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Make
Mothers
Matter



*For peace is not mere absence of war, but is a virtue
that springs from a state of mind, a disposition
for benevolence, confidence, justice.
Spinoza (1632 - 1677)*

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MOTHERS4PEACE

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Most Events- Anfa Place Business Centre, Boulevard de la Corniche

*Mothers, at the heart of change for a culture of Peace
Showcasing examples at family, community, national, international levels*

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKERS



Her Royal Highness Princess Esmeralda of Belgium

She is the eldest daughter of King Leopold III with the Princess Lillian of Belgium, half sister of King Albert II and aunt of king Philippe of Belgium.

After studying law at St Louis (Brussels) and journalism at Louvain-la-Neuve, she worked as a journalist in Milan and Paris for 17 years, and interviewed various personalities from the world of arts, science, politics and sport for the European press.

She wrote 6 books: «Monsieur Dior et nous», «Léopold III, mon père», «Léopold III, photographe», «Terre! Agissons pour la planète : il n'est pas trop tard», «Albert et Elisabeth», «Femmes Prix Nobel de la Paix». Esmeralda also produced three documentaries directed by Nicolas Delvaux: «Léopold III, mon père» (2011), «Albert et Elisabeth» (2014), «Virunga, de l'espoir pour tout un peuple».

Being most committed to the defence of environment and to the rights of women and indigenous people, she is President of the King Leopold III Fund for Nature Exploration and Conservation, since 1983. She is also honorary President of Care Belgium, patron of The Princess Lillian Foundation and Member of the Fondation Virunga Belgique.

Since 1998, Esmeralda has been married to Professor Sir Salvador Moncada, a British researcher born in Honduras. She is the mother of two children.



Anne-Claire de Liedekerke

Anne-Claire is the President of Make Mothers Matter.

Her deep conviction that mothers have a crucial role in society has led to her involvement in Make Mothers Matter. She became President of the European delegation in 2008 and President of MMM in 2014.

She is an art historian and lived abroad with her family for 12 years, gaining experience in the field of art and education. She was a lecturer in art history at the Leesburg Community College in Florida, a docent at the Dallas Museum of Art, and vice-president of the French Lycée of Calgary, Canada. Back in Belgium in 1992, Anne-Claire worked at the Société des expositions du Palais des Beaux-Arts in Brussels.

In 1998 she co-founded the guide "Expats in Brussels," which she sold in 2009 to devote herself fully to Make Mothers Matter. She is the mother of three grown up children and the grandmother of 6.



Hlima Razkaoui

Hlima is National Director of CARE International Morocco. Specialist in the field of reconstruction and development in the social, health, economy and disability field, she acquired her knowledge and skills through a fifteen-year international experience in various regions and contexts (Morocco, Sudan, Palestinian Territories, Thailand, Tajikistan, Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Cambodia, Haiti, Indonesia, Kosovo, Serbia).

She has many areas of expertise such as access to services for disabled persons, support of state actors in policy development and implementation, strategy conception and implementation, project engineering, strategy analysis including specific approach and implementation methods.

Since 2014, she is National Director of CARE International Morocco, an affiliate member of the CARE International network. Through this position she ensures the institutional representation within the consortium.



Dr Rima Salah

Rima, a national of Jordan, served as a Member of the United Nations High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations (2014-15), and as the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, U.N. Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT). In addition, Dr. Salah has had a distinguished career with UNICEF. Her service includes: Deputy Executive Director for UNICEF (2004-2007, 2011-2012), Regional Director for West and Central Africa (1999-2004), and UNICEF representative in a number of countries including Vietnam, Burkina Faso as well as head of office in Queta, Pakistan.

As a highly effective advocate for the rights of children and women in armed conflict and post-conflict situations, she contributed to Security Council (SC) Resolution 1612 on child rights violations and Security Council (SC) resolution 1325 Women, Peace, and Security. Dr. Salah has received many awards of distinction from several non-governmental organizations and U.N. Member States, including the French Legion of Honor.

In October 2015, she was elected to Chair the newly formed Early Childhood Peace Consortium (ECPC) of which Yale is a founding member. The ECPC, launched at UNICEF HQ in September 2013, brought together leaders from international organizations, academia, practice, philanthropy, networks media and development institutions to address both the causes and consequences of violence in society. The ECPC values the well-being of children and families who can be sustainable agents of change for peace building.

She is on the Voluntary Faculty at the Yale Child Study Center. She holds a Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology.



Stephania Verhaegen

After finishing Law and Philosophy studies at the Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium) she joined the Banking and Finance department of a European law firm.

At that time, she was introduced to breath-focused meditation and became increasingly interested in meditation techniques. Stephania is a Compassion Cultivation Training© (CCT) Teacher, certified by the Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education, Stanford University. She has taught CCT in the USA, Switzerland and Belgium.

Stephania is married and mother of four.



Dr. Edit Schlaffer

She is a social scientist and founder of Women without Borders, an international NGO headquartered in Vienna, Austria. She started Women without Borders in 2001 to strengthen women's capabilities through education, collaboration and self-confidence: key tools for establishing a female power base in countries targeted by violent extremism. In 2008 she launched the Sisters Against Violent Extremism (SAVE) campaign, focusing Women without Borders' efforts to the security arena, the first global women led counter radicalization platform.

She is leading Women without Borders' central project, the MothersSchools: Parenting for Peace! Model, which empowers and equips mothers to recognize and respond to early warning signs of radicalization in their adolescents. The MotherSchools have been piloted in 13 countries including Austria, Belgium, Germany, Indonesia, India/Kashmir, Jordan, Macedonia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Tajikistan, UK and Zanzibar, in partnership with local NGOs.

In recognition of this innovative work, she received numerous awards including the 2018 Reader's Digest European of the Year award, the 2016 State Prize of the Republic of Austria for Lifelong Learning, and the 2015 Soroptimist International of Europe Peace Prize.

A sought-after contributor to international conferences and diverse media outlets, she advocates for the importance of an integrated prevention approach to counter-radicalization, embedded in civil society. She is a regular speaker, presenting to platforms such as TED talks, Washington, Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, Women in the World, New York and Davos.

Yasmina Sarhrouny



She is an international development professional specialized in supporting democratic governance and gender equality reforms with an emphasis on citizen participation and women's empowerment. She holds a Master's Degree in Interdisciplinary Women's Studies.

Yasmina has more than 14 years of experience in designing and implementing projects and programs, providing policy advice, and conducting and supervising related research. Her expertise is focused on Morocco, with experience in programs in the Middle East and North Africa, where she conducted qualitative research and assessment missions, and contributed to the inception and implementation of development projects in pre-revolution Libya, Mauritania and Kuwait. She has formed strong networks with key stakeholders in governmental bodies, democratic institutions and civil society organizations, and developed extensive knowledge of the political, economic, and social landscape in the country.

She is currently Program Director of Creative Associates International's Fostering Peaceful Communities in Morocco program. Her previous experiences include working as the Country Director of Mercy Corps Morocco, as the head of UNDP Morocco's democratic governance team and its Governance and Human Rights Advisor, as the MDG-Gender Joint Program Coordinator with UN WOMEN, and as a Program Manager with NDI Morocco, in charge of the country office's Qualitative Research program.

Betty Batoul



She was born in Brussels from a mixed Belgian-Moroccan marriage. Former victim of abuse and violence, she decided to put a stop to it at the age of 30 and crossed many steps in order to regain her dignity. She married, settled back in Belgium, and is now the mother of four children.

Betty returned to school by taking evening classes at the age of 36. She obtained a degree in computer science and a special degree in taxation. Working from the bottom up she was promoted to project manager and auditor within the Alstom Transport group.

She created Un Coquelicot en Hiver publishers in order to tell the story of her life. She founded the non-profit organization Succès, to help other victims recover from abuse and carry out preventative activities with young people.

In 2011, she received the title of Woman of Peace for her many activities in favor of peace. She just received the title of "Honorary citizen" from her commune in Belgium.

Her literary career includes: "A poppy in winter? Why not ..." (This book has received multiple awards including the Marie Prize in the category "Woman of

strength” and the Condorcet-Aron prize for democracy in the publication category); a practical guide “OCCI DoLiR method” in which she shares the 7 steps that allowed her to rebound. She founded the SLAR - Salon du Livre and Artistes. She has produced the following documentaries: “The white poppies of Auschwitz” and “re Vivre” and also regularly takes up the cause for victims in televised debates and the written press. Her message? “The path to happiness is not necessarily direct but it still exists. Never cease believing you can find it”.



Dr. Khadija Moufid

She holds a Doctorate in Family Studies. She is President of the Center for Family Studies and Research on Values and Laws; Founding President of the national association ALHIDN. Khadija has also held the following positions: Director of the journal “Studies on the family”; Director of the Family Forum Initiative; Director of the Family Research Award Initiative; Director of the Creativity Award Initiative on Family Values. She is a Former Consultant of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB); She has been Speaker and International Expert at Doha International Family Institute; Consultant for the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), of the Qatar Foundation.



Benoit Bichon Marfaux

Benoit was born and trained in France. He holds a Master of Management from the Faculty of Management of the University of La Rochelle. He is also a certified transactional Analyst in Bordeaux.

Since 1994 he has been developing his professional activities in development in Colombia. Benoit devoted himself first to publishing management software, corporate consulting and team leader coaching. Later he was a professor in the faculties of social sciences and humanities and management of three universities in Bogotá-Colombia (Externado de Colombia, Escuela de Administración y Negocios, Central).

He became a research professor at the University Externado de Colombia in “Economy, Work and Society”, where he initiated work on social innovation. Currently, he is developing an observatory that measures indicators which study the stock of social capital and social bonds of women in the context of post-conflict Colombia. He also studies the behavior of women and their interactions in local microeconomic structures within territories that strive for a sustainable peace. He works on ways to promote effective strategies on the local level and to reduce the rate of violence faced by Colombian women in unstable territories and difficult circumstances. This research is carried out in 7 municipalities in various Colombian regions.

Since 2015, Benoit is the director of socio-economic development projects for the Association of First Ladies of Colombia “ASODAMAS” and is the legal representative of a local NGO that is particularly concerned about the situation of women and mothers of indigenous communities, Wayuu from northern Colombia and Arahuacos from Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta.

Benoit’s areas of interest are social innovation for gender equality, women’s entrepreneurship and the organizational behavior of groups.



Sidibé Kadidia Cissé

She is a Gender Team Leader for CARE International in Mali. She is in charge of gender equality issues, the voice of women / girls and their socio-economic and political empowerment.

She is a teacher of history and geography.

After serving in national NGOs on the themes of improving the living conditions of women and girls, she began working at CARE in 1999 as an assistant on a USAID-funded girls education project.

From that date to the present she has held several positions ranging from regional

coordinator to program manager and manager of a protection project.

All this experience allowed her to put her forces and her talents at the service of the conception, the implementation, the monitoring and evaluation of projects and programs in fields relating to questions of human rights and social justice in general and particularly to education, the development of girls' leadership, the protection of children, the empowerment of women and girls .



Maria Mundt

Maria is an Advisor and Consultant with a focus on Leadership and Equality, Security and Defence and a global shaper at the World Economic Forum.

She is currently working on several initiatives and programs in the security and defense field, and her areas of expertise include: Leadership and Equality, Narratives and Polarization, Intelligence, Civil-Military and Integration.

Previously, Maria has served as a consultant in both the governmental and private sector, and with organizations, such as NATO, the European Commission, OSCE and UN. She also served as an election observer in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, and worked in the field of public relations and campaign management.

Maria holds an MA in Political Science from a University based in Denmark, an MA in Security from London, United Kingdom, and a diploma in Security and Foreign Policy from Duke University.



Jean-Paul Cavalieri

His university education includes a Diplôme des Hautes Etudes Européennes from the College of Europe (Bruges), a Master's degree in International Public Law (University of Aix-Marseille) and a Bachelor's degree in History (Paris-Sorbonne).

He worked from 1986 to 1991 as Rapporteur and then Head of Section at the Refugee Appeals Board in Paris.

Then he joined the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in 1991.

After serving in different countries (Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, the Russian Federation, at UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva, and in Lebanon), he has been the UNHCR Representative in Morocco since July 2014.



Pauline Ambrogi - Raquillet

Pauline's university education includes a Doctorate of Contemporary History from the University of Paris VII - Denis Diderot; a degree DESS in Political Communication and Local Animation at the University of Paris I - Panthéon – Sorbonne; a training in the field of Audiovisual Techniques at the National Audiovisual Institute (INA) in Paris; as well as a DEA degree in Contemporary History from the University of Paris I.

Her activities in communication include the position of Representative to UNESCO of Make Mothers Matter, and she has been responsible for relations between the department of institutional communication and the services of the European Commission at Bouygues Telecom - Institutional Communication Department as well as being responsible for the communication of R.D.S.E at the Senate - Group of the European Democratic and Social Rally (RDSE).

Pauline's writing includes: "Mothers and peace, portraits of mothers as peace-makers" (in draft); "Childhood cut out , portraits of children of divorced parents" (about to be published); "Paris, it's them too", Oskar publisher; "They also did the Great War".

Pauline has also initiated and coordinated the writing of the book "Chile seen by...", within the framework of the cultural project "Pablo Neruda", Association Alba-Latin America, Chilean Embassy, Paris. She was the Editor-in-chief of Alma magazine, Latin America, published by Éditions Séguier-Atlantica.

As a researcher, Pauline has been associated with MASCIPO (American worlds, societies, power) at the School of Higher Learning in Social Sciences (EHES)



Jocelyne le Pivain

Jocelyne has a university education in Applied Foreign Languages and training as a translator specialized in the field of shipbuilding. Jocelyne is a trained communicator and works in the areas of family resources, corporate communication, public speaking training, enneagram training, training in the reading of images and the exploitation of films (for debate).

Jocelyne's professional experience includes translating / interpreting for 8 years at the Directorate General of Armament in France and communication and customer relations Manager for one year in Jeddah Arabia.

She is experienced as a youth movement leader and facilitator of support groups for families in challenging circumstances within the context of habitat and humanism. Jocelyne also has experience as a parent association leader and has accompanied homeless people in the Secours Catholique framework.

Jocelyne has been an active member of Make Mothers Matter for 18 years as Vice President, she is a member of the board for MMM France, editor of the newspaper *Côté Mères*, as well as head of its network of facilitators and facilitator trainers. She has been providing training in MMM workshops for more than 10 years.

Jocelyne le Pivain is the mother of 4 children.



Clothilde Dumont de Chassart

Clothilde is Belgian, living in Morocco. She is a social worker and sociologist from UCL. Since a very young age, she has engaged in the defense of the rights of women and children and was, in particular, responsible for the *Pères Mères-Enfants Insaf* (Casablanca). Since 2015, she has organized and animated non-violent communication training. She is a candidate trainer for CNVC certification..



Gary Barker

Gary is President and CEO of Promundo. He has conducted extensive global research and program development around engaging men and boys in gender equality and violence prevention, and is a leading voice for the worldwide effort to establish positive, healthy dynamics between men and women.

Gary is the co-founder of MenCare, a global campaign to promote men's involvement as equitable, non-violent caregivers, and co-founder of MenEngage, a global alliance of more than 700 NGOs and UN agencies working toward gender equality. He coordinates IMAGES (the International Men and Gender Equality Survey), a pioneering multi-country survey of men's attitudes and behaviors related to violence, fatherhood, and gender equality, among other themes.

He is a member of the UN Secretary General's Men's Leaders Network and has been honored with an Ashoka Fellowship, a fellowship from the Open Society Institute, and the Vital Voices Solidarity Award. Gary earned a PhD in child and adolescent development from Loyola University in Chicago and a Master's degree in Public Policy from Duke University.

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