Women, Peace and Security -Promoting the Resilience of Women-

Follow-up to the World Assembly for Women: WAW!2016

16 March 2017, 3:00 to 5:15 pm (Reception: 5:15 to 6:00 pm)
Ex-Press Bar (3rd Floor, UN GA Building)

Session 1: Women’s Economic Empowerment in Post-Conflict Recovery (3:15-4:15pm)

Melanne Verveer, Executive Director, the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security
Ambassador Verveer is the Special Representative for Gender for the Chairmanship of the OSCE. Most recently served as the first U.S. Ambassador for Global Women’s Issues, coordinating foreign policy issues and activities relating to the political, economic and social advancement of women. From 2000-2008, she served as the Chair and Co-CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership, and during the Clinton Administration, she served as Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady.

Sydney Price, SVP of Corporate Social Responsibility at Kate Spade & Company
Sydney’s intrapreneurial spirit led her to building the on purpose model. The on purpose model centers on: finding a group of artisans in a marginalized community; empowering them to become a for-profit social enterprise; and integrating them into the company’s value chain as a true manufacturing partner.

Mara Marinaki, EU/EEAS Principal Advisor on Gender and on UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security
Appointed in September 2015 by the EU HRVP Ms. F. Mogherini as the first-ever EU/European External Action Service (EEAS) Principal Advisor on Gender, and on the implementation on UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, and all other gender-related matters.

Mihoko Kumamoto, Head, UNITAR Hiroshima Office
Head of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Hiroshima Office. UNITAR helps developing and post-conflict countries, such as Afghanistan, Iraq, and South Sudan, to develop capacities, like women’s leadership, necessary for inclusive sustainable development. She has worked for UNDP in New York, Vietnam, Samoa, and Indonesia. She holds a Master’s Degree from Colombia University.
Robert Glasser, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Robert Glasser, an Australian National is the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction. From 2008 to 2015, Dr. Glasser was the Secretary General of CARE International, one of the world’s largest non-governmental humanitarian organisations, active in over 80 countries. From 2003–2007, Dr Glasser was the Chief Executive of CARE Australia. Prior to joining CARE, he was Assistant Director General at the Australian Agency for International Development. Dr. Glasser has also been a member of the board of the Global Call for Climate Action (GCCA), and was the inaugural Board Chairman of the CHS International Alliance, a new organisation resulting from the merger of People in Aid and the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP). He is an Australian national.

Kimio Takeya, Distinguished Technical Advisor to the President, Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA, Visiting Professor, Tohoku University, International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS), and UNFCCC Warsaw International Mechanism Executive Committee member for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

Prof. Takeya is well known Disaster Risk Reduction and Reconstruction Policy Advisor. He joined most of the PDNA survey and recovery policy dialogue around the world Mega Disasters, such as Sumatra Tsunami 2004, Central Java Earthquake 2006, Manila Ondoy Flood 2009, Pakistan Indus Flood 2010, Thailand Flood 2011, Philippines Typhoon Yolanda 2013, Nepal Earthquake 2015 and so on. He was a main member of Japanese Government negotiation team for the formulation of Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 and continuously contributing for the following Indicator finalizing process. He is one of 20 members of UNFCCC Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage, which strongly be connected to Sendai Framework.

Gerilee W. Bennett, Director of FEMA’s Interagency Coordination Division within the Office of Response and Recovery

Gerilee W. Bennett is the Director of FEMA’s Interagency Coordination Division within the Office of Response and Recovery. Throughout her career she has focused on improving disaster resilience and recovery management. Ms. Bennett led the development and implementation of the 2011 National Disaster Recovery Framework. She has supported many disaster assistance operations from the national and field offices.

Marcela Ulloa Vásquez, Territorial Planning and Regulatory Plans Analyst at the Ministry of Housing and Urbanism