

List of speakers and moderators

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Sandra AVILES is the Deputy Director and Senior Officer for humanitarian affairs and programme development at the FAO Office in Geneva. She has twenty years of senior-level experience in policy analysis and in the development / coordination of corporate resource mobilization strategies. Prior to joining FAO, Ms. Aviles served as a free-lance consultant in the development and appraisal of agriculture investment programmes in Africa and Latin America for IFAD, the ILO and the World Bank. In 1997, Ms. Aviles joined FAO as Attaché to the Director-General, providing support and oversight to the development of the Organization's Strategic Framework. She was later designated Senior Adviser on Resource Mobilization and Aide Effectiveness and Executive Officer for the FAO Liaison Office in Washington, D.C., managing and negotiating strategic partnerships and donor agreements for the US and Canada. Since joining the FAO Office in Geneva in 2008, Ms Aviles acts as focal point and representative for matters related to FAO's humanitarian work, in interagency (IASC) meetings and donor facing fora. In 2010, Ms. Aviles led an eleven member inter-agency coordination mission to Colombia as part of the support to the humanitarian country team, and is currently co-chair of the IASC Humanitarian Finance SWG. Ms. Aviles has a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Economics from the American University in Paris and has pursued Graduate Studies in International Affairs, specializing in economic development and finance at the School of International Affairs, Columbia University, New York. In 2011, she completed a Masters degree in Policy and Negotiations at the Graduate Institute of International Relations and Development Studies in Geneva.

Alexandre FASEL is Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and to the other international organizations in Geneva. Prior to that, he served as Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and to the other international organizations in Geneva, Special Representative of Switzerland to the Human Rights Council, as well as Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament. From July 2007 to August 2011, he was Assistant State Secretary for United Nations and other International Organizations in the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. He also headed the Center for Analysis and Forward Studies in the Swiss Foreign Ministry (2004-2007). Earlier postings in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs include Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Switzerland in Australia and Personal Adviser to Minister of Foreign Affairs Flavio Cotti. On secondment to the private sector from June 2001 to March 2004, Alexandre Fasel led the Formula 1 Affairs unit of Credit Suisse, where he was responsible for business, sporting and political issues of the bank's F1 engagement. Born in 1961, Alexandre Fasel studied law at the Universities of Fribourg (Switzerland) and Oxford (United Kingdom). He is married with four children.

Brian GANSON is Senior Researcher with the Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement, University of Stellenbosch Business School, where he lectures on negotiation and conflict management. His research and consulting focus on improving conflict prevention in the context of business investment in conflict-prone environments. He is also Senior Fellow with the Center for Emerging Market Enterprises of the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University. There he taught international negotiation and law & development as Adjunct Assistant Professor. Mr. Ganson has trained diplomats, business executives, attorneys and civil society leaders at Harvard Law School with the Harvard Negotiation Project. He currently serves on the Global Steering Committee of the Company-Community Dialogue Facilitators Forum, housed at the Corporate Social Responsibility Institute of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. He is also a Member of the Global

Agenda Council on Conflict Prevention of the World Economic Forum. Mr. Ganson has published widely on negotiation and conflict prevention, with a particular focus on business operations in post-conflict and other fragile environments. He received his Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Tufts University, and his Doctor of Laws, with honors, from the Harvard Law School.

Elissa GOLDBERG was appointed Canadian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, and the Conference on Disarmament in August 2011. Ms. Golberg has been with the Canadian diplomatic service since 1996 working on a range of peace and security issues. From April 2009 to August 2011, she was the Director-General for the Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT), a whole-of-government platform responsible for providing policy leadership on conflict prevention, humanitarian affairs, peacekeeping and peacebuilding issues, supplying people and program resources to enable timely and effective Canadian stabilization and reconstruction efforts in specific contexts, coordinating Canada's response to natural disasters abroad, and managing the \$146 million Global Peace and Security Fund. From February 2008 to January 2009, Ms. Golberg served as the Representative of Canada in Kandahar, the senior Canadian civilian envoy in southern Afghanistan, leading a multi-agency team responsible for delivering on Canada's governance and development objectives. Prior to that assignment, from October 2008 to January 2009, Ms. Golberg was the Executive Director of the Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan ("the Manley Panel") at the Privy Council Office. Ms. Golberg has had a variety of other responsibilities with the Department of Foreign Affairs, including serving as the Senior Director of the Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force, and Director of the Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Response Division. Ms. Golberg has participated in the management of Canadian Government responses to several conflicts including Libya, Afghanistan, Sudan and Lebanon, and has played a leading role in Canada's response to major natural disasters, including as the Co-ordinator of the Government of Canada's 2011 Japan and 2010 Haiti Earthquake Task Forces. Ms. Golberg holds a Master's degree in International Relations (1997), and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History (1995). She is a recipient of the NATO ISAF General Service medal, the Queen's Jubilee Medal, the Public Service Award of Excellence, 3 Ministers' Awards for Foreign Policy Excellence, and was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2010. She has published several articles on humanitarian and fragile state related matters.

David JENSEN heads the Environmental Cooperation for Peacebuilding programme of the UN Environment Programme. His portfolio of work focuses on how natural resources contribute to conflict, as well as how they can be managed in ways that create jobs, sustain livelihoods, and contribute to economic recovery and peacebuilding, without creating new grievances or significant environmental degradation. He has worked on 15 post-conflict operations from Afghanistan and Iraq to Sierra Leone and more recently in Cote d'Ivoire. In addition to field work, he also focuses on integrating natural resource risks and opportunities across UN policies on conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peacebuilding. His most recent policy report "Greening the Blue Helmets: Environment, Natural Resources and UN Peacekeeping Operations" focuses on how peacekeeping operations can minimize their environmental footprint while also helping post-conflict governments restore and extend their authority into resource rich areas. He is currently co-managing a new series of six flagship books on natural resources and peacebuilding, involving over 230 contributors capturing lessons learned from over 50 different post-conflict countries. He is also the co-editor of one of the books within the series entitled "Assessing and Restoring Natural Resources in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding". He holds a bachelor's degree in geography and political science from the University of Victoria and a master's degree in biology from the University of Oxford.

Keith KRAUSE is Programme Director of the Small Arms Survey, an internationally-recognized research centre NGO he founded in 2001, and also helps coordinate the work of the secretariat of the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development. Keith is also Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland; and Director of its Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding. Keith's research interests include the changing character of contemporary armed violence, and multilateral security cooperation. He has published *Arms and the State* (Cambridge) and edited, co-edited or authored several books, journal articles and book chapters. Keith is Canadian and Swiss, and received his MPhil and DPhil from Balliol College, Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He has been a consultant for various international agencies and governments.

Ken MENKHAUS is professor of Political Science at Davidson College, where he has taught since 1991. He received his Ph.D. in International Studies in 1989 from the University of South Carolina, where he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for dissertation research on southern Somalia. His subsequent specialization has focused primarily on development, conflict analysis, humanitarian response, peace operations, state failure, state-building, diasporas, security studies, and political Islam, involving both academic research and policy work. Most of his fieldwork has been conducted in the Horn of Africa and East Africa. In 1993-94, he served as special political advisor in the UN Operation in Somalia, and in 1994-95 was visiting civilian professor at the US Army Peacekeeping Institute. He regularly serves as a consultant for the UN, US government, non-governmental organizations, and policy research institutes, and has provided expert testimony on five occasions before Congressional subcommittees. Menkhaus is author of over fifty articles, book chapters, and monographs, including *Somalia: State Collapse and the Threat of Terrorism* (2004), "Governance without Government in Somalia" in *International Security* (2007), and "Stabilisation and Humanitarian Access in a Collapsed State: The Somali Case" in *Disasters* (2010). In 2011 he co-authored a UN study of the Somali diaspora's role in relief and development in Somalia entitled *Cash and Compassion*, and in 2012 served as lead researcher and author of a USAID study, "East African Regional Conflict Assessment." He has been interviewed on BBC, CNN, FOX, NPR's "All Things Considered," the Voice of America, and other media on the crisis in Somalia.

Rudolf MÜLLER is the Deputy Director and Chief, Emergency Services Branch at OCHA. After graduating from the Austrian Military Academy in 1981, Mr. Müller served as platoon leader, company commander, instruction officer at the NBC Defence School. He was deployed in major emergencies, and in defence/ inspection activities (e.g. Armenia Earthquake, UN Special Commission for Iraq/UNSCOM). From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Müller was seconded to work on the use of Military and Civil Defence Assets with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva (DHA). From May 1995 to August 1997, he returned to work with the Austrian Ministry of Defence. Since September 1997, Mr. Müller has been working with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), first with the Disaster Response Branch as Desk Officer for the earthquake in Bam, Iran, in 2003, for Darfur and Southern Sudan in 2004, and for the Indian Ocean Earthquake/Tsunami during 2004-2005. Mr. Müller was then deployed to Southern Sudan in 2006-2006. In 2006-2008, he was as the Chief of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) Secretariat in New York. The target funding of USD 500 million a year was achieved during his tenure. In 2008, Mr. Müller served as Deputy Director of the Coordination and Response Division (CRD). He was deployed to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, and Niger, to manage overall humanitarian coordination. On 24 March 2010, he was appointed Chief of the Emergency Services Branch in Geneva. He also assumed the responsibility of the Deputy Director of OCHA-Geneva in 2011.

Nims OBUNGE a graduate of Political Science is the Pastor of Freedom's Ark Church, Tottenham and the CEO of The Peace Alliance, a national crime reduction and community cohesion charity working on a local and national basis in partnership with faith, voluntary, community, statutory and business organisations. He serves in an advisory capacity to the Home Office and Metropolitan Police. He was on London Crimestoppers Advisory Board and sits on The London Criminal Justice Partnership. He is often consulted on issues related to ethnicity, diversity, young people and crime and has hosted a series of community based conferences with government ministers. He served as the Community Relations Executive for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. In the London Borough of Haringey he serves on the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership; is a Borough Ecumenical Dean and a police chaplain. He is a Governor of the College of Haringey, Enfield & North East London and a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London. He initiated and runs the Young Peace Champions, a personal training and development programme for young people aged 18-25 who are not in employment, training or education. He also developed key resources addressing youth crime and is part of a range of local and national initiatives working to reduce crime and strengthen positive youth participation. In September 2001, he pioneered the annual London Week of Peace and the London Peace Awards which is now celebrated across London. He is married with two children.

Marcus C. OXLEY has twenty five years disaster risk management experience gained within the civil society sector where he was responsible for managing and implementing a range of disaster response, recovery, preparedness and mitigation programmes across Africa, Asia and Europe. In June 2007 he was appointed as the Executive Director of the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction – a major international alliance of large and small civil society organisations committed to working together to put the voices and concerns of vulnerable people at the heart of global disaster risk reduction policy and practice. Prior to joining the Global Network Marcus was a director with the UK-based INGO Tearfund where he had overall responsibilities for their disasters-related work and assumed a leading role in promoting and mainstreaming “pro-poor” DRR concepts and good practices amongst governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental actors. Marcus is a civil engineer by training and has a Master’s degree in management.

Vivien RUEDA CALVET is Executive Director for Youth Alliance since 2008; in that year she was invited as Special Guest for the “International Visitor Program”, organized by the State Department of the United States. Also, she was named Rotarian of the year by the Vista Hermosa Rotary Club. In 2009, she was the Team leader at the Study Exchange Group (SEG) for Rotary District 4250 for the (Spokane) Washington, Idaho and British Columbia Province. Vivien was invited to participate in the Second Meeting of Civil Society Organizations (OAS-MISPAII) at Lima, Peru. By 2010, Youth Alliance, under Rueda Calvet leadership, achieved a first place award by the Juan Bautista Gutierrez Foundation, “Supporting the Supporters” and was special guest by the OBRA Initiative to present Youth Alliance’s Programs as “Best Practices” in Jamaica. In 2012, she was Guest of Honor in changing the Rose of Peace at the International Day of Peace, promoted by INTERPEACE, held at the Guatemalan Palace of Culture. From November 13th to November 15th 2012, she will attend The World Innovation Summit for Education at Qatar Foundation, Doha. Vivien holds a Master in Family Education Counseling, a Bachelor’s degree in Clinical Psychology and she has a specialization in Brain Injury. Her passion for preventing violence arose because of an unfortunate sad situation with an immediate family member. She does believe in a Guatemala free of violence, respectful and healthy, that’s why she develops, coordinates and executes the Violence Prevention Program at the 17 Outreach Centers in vulnerable areas of her country. She has received international awards as professional, Rotary Member and for the work she has performed.

Fred TANNER, a Swiss national, is the Director of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). Prior to this appointment, Fred Tanner was Deputy Director of the GCSP, in charge of academic affairs and training. At the same time, he was a Visiting Professor at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies (GIIDS/IHEID) and was responsible for its Diplomatic Studies Programme. From 1994 to 1997, on secondment from the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), he was Director of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) in Malta. Over the course of his distinguished academic career, Fred Tanner held teaching and research positions at universities such as Harvard (CFIA), Johns Hopkins (SAIS) and Princeton (CIS). Among other responsibilities, Fred Tanner serves on the Foundation Council of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) in Dubai. He was also a member of the High-level Expert Panel on Early Warning and Rapid Reaction of the *Organisation internationale de la francophonie* (OIF) and held a mandate by the OSCE Chairmanship from 1999 to 2001 as the Honorary Chairman of the Committee for Security Studies in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Fred Tanner holds a PhD and a Master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a Bachelor's degree from the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies at the University of Geneva.

Azmi THASSIM is a founder member and the first President of Hambantota District Chamber of Commerce (HDCC), Sri Lanka's first district level organization of this kind. From 1997 to 2011 he was Director General/ CEO. During this period, HDCC grew and diversified its membership, and now offers a wide range of innovative services. Azmi has identified and helped implement many initiatives to support its long-term sustainability. He continues to assist HDCC voluntarily and is President of the Past Presidents' Consortium. Azmi has served for 11 years as Chairman of Hambantota Youth Business Programme (HYBP), which helps underprivileged young people with the potential to become successful entrepreneurs, providing financial assistance and mentoring. He is a founder-trustee of Youth Business Sri Lanka (YBSL), through which the successful approaches of HYBP are being used nationwide. He was a member of the Partner Advisory Committee of the International Youth Foundation – USA. Azmi was appointed Chairman of Ruhunu Economic Development Agency (RUEDA) in 2008, and was a member of the University of Ruhuna Management Council from 2002-2008. He is a board member of university's Agriculture Faculty. Since 1995 he has been a member of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce Governing Committee and Governing Council of the Federation of Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL). He is Co-Chairman of the Southern Province Industrial Development Forum. He works on the Regional Chamber Development initiative in collaboration with the Business for Peace Alliance, of which he is a board member.

Kassym-Jomart TOKAYEV of Kazakhstan has been Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and Personal Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to the Conference on Disarmament since 2 May 2011. Mr. Tokayev brings to the position a wealth of experience at the senior levels of Government. A career diplomat, he served from 1992 as Deputy Minister and later as First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan. He then served as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan from 1994 to 1999, when he was also appointed Deputy Prime Minister and later the same year Prime Minister of Kazakhstan. He served as Prime Minister from 1999 until 2002, when he was appointed State Secretary for Foreign Affairs before becoming Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2003. Prior to taking up his functions as Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, Mr. Tokayev was Chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan, having been unanimously elected in January 2007. Born in 1953, Mr. Tokayev is a graduate of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, the Beijing Institute of the Chinese Language and the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. He is Doctor of Political Sciences and has written several books on international affairs. He has received state awards of Kazakhstan and other countries. Mr. Tokayev is married and has a son.

Scott WEBER Scott was appointed as Director-General in 2005 by the then-Chairman (2000-2009) of the Interpeace Governing Council, 2008 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former President Martti Ahtisaari. In 2009, Scott was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. Each year the Forum recognizes "the 200 most distinguished young leaders below the age of 40 from around the world". Interpeace's work has also been personally highlighted by H.E. President Bill Clinton at the 2006 and 2007 Clinton Global Initiative meetings as an innovative approach to conflict prevention. In 2010 Scott was nominated by the Governing Council, chaired by former President of Ghana, John A. Kufuor, for a second five-year term as Director-General. Scott began his career in the United Nations. He is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO), Chatham House (UK), the Steering Committee of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. He is also a member of the Advisory Boards of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF). He holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations, Economics and Russian from Georgetown University. Scott is French and American.

Achim WENNMANN is Executive Coordinator of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, and Researcher at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. At the Platform since March 2011, he has driven the Platform's strategic review, culminating in its 2012-2014 Programme. This programme focuses on, but is not limited to, the peacebuilding perspectives on political transitions, conflict prevention, the environment, justice, and monitoring and evaluation. The Programme also further strengthens the networking of peacebuilding resources and facilitates the connection between Geneva, New York, and the field. At the CCDP, Dr. Wennmann's research focuses on the economic dimensions of peace mediation, hybrid political orders, the political economy of conflict and armed groups, and natural resource management in war-to-peace transitions. He is author of *The Political Economy of Peacemaking* (London: Routledge, 2011), co-editor (with Mats Berdal) of *Ending Wars, Consolidating Peace: Economic Perspectives* (London: IISS and Routledge, 2010), and published in various scholarly journals. Dr. Wennmann has also worked at the Small Arms Survey in support of the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development, and consulted for the OECD INCAF work stream on international assistance to peace processes. Dr. Wennmann also serves on advisory panels of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Team on Funding for Preparedness, and of the International Council of Swedish Industry.

Jonathan WOOLLEY joined Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), Geneva, in June 2011. He brings to QUNO more than thirty years' professional experience of agricultural research, development and capacity building in some fifty countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Oceania. Starting as a volunteer teacher in Kenya, he then worked directly with poor farmers in Nigeria, Costa Rica, Colombia and Mexico. Later, through a wide range of consultancies for multilateral and bilateral agencies, private firms and international organisations, he focussed on the preparation and review of projects that addressed farmer participation in agricultural services. From 1999 to 2009, he led two research networks directed at institutional reform, building cohesive small teams and strengthening innovative partnerships: a ground-breaking agricultural research fund in Ecuador, and the first phase of the "CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food" based in Sri Lanka and active in nine river basins around the world. Jonathan holds an MA in Natural Sciences and a PhD in Applied Biology from the University of Cambridge, UK.