctors, she formed Advocates for Community Health in 2001, to serve as channel of support and resources for their community projects and empowerment. At present, she is practicing as OB-Gyne and is a Fellow of the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, but she is still actively involved in



working with the remote communities in rural areas. She still spends her free time giving health trainings to Barrio Health Workers (BHWs). Even her private practice is open for the less privileged. She has helped many women not only to give birth, but more so, during their period of depression and anxiety where counselling is an indispensable tool, to alleviate their symptoms, and encourage them to fight for their rights.

Efrain Soria, Coordinator Equidad, Ecuador

Efrain Soria Alba is the President of “Fundacion Ecuatoriana Equidad”, a non-profit organization which promotes LGBT rights in Ecuador. As a gay activist, Efrain has years of experience working together with the Equadorian Ministry of Health, UNAIDS and Latin-American civil society organisations and focuses mostly on human rights, sexual diversity and HIV/AIDS related issues. He has been a representative of the Multi-Sectoral Committee on HIV/AIDS in Ecuador and collaborated on a manual for HIV/AIDS counselling for the Ministry of Health, a clinical guide to ensure equity for gay men and MSM and coordinated several campaigns against homophobia and GLBTI pride activities.



Session 2: Strengthening health systems, integrating SRHR (EN – FR)

Sommaire

Le thème de cette session est tellement large qu'on pourrait y consacrer un atelier entier. Dans cette session très courte, 5 présentations défilèrent, autour de deux axes principaux :

- Des initiatives avec focus sur les droits sexuels et reproductifs peuvent-ils contribuer au renforcement des systèmes de santé dans leur ensemble ?
- Le renforcement des systèmes de santé contribue-t-il à un meilleur respect de la SDR ?

Méthodologie : présentations de 5 cas sous forme classique suivi de discussions en groupe.

- Introduction
- Cas (15') : Nathalie MAULET, Santé Publique, IRSS/UCL - Influence des perceptions de la Santé Sexuelle et Reproductive des chercheurs et personnels de santé sur la mise en œuvre de leur propre programme. Analyse réflexive des parties prenantes d'une recherche-action sur la Santé Sexuelle et Reproductive des Adolescents au Niger.
- Cas (15') : Pacifique MUSHAGALUSA, AAP Sud Kivu - Contribution du Financement Basé à la Performance à l'intégration des activités SSR dans le système de santé - Cas de 4 ZS du Sud Kivu/RDC 2013 - 2014
- Cas (15') : Christiane Bosman, D.E.F.I. - La réforme de l'enseignement paramédical au Burundi – construction de référentiels dans le domaine SDR
- Cas (15') : Jean Marie IPAY, MD, MPH, Conseiller Médical Régional de MEMISA et Ernesto Papa, Conseiller Médical MEMISA Belgique en RDC, Chef de Mission : Lutte contre la mortalité Maternelle et Néonatale: mise en place d'un transport organisé des urgences obstétricales et médicales/chirurgicales avec la participation communautaire
- Le cas du District de Mosango en RDCongo : Séverine Caluwaerts MD, MSF/IMT - Une question d'accès: réduction de la mortalité maternelle en Afrique: l'expérience MSF au Burundi rural
- Chaque session sera suivi d'un moment Q&R de clarification.
- Discussion

Nathalie Maulet, Institut de Recherche Santé et Société, Université Catholique de Louvain

Nathalie Maulet is a PhD candidate in Public Health. Her research interests include Reproductive Health with a focus on maternal morbidity, Health System organisation and Mixed Methods Research.

In 2010, she joined the Institute of Health and Society (UCL) to work on an Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health research-action in Sub-Saharan Africa. Before getting involved in research, she worked for 7 years as a Gender Officer within the United Nations in West and Central Africa. She also holds a degree in social communication and a postgraduate diploma in international development.



Pacifique Mushagalusa, AAP Sud Kivu, R.D. Congo

Pacifique Mushagalusa Salongo, né à Bukavu/RDC en 1973, est Economiste, titulaire d'une Maîtrise en Santé Publique option Economie de la Santé de l'École de Santé de l'Université de Kinshasa et d'une Formation Courte en Politiques de Santé de l'Institut de Médecine Tropicale d'Anvers (IMT). Il travaille dans la gestion des programmes de santé en RDC depuis plus de 10 ans et coordonne depuis 2006 l'Agence d'Achat des Performances (AAP Sud Kivu) qui pilote le Programme multisectoriel de Financement Basé sur la Performance dans la Santé, l'Éducation, l'Administration Territoriale et le Développement Rural. Les domaines d'intérêt sont les politiques et financement de la santé, le FBR. Facilitateur des cours internationaux sur le FBR, il a également participé à plusieurs conférences nationales et internationales sur le financement et système de santé en tant qu'expert.



Christiane Bosman, D.E.F.I., Belgique

Consultante indépendante, psychopédagogue, experte dans le développement des compétences et l'ingénierie de la formation. Elle mène des projets de coopération, principalement en Afrique dans le cadre de l'élaboration de programmes de formation professionnelle en termes de compétences, plus particulièrement dans le domaines des métiers de la santé.



Jean-Marie Ipay Itha, Conseiller Médical Régional de Memisa, R.D.Congo

Dr Jean Marie IPAY ITHA, de la RDC, Docteur de formation, spécialiste en santé publique, expert en FBP et en santé de reproduction, a travaillé comme Médecin des Hôpitaux, Médecin Chef de District, Encadreur Technique provincial en système des soins en RDC et actuellement Conseiller Médical Régional chez Memisa Belgique.



Séverine Caluwaerts, Doctors without Borders & Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp

Dr. Séverine Caluwaerts became an obstetrician/gynecologist in 2007 in Belgium, her home country. During her residency she spent one year in South Africa where she took care of a large population of HIV-positive women. Afterwards she did a 6-month postgraduate in Tropical Medicine and International Health and worked a few months in Ghana in a mission hospital. She then undertook her first assignment with MSF in 2008 in Sierra Leone, which she has revisited several times. She has also worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Niger, Burundi, Pakistan and Afghanistan in MSF's maternal health projects. When she is not in the field with MSF, she works in Belgium, mainly with HIV-positive women and is involved in teaching medical students and midwives. She just finished a Masters in Public Health at Liverpool University.



Session 3 : Besoins des adolescents et des jeunes en matière de SDR (FR)

Summary

There have never been more young people in the world. Health systems fail to deliver sufficiently on the sexual and reproductive health needs of adolescents and young people, just when they need it the most. We want to explore the status of SRHR needs and corresponding services for young people in developing countries through their own stories and scientific research. We will question:

- what youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services look like?
- what the role of governments is in advancing the SRHR of young people?
- how to empower adolescents and young people to advance their SRHR?
- what the specific needs are of vulnerable young people?

Methodology :

Introduction – Moderation: Eef Wuyts (IPPF) (10')

Presentation 1 : Dialikatou DIALLO (Senegal) – *SRHR services for adolescents in Senegal + Q&A (20')*

Presentation 2 : Nadia NDAYAKEZA (RNJ+, Burundi) – *Youth Dialogues - Young Women living with HIV in Burundi + Q&A (20')*

Presentation 3 : Kristien MICHELSEN (ICRH, Belgium) – *Acces to healthcare for adolescents, attitudes of health care providers + Q&A (20')*

Discussion and formulation of recommendations (20')

Dialikatou Diallo, MAJ Sénégal

Dialikatou Diallo est la présidente National du Mouvement d'Action des jeunes du Sénégal et de la sous région Afrique de l'ouest Francophone. A ce titre, elle représente les jeunes au niveau des différentes instances de gouvernance de l'A.S.B.E.F., l'Association Sénégalaise pour le Bien Etre Familial. Elle est étudiante, en troisième année, en Droit des Affaires à l'Institut Supérieur de Management (I.S.M) de Dakar.



Nadia Ndayikeza, Réseau National des Jeunes vivant avec le VIH/SIDA (RNJ+), Burundi

Nadia NDAYIKEZA est une jeune femme Burundaise de 29 ans. Vivant avec le VIH, elle est membre actif dans le Réseau National des Jeunes vivant avec le VIH/SIDA (RNJ+). Ce réseau a été installé en 2004 et réunit des jeunes séropositifs dans 14 provinces du pays. Ils sensibilisent entre 500 à 800 jeunes par ans par le témoignage. Nadia est aussi conseillère dans le Centre Convivial des Jeunes du RNJ+. Un centre que non seulement offre des conseils et des tests de VIH gratuit pour les jeunes mais est aussi géré par des jeunes vivant avec le VIH/SIDA. Récemment Nadia a commencé sa propre «Project des préservatives féminines» dans lequel elle éduque les jeunes femmes sur l'utilisation des



préservatifs féminins et fait des recherches sur la façon dont les fournisseurs de services profil de ces méthodes de contraception à leurs clients. Enfin, Nadia est un point focal pour le programme Link Up, où elle est impliquée dans la plaidoyer en direction du gouvernement du Burundi, concernant la santé et les droits sexuels et de la reproduction des jeunes.

Kristien Michielsen, Belgium

Kristien Michielsen is a political scientist working on the social aspects of sexual and reproductive health, more specifically on the vulnerable population of adolescents and young people. She obtained her PhD in Social Health Sciences from Ghent University on the topic of effectiveness of HIV prevention in sub-Saharan Africa and is currently working as a post-doctoral assistant at the International Centre for Reproductive Health (ICRH, Ghent University).



Eef Wuyts, International Planned Parenthood Federation, European Network, Belgium

Eef Wuyts is the International Advocacy Manager at the European Regional office of IPPF, responsible for the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights especially in the context of the EU as a global actor. She oversees the liaison function between IPPF European Network and the EU institutions and she is responsible for the implementation of European wide advocacy projects. With an academic background in economics and social sciences as well as a 10 years' experience in the domain of development cooperation, she became a specialist in advocacy in the fields of global health, gender equality and women's rights as well as empowerment of vulnerable populations. In that context, she is focusing extensively on the empowerment of young people to advance their own rights and is fighting for their active participation in decision making processes at national, regional and international level.



Session 4: A multi-sectoral approach: SRHR beyond the health sector (EN – FR)

Summary

Experience has demonstrated that the fight against HIV and AIDS has benefited from a multi-sectoral approach. In this session we want to illustrate how the multi-sectoral approach can be used to promote SRHR. We concentrate on:

- lessons learnt from HIV/AIDS;
- good practices in the promotion of SRHR in sectors other than the health sector;
- the role of the health sector in and the obstacles of a multi-sectoral approach to SRHR.

Methodology :

Introduction – Moderation: Marleen Bosmans (BTC)

Presentation 1 (ENG) : Henk VAN RENTERGHEM (UNAIDS) – *Lessons learnt from the multi-sectoral approach in the fight against HIV/AIDS (15')*

Presentation 2 (ENG ?): Albert TUYISHIME (HIV Division of the Rwanda Biomedical Center, Rwanda) – *Multi-sectoral approaches to HIV/AIDS in Rwanda (15')*

Presentation 3 (FR): Marine JACOB (Burundi) – *Project Police SRHR education in the police corps (15')*

Presentation 4 (ENG): Marc-Pieter VAN DEN HEUVEL (Ruthers WPF, the Netherlands) – *Mencare+ engaging men and boys for better SRHR outcomes (15')*

Q & A + Discussion and formulation of recommendations (25')

Marine Jacob, BTC, Burundi

Marine Jacob is a Technical Junior Assistant working for the Police Project at the Belgian Development Agency. Since October 2013, she supports the implementation of communication strategy of the Ministry of Public Security. She assisted the communication cell in the setup of relevant communication vectors. Previously, she gained working experience in various institutional, research and third sectors. She holds a double master's degree in External Relations of the European Union and in Human Rights Law from the College of Europe (Poland) and the University of Saint Louis (Belgium) respectively. Her fields of research interests includes the reform of the security sector.



Albert Tuyishime, Biomedical Center, Rwanda

Dr Albert Tuyishime is the Director of HIV and other diseases Planning Unit in Rwanda Biomedical Center, an agency affiliated to the Ministry of Health, which has HIV programme design and implementation in its mandate.

Dr Tuyishime has played a technical role in the development of EDPRS 2 (Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy 2013-2018) which is a national guiding strategy that all sectors in country have to refer to while setting their priorities and/or developing their specific strategies. In addition to HIV programme planning in the health sector, Dr Tuyishime ensures that it is mainstreamed in other sectors (e.g.: education, agriculture,...) as stipulated in EDPRS 2.



Recently, Dr Tuyishime has been key to the development of the latest HIV National strategic plan 2013-2018 (in the context of external funding decreasing) drawn on lessons learnt from an effective integration of the HIV programme in the health system as well as national guiding strategies. He is also a member of the National Network of Planners, and a regular speaker on HIV programming. He is a Member of the Joint Health Sector Review Committee (formed by all Stakeholders in the health sector) that monitors and evaluates the national Health programs and their interfaces with other sectors.

Henk Van Renterghem, UNAIDS

Henk Van Renterghem is a Belgian national and is currently working as Senior HIV Prevention Advisor in the Department of Rights, Gender, Prevention and Community mobilization at the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) in Geneva. He has over 20 years of experience of working in HIV, public health and international cooperation. Before moving to UNAIDS headquarters in Geneva, he was based in Namibia as UNAIDS Country Coordinator and in Johannesburg as Programme Advisor in the UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Eastern and Southern Africa. From 1997 to 2005 Henk worked in Burkina Faso with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance and UNFPA on strengthening civil society and integrated community responses to HIV and AIDS. Previously he worked for the Scientific Institute of Public Health - Louis Pasteur and for the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Belgium as a research assistant on various HIV and AIDS related projects. He studied at the University of Ghent, Belgium.



Mark-Pieter van den Heuvel, Rutgers WPF, The Netherlands

Mark-Pieter van den Heuvel works for Rutgers WPF as an advocacy officer for the MenCare+ programme, a 4-country initiative to promote men's involvement as equal, responsive, nurturing and non-violent fathers and caregivers. Within his work he also advocates for increased access, uptake and quality of sexual and reproductive health and rights services for young people, especially underserved groups. He is a proud father of two young daughters and by that he is experiencing the relevance (and joy!) of being an involved, caring and loving dad, right from the start. Mark-Pieter van den Heuvel studied Development Economics and International Development at the University of Nijmegen.



Session 5 : Favoriser l'égalité entre hommes et femmes, en améliorant les SDRS (FR)

Sommaire

Dans le large thème de l'égalité hommes - femmes et l'*empowerment*, la session traitera principalement de :

- Quels enseignements a-t-on tirés de l'intégration d'une approche basée sur le genre dans la mise en œuvre de la santé et des droits sexuels et reproductifs (SDSR) et plus spécifiquement dans l'implication des hommes dans la SDRS ?
- Comment renforcer l'*empowerment* des femmes afin qu'elles deviennent des actrices de changement et participent à lutter contre les violences de genre (cas de la 1325)?

Méthodologie :

- Introduction - Modération: Thérèse Delvaux (IMT)
- Témoignage 1 : Seydou Niang (Tostan, Sénégal) - questions/ réponses
- Témoignage 2 : Jeanne Bitsure (Représentante du Réseau des Femmes et Alliés artisans de la Paix/Women and Allies Peacebuilders Network (RAP/WAP), Burundi) - questions/ réponses
- Fish bowl : animé par Patrick Govers, membre du Monde selon les femmes (Anthropologue/historien), Belgique : Implication des hommes – questionnement du patriarcat.

Jeanne Bitsure, Réseau des Femmes et Alliés artisans de la Paix, Burundi

Historienne de formation, elle a complété sa licence par un master en Droits de l'Homme et résolution pacifique des conflits.

Responsable de l'unité de Coordination des Programmes au réseau des Femmes et Alliés Artisans de la Paix-RAP/WAP, organisation des femmes et des hommes œuvrant dans le secteur de la Paix et la sécurité avec comme mission de contribuer à l'établissement d'un environnement favorable à la participation de toutes les composantes sociales au développement du Burundi (depuis 2010).



13 ans d'expertise sur la problématique du genre. Depuis 7 ans, Jeanne Bitsure complète son expérience avec diverses formations : Genre comme condition de développement durable, planification et budgétisation sensible au genre, genre et non-violence, etc.

7 années d'expertise sur les Droits de l'Homme et la résolution pacifique de conflit.

Seydou Niang, animateur chargé du projet Daphné du Gams, Belgique

Consultant et formateur sur l'égalité, l'approche communautaire, les mutilations génitales féminines pour Tostan France

Coordinateur du projet UNICEF dans le cadre du programme d'éducation de base de Tostan dans la région du Fouta au nord du Sénégal, axé sur la sensibilisation sur la démocratie, les droits humains, l'hygiène et la santé et l'alphabétisation

Animateur pour le renforcement des capacités des populations locales du Fouta-sensibilisation et accompagnement dans la prise de décision communautaire pour un développement durable dans le respect de la dignité humaine.



Patrick Govers, Haute Ecole Libre Mosane, Belgique

Currently professor of socio-anthropology in « Haute École Libre Mosane” (Liège) midwifery section and professor of history of social and economic doctrines in “Institut Supérieur des traducteurs et interprètes” (Brussels)

Has worked ten years in Nicaragua for the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua; carrying out a fieldwork in a popular barrio focused on gender relations, that is to say how to become a man and a woman in a specific context.

Has conducted a number of social researches in various fields (gender, paternity, masculinity) and as a part time researcher in the health public school of the University of Liège has investigated the field of mental health and communication among health professionals team involved in the house care of elderly people.

Since 2002, member of the NGO Le monde selon les femmes and thus currently taking part in the awareness’ campaigns (for instance Stop prostitution) and training about masculinities intertwined with sexual and reproduction rights.

Session 6: SRHR, population dynamics and sustainable development (EN)

Summary

What are, 20 years after ICPD, the insights on the linkages between SRHR, population dynamics and (sustainable) development?

- What are the population dynamics affecting socio-economic development and environmental protection? To what extent can SRHR programmes, including family planning, be the answer?
- What lessons can we learn from the integration of SRHR in programmes aimed at socio-economic development or environmental protection?
- What is the impact of population dynamics on access to services, including SRHR-services?
- How is SRHR affected by population dynamics such as urbanisation and migration and how can we address this?

Sarah Fischer, Population and Sustainability Network, UK

Sarah Fisher has worked for the last 10 years in the international development and UK charity sectors promoting women's health, rights and empowerment. Since 2010 Sarah is working for the Population and Sustainability Network (PSN), an international network that brings together development, environment, reproductive health organizations and others to advance understanding of the relationships between population, health and sustainable development issues and to promote integrated approaches to these interconnected challenges. As Advocacy and Policy Manager at PSN, Sarah's work has recently focused on the post-2015 international development agenda, advocating a rights-based focus on population dynamics and prioritization of SRHR. She also provides the Secretariat for the Population and Sustainable Development Alliance.

Sarah holds a master's of international relations and an undergraduate degree in international development, both from the University of Leeds. She is Chair of Abortion Support Network, an organization that provides practical and financial support for women forced to travel to England from Ireland and Northern Ireland in order to access safe and legal abortions.



Joan Regina Castro, PATH Foundation, Philippines

Dr Joan Regina Castro has more than twenty years of experience working with diverse types of international and national organizations, agencies, institutions and companies on a range of sustainable development initiatives and community-based action programmes related to participatory resource management, pro-health, pro-environment, gender-equitable development and integrated approaches to climate change adaptation and resilience building. Her technical areas of expertise include strategic planning, policy advocacy, capacity building, women in leadership development, social marketing, behaviour change communication, public-private partnerships, program management, monitoring and evaluation. While most of her experience is Philippines-based, Dr Castro also has worked with various



organizations in the Asia-Pacific region and East and West Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia and Ghana). She is currently the Executive Vice President of PATH Foundation Philippines, Inc. (PFPI) and manages and supervises all aspects of programmes, financial systems and human resources. She is a medical doctor and a fellow of the International Family Planning Leadership Fellowship Program of the Public Health Institute in Santa Cruz, California.

Graziella Ghesquière, Belgian Technical Cooperation

Graziella a une formation d'infirmière et une spécialisation en santé publique et médecine tropicale.

Elle était responsable du volet Facilité au sein du projet d'appui au renforcement des zones sanitaires du Mono-Couffo (PARZS MC) au Bénin. Cela consistait en l'organisation et la structuration de la demande au niveau de la santé.

