

INVITATION

to a side event of the 59th Commission on the Status of Women

Organised by Austria, Liechtenstein, Philippines, Slovenia and Switzerland in cooperation with UN Women, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth and Sonke Gender Justice

Engaging Men and Boys in Achieving Gender Equality

Date and time: Wednesday, 11th March 2015; 10.00am – 11.15am

Venue: DHL Auditorium, UN Headquarters, New York

Despite many years of struggle by women's movements, national and international organisations and governments, inequalities between women and men still persist. In the past, gender equality policies have been considered mainly as a women's issue, a fight that has to be fought for women and by women, not adequately taking into account the crucial role men can play on the way to achieving gender equality. Gender equality goals cannot be achieved by women alone, but also require active involvement of men and boys as allies and agents of change. Gender equality is the responsibility of both, women and men and it should concern and fully engage women as well as men.

This side event will explore ways and means of engaging men and boys in efforts to achieve gender equality and empowerment of women and girls. The event will also highlight good practices in this field with the aim of challenging traditional gender roles and to foster the development of new masculinities, in particular in the area of violence against women, work-life balance, sharing care and domestic responsibilities as well as supporting atypical career selection patterns of boys and young men.

Panelists

Ms. Martina Vuk, State Secretary at the Ministry for Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of Slovenia

Mr. Alexander Wrabetz, Director General of the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF)

Ms. Emmeline Verzosa, Executive Director of the Philippine Commission on Women

Mr. Bafana Khumalo, co-founder of Sonke Gender Justice

Ms. Hazami Barmada, Office of the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Moderator

Mr. Mohammad Naciri, UN Women Regional Director ad interim for Arab States

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9:15am – 9:30am on the day of the event.**