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WOMEN FORGING A NEW SECURITY:

Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict

May 23 - 25, 2011 • Montebello, Canada

DRAFT AGENDA

Sunday, May 22

19:00 Welcome dinner

Monday, May 23

8:30 Coffee, mingling

9:00 Welcome

9:15 Laureate Panel: Hopes & Expectations

10:15 Overview of agenda, housekeeping

10:30 *Coffee break*

11:00 Panel #1 – Prevention and Protection

Where are we now and what needs to be done? This panel will review what is being done and what needs to be done to prevent sexual violence in conflict. Reflecting on successes and obstacles, speakers will discuss initiatives/techniques at the international, national and local level to prevent atrocities and protect women.

Moderator: Joanna Kerr – Action Aid International, South Africa

Speakers (TBC):

Joanne Sandler – UN Women (including special message by Margot Wallstrom)

Charlotte Isaksson – Armed Forces, Sweden

Binalakshmi Nepram – Manipur Women Gun Survivor Network, India

TBC

12:30 *Lunch*

14:00 Introductions

15:00 Panel #2 – Justice and Accountability

This panel aims to give a round up of efforts to prosecute perpetrators at the international and local levels. From the International Criminal Court to grassroots mobile courts, women have spearheaded various alternative and innovative forms of justice. What is needed to strengthen these efforts to ensure greater accountability and prosecution?

Moderator: Susannah Sirkin – Physicians for Human Rights, US

Speakers (TBC):

Anuradha Bhagwati – Service Women’s Action Network, US

Naw K’nway Paw Nimrod – Women’s League of Burma, Thailand

Dr. Emily Adhiambo Rogena – University of Nairobi, Kenya

Andrea Medina Rosas – Red Mesa de Mujeres de Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

16:30 **Wrap up, solicitation of open space topics**

17:00 ***Free time***

18:00 ***Dinner***

19:30 **Film screening – Women, War and Peace trailer, Pray the Devil Back to Hell introduced by Abby Disney and Leymah Gbowee (optional)**

Tuesday, May 24

8:30 Coffee, mingling

9:00 **Shirin Ebadi interview - tactics & strategies – what does it take to make the impossible possible?**

9:30 **Overview of agenda, housekeeping**

10:00 **Participant-led table discussions**

These two rounds of 50-minute, participant-led table discussions will give participants room to talk and learn from each other more organically and learn more about topics they are interested in. "Table Cafes" will take place in the plenary with each table assigned a discussion topic. Sample topics include: *Building political will for action on sexual violence: what can be done? New partnerships: working with corporations for human rights; Financing strategies to end sexual violence in conflict; Using technology to empower women and rights defenders; Campaigning against prosecutions of women’s rights defenders: what can be done? and The impact of women’s inclusion in peace negotiations and mediation.*

12:00 **Participant reflections, instructions for the afternoon**

12:30 ***Lunch***

14:00 **Skills training or open space discussions**

Participant options include:

- Fundraising training with Lynne Twist, Soul of Money Institute
- Optimizing social media in your advocacy work with Kimberley MacKenzie, Nobel Women's Initiative

- Participant-led open space discussions (topics will be solicited during day one up to lunch time on day two)

16:00 *Free time*

18:00 *Dinner*

19:30 **Film screening – Budrus – introduced by Ronit Avni (optional)**

Wednesday, March 25

8:30 Coffee, mingling

9:00 **Mairead Maguire and Rigoberta Menchu Tum interview:
empowering people for innovation in social change**

9:30 **Overview of agenda, housekeeping**

10:00 **Panel #3 – Addressing Women’s Needs and Rights on the Frontlines**

What does a survivor-centered strategy look like? How are women activists on the frontline defending and surviving violence and risk? This panel is meant to spark discussions around possibilities and approaches for a comprehensive response for women activists and survivors of sexual violence in conflict. By drawing the links between trauma, justice, health, livelihoods, security and reconciliation, participants reflect on what is needed to support women in finding their voice and reclaiming their lives to forge a new security.

Moderator: Lisa VeneKlasen – Just Associates, USA

Speakers (TBC):

Wangu Kanja – Wangu Kanja Foundation, Kenya

Shereen Essof - Just Associates Southern Africa, South Africa

Safaa Adam – Community Development Association, Sudan

Patricia Ardon – Sinergia N’oj, Guatemala

11:00 ***Coffee break, transition into small groups***

11:30 **What would be the key elements of a successful global campaign to
end sexual violence in conflict?**

Participants will be divided into small groups to brainstorm and address questions such as “What is needed to contribute to a survivor-centered response? What tools and resources are available? What are models of success?”

12:30 ***Lunch***

13:30 **Group photo**

14:00 **Small group brainstorming workshops, continued**

15:00 **Transition back to plenary – small group report backs**

15:30 **Personal commitments and reflection, wrap up**

16:30 **The Last Word...the Laureates**

17:00 *Free time*

18:30 *Dinner and closing party*

Thursday, March 26

Departures

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