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Strengthening Family Relationships as a Means for Crime Prevention: The Role of Parents

31st Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ 31)
Side Event – virtual, May 20, 2022, 13:10 - 14:00 CET

An International Call for “Comprehensive strategies for crime prevention towards social and economic development” (Working paper at 14th Crime Congress)

Link to participate:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81917257609?pwd=ekR0UWZMeU96NUYydjRXVXFybHlFUT09>

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Programme

Welcome:

Dr. Maria RIEHL, Director WFP UN Office - Vienna

Opening remarks:

HE: Ms. Irene Susan NATIVIDAD, Chargé d’Affaires of the Philippine Embassy
Mrs. Sokneang SIM, Second Secretary of Royal Embassy of Cambodia

Moderator:

Ms Kyung In Van de Ven OLIVEIRA, WFP UN Vienna Office

Speakers:

Mr. Patrick ERLANDSON, Founder & Director of FATHER – CON. After conversations with numerous survivors of exploitation, the critical link was missing, abusive, distracted fathers creating vulnerability and entitlement in their children (<https://www.father-con.org/>)

Dr. Aala El KHANI, Humanitarian Psychologist; International Consultant; Drug Prevention and Health Branch, UNODC: innovative research on families and parenting support.

Mrs. Grace MAYO, President WFP Philippines, public school teacher, “Domestic Peace Education” - a pilot project to strengthen Filipino families towards a peaceful nation and to uplift women as peacemakers.

Mrs. Yuka TAKAHASHI, President WFP Cambodia: “Healthy Family Education”, strengthening the Role of Parents and Youth resilience for their healthy development.

Closing remarks:

Mrs. Carolyn HANDSCHIN, President NGO CSW Geneva, Director WFWPI UN Office International



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Speakers and Projects



Dr. Maria RIEHL, MD, Chair of NGO Committee on Peace, Vie, Director of WFPW UN-Office – Vienna. Dr. Riehl initiated WFPW – Austria, officially registered in Dec. 1992, and was its first president. Born and raised in Kosice/ East Slovakia. In spring 1968, she visited Vienna, Austria to work and learn the language, when the military intervention on 21st of August, 1968 of the former Warsaw- pact troops into Czechoslovakia, ending the so called “Prague Spring”, changed her life completely.

She continued her studies in Austria and has been a general practitioner for 37 years. Dr. Riehl is married, mother of 5 adult children and has 11 grandchildren.



HE. Irene Susan BARREIRO NATIVIDAD, Charge’ d’Affaires, a.i. & Acting Permanent Representative, Philippine Embassy and Permanent Mission, Vienna, April 2022, Public Servant, Lawyer, Career Diplomat, A.B. Journalism, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Bachelor of Laws, Research Fellowship on Non-Traditional Security Issues, University of Hong Kong, 2005. Within the last 30 years HE. Mrs. NATIVIDAD took on a variety of responsibilities in the Department of Foreign Affairs Philippines, Milan/ Italy, New York, Singapore, Honolulu. Her special interest is international law. HE. Ms. NATIVIDAD is married and has two children.



Mrs. Sokneang SIM, Second Secretary of Cambodia Embassy in Brussels, Bachelor of International Relations at Pannasastra University of Cambodia, Training Courses for ASEAN Diplomats in India and China; Professional experience in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Departments for America and Africa, since 2021 appointed to her current position. Mrs. SIM is married and has two children



Mr. Patrick ERLANDSON, Founder & Director of FATHER – CON, born and grew up in Los Angeles the 2nd of 7 children. Married to his wife Machiko since 1982, 2 adult daughters. He has travelled to Cambodia, Paraguay, Zambia, Israel, Korea, Thailand as well as Canada and Mexico in various capacities of service. Since 2010 working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Los Angeles, USA, Patrick first learned of human trafficking in organs from field agents working in Africa. In 2012 he began leading the prevention subcommittee of the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force. After conversations with numerous survivors of exploitation, the critical link was missing, abusive, distracted

fathers creating vulnerability and entitlement in their children.

Prevention of trafficking, requires creatively dealing with this increasing phenomenon. Fifty years of studies now show when fathers are engaged, even from conception, the health of the mother and baby increases, there is less stress and children have greater emotional and social wellbeing. (<https://www.father-con.org/>) “

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Dr. Aala El-KHANI *Humanitarian Psychologist, International Consultant
Drug Prevention and Health Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)*

Dr. El-Khani researches and develops innovative ways to reach families that have experienced conflict and displacement with parenting support and training. She has conducted field research with families in refugee contexts and conflict zones, exploring their parenting challenges and the positive impact parenting support can provide. Her work has significantly contributed to an agenda of producing materials for families affected by conflict, displacement and residing in low resource contexts. She is a developer of numerous family skills resources as well as a global

trainer of family skills programmes and research methods, having conducted training in over 15 countries. Aala is a humanitarian psychologist and works as a consultant for several international organisations including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. She is also an honorary Research Associate at the University of Manchester at the Division of Psychology and Mental Health. Her current work collaborates the efforts of the UNODC and The University of Manchester in developing and evaluating family skills programmes in countries such as Afghanistan, Palestine, Serbia, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Indonesia and Lebanon. Aala is passionate about highlighting the significant role that caregivers play in protecting their children during conflict and displacement.

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Mrs. Almera Grace MAYO, *President WFWP Philippines*, graduate of Industrial Education major in General Home Economics, public school teacher for 13 years. She went to Japan with her children where her husband was deployed in the US Navy. While in Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan, she worked in a Child Development Home Program (CDH) where only certified homes are sanctioned by the Commanding Officer to provide child-care. As a CDH provider, she attended various developmental trainings which includes Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care that focuses on individual child observations. Mrs. Mayo is also active in various

non- government organizations both in the youth and family sectors, interreligious dialogues and pre-marriage orientation. She served as the Executive Director of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in Mindanao, Philippines for 11 years from 2008-2019. She is also an enthusiastic lecturer in Family Development Sessions, Drug Prevention and Pure Love Education. Currently, Masters Degree in Public Management.

The Domestic Peace Education Program is a pilot project of the Women’s Federation for World Peace-Philippines which aims to strengthen Filipino families towards a peaceful nation and to uplift the women as peacemakers who can initiate building loving relationships within the family. It has a module titled Gabay Kay Nanay (Guide for Mother). This module was created by the Gender and Development professional to provide one of the firm solutions against domestic violence. Both husband and wife can realize their focus necessary to the family through experiencing the program. Then children in the family, witnessing the strong bonding of their parents will be encouraged to participate further in a youth program.

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Yuka TAKAHASHI, WFP President – Cambodia, She is of Japanese nationality, Bachelor of Science, with major in psychology; She has also gained a counsellor qualification (private). Mrs. Takahashi lives in Cambodia for 10 years and is married to a Cambodian. From the very beginning she’s been working for non-profit organizations helping improve health and educational standards locally. Currently she is conducting and further developing the “Healthy Family Program,” that is strengthening the role of parents and supporting youth in becoming more resilient towards influences that jeopardize their healthy development. We focus on 2 risk factors behind youth crimes:

1. Youth is influenced a lot from info from abroad. After the civil war, with a lot of help from abroad the nation has developed rapidly especially in recent years. Accordingly, more info also flooded in.
2. In poor communities, parents stay far from home for a long time to work. Meanwhile, many children start working to support their families before graduating from junior high.

Based on such background, we presume, one of the factors that drives the youth to undesirable deeds can be that there are not enough opportunities for parent-child communication at home. Hence, we are advocating how the family originally should be, the role of fatherhood and motherhood, to protect the youth from crime and immorality. Our target groups have been parents, guardians, educators, and social leaders. These programs are conducted with the full support of the local government.



Mrs. Carolyn HANDSCHIN-MOSER, President of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women at the United Nations in Geneva, Director of the WFWPI Office for United Nations Relations globally, Coordinator for Europe & Middle East, International Association of First Ladies for Peace, Vice-President of Women’s Federation for World Peace, International, Mrs Handschin has led the WFWP advocacy team at the United Nations in Geneva for 26 years. She guides the leadership and advocacy training of young women and men in the WFWPI-UN Internship Program in Geneva (2005-now) and remains active as Co-founder and programme director of the “GIIA Model UN Interreligious Youth Council” Program (2009 - now).



Ms. Kyung In VAN DE VEN OLIVEIRA, Youth representative of WFWP Europe since 2011 and of the Dutch WFWP Chapter since 2014. Ms Van de Ven Oliveira is born and raised in Amsterdam the Netherlands, and recently joined the UN International WFWP team in Vienna. Currently working as a legal guardian and child’s advocate of unaccompanied minor asylum seekers at the National Guardian Institution in the Netherlands.



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