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**Adolescent Girls – Cornerstone of Society:
Building Evidence and Policies for Inclusive
Societies**

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY, April 26, 2010

8:30 am -9:30 am **Registration**

9:30 am – 9:50 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Michael Cohen, Director, Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School

Saad Houry, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF – TBC

Alberto Minujin, Conference Director, Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School

Mary Robinson, President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative (via video)

9:50 am – 11:30 am **SESSION 1 –Girls Empowered**

9:45 am – 9:55 am **Presentation:** “Developmental aspects of Adolescent Girls” (working title)
Carol Gilligan, New York University

Chair: **Carol Gilligan**, New York University

Commentator: **Gary Barker**, ICRW and Men Engage Alliance

Paper 1: Helen Chendi, UNICEF Cameroon

Preparing Leaders of Tomorrow: Adolescent Girls as Junior Mayors and Councilors in Municipal Councils in Cameroon

Paper 2: Neera Kewalramani, Bhavishya Alliance, India

Girls Gaining Ground (A multi-sectoral adolescent girl empowerment project): Empowerment of disadvantaged adolescent girls through multi-sectoral partnership

Paper 3: Sepideh Yousefzadeh, Maastricht University

Adolescent girls in Iran: Becoming a citizen of the Islamic State at the intersection of gender and youth

Paper 4: Stephanie Baric, CARE USA

Where the boys are: Engaging young adolescent boys in support of girls' leadership

Questions and Answers

11:30 am – 11:40 am **Break**

11:40 am – 01:15 pm **SESSION 2 – Realizing the Rights of Girls: New Approaches and Research**

11:40 am – 11:50 pm **Presentation:** Human Rights of Adolescent Girls (working title)
Maria Regina Tavares da Silva, CEDAW Expert

Chair: **Maria Regina Tavares da Silva**, CEDAW Expert

Commentator: **Mayra Buvinic**, TBC

Paper 1: Richard Olson, UNICEF East and Southern Africa Regional Office, Johannesburg
Reconceptualizing the risk and vulnerability of adolescent girls in high HIV prevalence countries

Paper 2: Carol Underwood, John Hopkins University
Community perspectives on vulnerable adolescent girls: Qualitative findings from Botswana, Malawi and Mozambique

Paper 3: Sarah Norton-Staal, UNICEF East and Southern Africa Regional Office, Nairobi
Foundation for improved protection and policy: The ongoing CDC research on violence against children in the region

Paper 4: Linda Sabarini, Save the Children Jordan, and **Lucienne Maas**, Save the Children, Yemen
“Strengthening the Cornerstone”: Building on the foundation of positive asset development of adolescent girls in Yemen

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Lunch Break

2:15 pm – 5:15pm

Panel 1: Using Evidence and Data to Make Adolescent Girls Visible and Actionable

Moderator: **Judith Bruce**, Population Council

Panelists:

- **Atilla Hancioglu** and Claudia Cappa, UNICEF HQ, *Data on adolescents in International Household Survey Programmes: The cases of MICS and DHS*
- **Janine Cocker** and Sara Nicholls, CIDA, *Building a better base: Advancing the girls' agenda through inclusive and evidence-based research and policy development*
- **Emmily Kamwendo**, UNFPA Malawi, *The role of social research in identifying socially excluded sects of society: A case of the Youth Programming Coverage Exercise in Malawi*
- **Lama Hassoun**, Harvard University, and Pierre Ngom and, UNICEF Middle East and North Africa Regional Office, *Impact of living arrangements on education and health of unmarried adolescent girls in the Middle East and North Africa*
- **Marni Sommer**, Columbia University + UNICEF HQ WASH Section, Programme Division, *Utilizing participatory and quantitative methods for effective menstrual-hygiene related policy and programming*
- **Eva Molyneux**, Alyson Warhurst, and Rebecca Jackson, Maplecroft, *Girls Discovered: Global Maps of Adolescent Girls*
- World Bank, *the Adolescent Girls Initiative and its evaluation framework*
- **Martha Brady**, Population Council, *Girls' assessment of their own safety*

Questions and Answers

5:15 pm – 5:40 pm

Coffee Break

5:40 pm – 6:30 pm **Keynote Address “_____”**

Marta Mauras, CRC Expert

Introduced by **Alberto Minujin**, The New School

Questions and Answers

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Reception

TUESDAY, April 27, 2010

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Registration

9:30 am – 11:00 am

SESSION 3 – Adolescent Girls and the Global Economy

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Presentation: “Adolescent Girls and the Macroeconomy” (working title)

Caren Grown, American University

Chair: **Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**, The New School - TBC

Commentator: **Caren Grown**, American University

Paper 1: Keetie Roelen, Maastricht University

Girls in transition – how to build evidence and gain insight?

Paper 2: Marina Komarecki and Ronald Mendoza, UNICEF HQ

Toward Recovery with a Human Face: Some gendered considerations of challenges and opportunities for female employment

Paper 3: Berk Özler, World Bank, Sarah Baird, George Washington University, and Craig McIntosh, UC San Diego

The intrahousehold power in relation to cash transfer programmes for girls schooling in Malawi

Paper 4: Gabriela Sanchez-Soto, Brown University

The role of US migration and remittances on the educational attainment of adolescents in Mexico

Questions and Answers

11:00 am – 11:15 am

Break

11:15 am – 12:50 pm

SESSION 4 – Opportunities of Technology and Innovations

11:15 am – 11:30 am

Presentation: ICT - _____

Christopher Hoadley, New York University

Chair: **Christopher Hoadley**, New York University

Commentator: **Christopher Fabian**, UNICEF HQ

Paper 1: Sarah Stevenson, Plan International

Adolescent girls online: Dangers and opportunities in “Cyber Space”

Paper 2: Osama Abdou, CARE Egypt

Creating windows of opportunity through ICT: Lessons from adolescent girls programming in Egypt

Paper 3: Olena Sakonich, Riitta Poutiainen, Anja Teltschik and Olga Balakireva, UNICEF Ukraine

Adolescent female sex workers in Ukraine – Reaching adolescent girls sex workers via mobile phones

Paper 4: Mario Volpi, UNICEF Brazil - TBC

ICT and media education: Empowering pregnant adolescent girls

Questions and Answers

12:50 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch Break

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Video presentation & Discussion: Adolescent girls in Haiti - TBC

Moderator: Christine Norton - TBC

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Coffee Break

3:15 pm – 5:30 pm

Panel 2: Lessons Learned – How to Keep Girls at the Center

Moderator: **Tamara Kreinin**, UN Foundation

- **Annabel Erulkar**, Population Council, Ethiopia, *Supporting domestic workers and other marginalized girls in Ethiopia*
- **Sarah Bouchie**, CARE International, *Social change for adolescent girls: Leveraging the evidence of participatory and quantitative research*
- **KS Murthy**, Bhavishya Alliance, India, *Girls Gaining Ground*
- **Mohamed Ag Ayoya**, Jai Ghanekar, Victor M. Aguayo, Vani Sethi, Narayan Gaonkar, Kamlesh Lalchandani, and Sourav Bhattacharjee, UNICEF India, *Scaling up nutrition intervention for adolescent girls: From a model programme to a state-wide programme*
- **Sajeda Amin**, Population Council,
- **Emily Teitsworth**, Public Health Institute, *Adolescent Girl Advocacy and Leadership Initiative (AGALI)*

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WEDNESDAY, April 28, 2010

9:30 am – 11:00 am

SESSION 5- Gender Analyses of Emerging Trends

9:30 am – 9:40 am

Presentation: Adolescent Girls and Climate Change

Tracy Raczek, UNIFEM

9:40 am – 9:50 am

Presentation: Adolescent Girls and Climate Change

Thomas Tanner, Institute of Development Studies

Chair: **Michael Cohen**, The New School

Paper 1: Ummey Qulsum Nipun, Save the Children, USA- Bangladesh Country Office

Capacity building of adolescent girls through addressing their responsibility at grassroots level to fight against disaster and climate change: A Case Study from coastal area of Bangladesh

Paper 2: Claudio Santibanez, UNICEF Bolivia

For better social protection of migrants' children's rights in Bolivia: An overview of the situation of adolescents girls affected by migration and related policy recommendations

Paper 3: Mary Racelis, Ateneo de Manila University

Adolescent girls in an urban poor neighborhood of metro Manila: Gender role advantages for young women in globalizing cities

Questions and Answers

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

Panel 3 – Looking Ahead: Strategic Partnerships for the Future of Adolescent Girls

Moderator: **Liz Gibbons**, UNICEF HQ

Panelists:

- **Kathy Bushkin Calvin**, Chief Executive Officer, UN Foundation
- **Elizabeth Scharpf**, Sustainable Health Enterprises (SHE)
- **Manisha Bhinge**, Program Manager, BRAC USA
- **Gabriella Morris**, President, Prudential Foundation
- **Sharon D'Agostino**, VP Worldwide Corporate Contributions & Community Relations, Johnson&Johnson
- **Marta Segu**, Executive Director, Barcelona Football Club Foundation
- **Astrid Helle Ajamay**, Deputy Director General, and Head of the Ministry's UN section, MFA Norway

12:45 am – 1:00 pm

Coffee Break

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Keynote Address “Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide”

Nicholas Kristof, New York Times Columnist

Introduced by **Bob Kerrey**, President, The New School - TBC

Questions and Answers

Book signing

2:00 pm – 2:10 pm

FINAL REMARKS