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Expert Seminar on Innovative Approaches to Combating Violence against Women  
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### **Panelists**

#### **Ms. Hairinisso Yusufi**

Ms. Yusufi is Head of the Committee for Women and Family Affairs in Tajikistan. After four years as Deputy Governor in the Sughd Region, she was appointed Vice Premier Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan for four years. Ms. Yusufi holds three high education diplomas; she is a lawyer and philologist and has a degree from the Russian Academy for State Service.

#### **Ms. Tatiana Bozrikova**

Ms. Bozrikova is currently Chairwoman of the Public Fund Panorama in Tajikistan. She was head of the working group developing the NGO Shadow Report on the CEDAW implementation in Tajikistan, and she is one of the initiators of the Coalition of NGOs "From Legal Equality to Factual Equality". She has also been Advisor to the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on social development and public relations.

#### **Ms. Nargiz Azizova**

Ms. Azizova is currently a Gender and Governance Advisor for UNIFEM in Tajikistan. Prior to this appointment, she was the Head of the UNDP Gender Theme Group in Tajikistan. She has also been UNDP's Assistant to both the Resident Representative on Programme and the Programme Officer, responsible for environmental, economic and gender issues. She started her career at the Strategic Research Center under the President of Tajikistan in the Department on Foreign Economic Relations.

#### **Ms. Rosa Logar**

Ms. Logar is a lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences/Department of Social Work and the Executive Director of the Domestic Abuse Intervention Programme Vienna, a victim/survivor service established with the new Domestic Violence Act. She was one of the founders of the first Austrian women's refuge (1978) and of the European Network WAVE (Women Against Violence Europe, 1994). Among other international activities she has contributed to the new UN Study on Violence against Women (2006) and is a member of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence.

#### **Ms. Gemma Connell**

Ms. Connell is a Programme Officer on Violence against Women in the United Nations' Division for the Advancement of Women, since January 2007. She is working on the establishment of a coordinated database on violence against women; researches and prepares analysis on trends and action in regard to violence against women; and prepares and provides support to expert group meetings. Previously she worked as a consultant on the 2006 Secretary-General's in-depth study on all forms of violence against women.

**Ms. Ema Kamkia**

Ms. Kamkia is currently working for the NGO “Cultural Humanitarian Fund Sukhumi” in Georgia where she is a trainer and assistant of TV and radio broadcasts in the Department of Public Relations. The NGO aims at increasing women’s role in building a democratic and peaceful society by e.g. protecting women’s rights; combating domestic violence; empowering women in politics; and raising public awareness. Ms. Kamkia has participated in activities organized by a number of international organizations on peace-building and combating violence against women.

**Ms. Marie-Christine Crespy**

Since 2001, Ms. Crespy has been a regional delegate for women’s rights and gender equality in the Limousin region in France, developing policies on equality between men and women. The activities are initiated by the Ministry of Employment, Social Relations and Family and Solidarity. Ms. Crespy has also managed the European programme “NOW” (New Opportunities for Women) aiming at empowering women in rural areas and underprivileged regions.

**Mr. Andrei Sinelnikov**

Mr. Sinelnikov is the Deputy Director of ANNA - National Centre for the Prevention of Violence in Russia. ANNA is developing and implementing the national model of support systems for women suffering under different forms of violence. Mr. Sinelnikov is a member of the Independent National Women's Human Rights Commission on Violence against Women. He is the editor of the Violence and Social Changes Journal and author of articles and books on violence against women and gender issues published in Russia and abroad.

**Ms. Helena Ewalds**

Ms. Ewalds is Development Manager in the National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health of Finland, working on national co-ordination and development of the work to prevent intimate partner and domestic violence. She has worked for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health on the prevention of intimate partner and domestic violence and has extensive experience in the work on family counselling issues. Ms. Ewalds has been involved in a number of projects on violence against women and is a member of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women.

**Ms. Bibisora Oripova**

Ms. Oripova works as a surgeon at the inter-regional Centre Ozhogovy in Uzbekistan. She is engaged in the Inter-Regional Rehabilitation Center Umid providing legal aid to women and children and victims of domestic violence. Additionally, she is the co-ordinator of the Rakhimdillik seminar. The Rakhimdillik Centre works on the prevention of domestic violence and promotes the development of five nearby regions of the Samarkand area. Victims/survivors of domestic violence are supported with legal, psychological, medical and educational help.

**Ms. Sonia Chirinos**

Ms. Chirinos is a judge at the Violence Gender Court #2 in Madrid and has more than 20 years of experience working as a judge. Last year, she was also Adviser on Issues of Gender Violence and of International Judicial Co-operation to the Cabinet Advisor to the Secretary of State of Justice. Additionally, she has directed three different Programmes of Support for Reform and Modernization of the State and Strengthening the Justice System in Latin America. Ms. Chirinos has also been Inspector Delegate of the Spanish Courts, and General Director of Justice.

**Ms. Nidžara Ahmetašević**

Ms. Ahmetašević is currently working as an Editor of Justice Report in Sarajevo covering issues related to war crimes trials, transitional justice and the process of facing the past. She has extensive experience in journalism, in particular from seven years of writing for Weekly Slobodna Bosnia on human rights issues and years of freelance journalism. Ms. Ahmetašević holds a Master in Human Rights and Democratization on Violation of Basic Human Rights through the Political Propaganda and Use of Hate Speech in Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Mr. Scott Cameron**

Mr. Cameron became involved in local campaigning in 2001 and was engaged in a major national three year campaign "Listen Louder!" by Scottish Women's Aid which ran from 2002 to 2004 aiming at preventing domestic abuse. A culmination of the "Listen Louder!" campaign was a government commitment to establish a National Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan for Children and Young People Experiencing Domestic Abuse. He has also participated in a major piece of refuge research and further research looking at the experiences of children and young people living with domestic abuse.

**Ms. Heather Coady**

Ms. Coady has worked as Children's Policy Officer at Scottish Women's Aid since June 2000. Her remit includes shaping and influencing all policy and legislation impacting on children and young people experiencing domestic abuse in Scotland. She works closely with the Scottish government to implement national strategies and currently sits on the Ministerial group to implement both the Violence Against Women Strategy in Scotland as well as the National Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan for Children and Young People.

**Mr. Saghir Bukhari**

Mr. Bukhari is a Consultant with the UNIFEM Programme Office in Pakistan working on the issues of gender equality, gender mainstreaming in development, gender based violence and women's political and economic empowerment. Additionally, he serves as MenEngage Regional Alliance Coordinator for South and Central Asia. He has facilitated a series of training on gender issues including men and masculinities, violence against women, reproductive health and gender sensitization.

**Mr. Neil Blacklock**

Mr. Blacklock is Development Director at Respect and leading on new services including Dad's Space, a web based service for fathers who are separated from their children. Prior to this, he set up an accreditation system and service standards for organisations providing a Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme. He was the founder of the Domestic Violence Intervention Project where he pioneered a model of integrated working between services working with the perpetrators of abuse and those working with those at risk from abuse. He has published books on gender issues and domestic violence.

**MODERATORS/SPECIAL GUESTS****Ms. Rukiya Kurbonova**

Ms. Kurbonova is currently Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan. Previously she served as Head of the Committee for Women and Family Affairs in Tajikistan, Deputy Chairperson of the local Government of the Khatlon region and Chairperson of regional capital government.

**Mr. Kari Kahiluoto**

Ambassador Kari Kahiluoto took up the position as the Finnish Human Rights and Democracy Ambassador in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on 1 September 2008. He will pay special attention to the Finnish human rights priorities, including the promotion of women's human rights and gender mainstreaming. He has broad experience in foreign policy and diplomacy, including from several Finnish Embassies/Permanent Missions during the last twenty years. Ambassador Kahiluoto was for long involved in arms control and disarmament, most recently as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN Conference of Disarmament at the Permanent Mission of Finland in Geneva.

**Mr. Vladimir Pryakhin**

Ambassador Vladimir Pryakhin from the Russian Federation has been the Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan since June 2007. Among several appointments within international policy and diplomacy, Ambassador Pryakhin has led the USSR Embassy in Rwanda and worked in the Department of Economic Co-operation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). Following this, he became Head Counsellor, first in the Department of Scientific and Technological Co-operation, and then in the Department of Security and Disarmament Problems, both within the MFA.

**Ms. Jamila Seftaoui**

Ms. Seftaoui is currently the Senior Adviser on Gender Issues in the OSCE Secretariat. Prior to this appointment, she served as team leader and senior adviser with the German Technical Co-operation (GTZ), initiating and managing the first gender project in Morocco. Her earlier international postings with GTZ and the UN Population Fund include Germany, Tanzania, the Central African Republic and Bangladesh, where she was responsible for managing technical co-operation projects and building local capacity for the improvement of women's rights and health services.

**Ms. Alla Kuvatova**

Dr. Kuvatova is Assistant Professor at the Department of History and Theory of Journalism and Electronic Mass Media in the Russian-Tajik Slavonic University. As a Gender Expert, she is also engaged in the Association of NGOs on Gender Equality and Prevention of Violence against Women as well as serving as the Board Chair of Open Society Institute-Assistance Foundation (Soros Foundation) in Tajikistan. For several years, Dr. Kuvatova was the Chairperson of a women's NGO "Traditions and Modernity" and Leading Researcher at the Tajik Academy of Sciences.

**Ms. Bihodjal Rahimova**

Ms. Rahimova has been a UNIFEM Advisor on Defence of Women's Rights during land reforms in Tajikistan since 2003. She is the Chair of the board of the NGO "Chashmai Khayot", acting on Women's Rights Protection and managing Shelter for Children and Teenagers - victims of violence and human trafficking. Previously, Ms. Rahimova served as Government and Civic Actor at regional, national and Union level. She is a nominee of the project "1000 women of the World for Nobel Prize", and a participant of the Movement "Women for Peace".

**Mr. Navruz Samadov**

Since 2004, Mr. Samadov has been Chief of the Sector of the Legal Department of the Apparatus of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan. By education he is a lawyer.

**Mr. Ulugbek Norov**

Mr. Norov is Head of the Legal Department of the Committee for Women and Family Affairs in Tajikistan. Prior to this appointment, he served as Docent of Law in the Training Institute of Civil Servants of Tajikistan.

**Ms. Mara Marinaki**

Ms. Marinaki is Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Greece to the OSCE. She has broad experience from foreign policy and diplomacy, most recently as Special Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) at the Greek Inter ministerial Committee on Migration. Ambassador Marinaki has held the position as Director for Justice, Home Affairs and Schengen in the EU General Direction at the MFA and has years of experience as a Political Counsellor at the Office of the Secretary General of the MFA, at the Prime Minister's Diplomatic Office and at the Greek Embassy in Washington DC.