

List of speakers and moderators

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Bernardo AREVALO DE LEON is Deputy Director-General, Research and Development, at Interpeace. Bernardo has been involved and working with Interpeace since 1996. Between 1996 and 1998 he was involved in managing a consensus building process in his native Guatemala, following the signature of the Peace Accords. Between 1999 and 2005 Bernardo coordinated a series of joint UNDP-Interpeace initiatives that applied participatory strategies to Security Sector Reform goals, first as Director of one of the projects and later as the head of Interpeace's regional office for Latin America. Between 2005 and 2011, he was the Director of the Joint Program Unit for UN/Interpeace Initiatives of UNOPS, a joint program established by the UN and Interpeace as a way to support UN field operations in the use of research-based dialogue strategies for the consolidation of peace and prevention of conflict. Prior to his involvement with Interpeace, Bernardo served in Guatemala's Foreign Service for over 12 years, including as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Ambassador to Spain.

David ATWOOD served as Representative for Disarmament and Peace at the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva from 1995 until earlier this year. He was also the Director of QUNO from 2004. During his time in Geneva he has been involved in a wide range of security and peacebuilding related concerns. He is a co-founder of the Geneva Forum and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. He currently works as an independent consultant to several Geneva-based institutions. Dr. Atwood is an Associate Fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. He holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and is the former General Secretary of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Henk-Jan BRINKMAN is chief of the Policy, Planning and Application Branch of the Peacebuilding Support Office in the United Nations Secretariat. Between 2006 and 2010, he was, subsequently, chief Economic Analysis and chief Food Security Policy and Markets in the Office of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme in Rome, Italy, and Senior Adviser for Economic Policy in the World Food Programme, based in New York. From 2001 to 2006 he was a Senior Economic Affairs Officer in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, where he advised Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Deputy Secretary-General Louise Fréchette on economic, social and environmental issues. Between 1989 and 2001, he was in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, where, *inter alia*, he contributed to the *World Economic and Social Survey*. He holds a B.A. and an M.A. in economics from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands and a Ph.D. in economics from the New School for Social Research in New York City. He has written on such topics as the socio-economic factors behind violent conflicts, the impact of high food prices on nutritional status, economic adjustment in Africa and human stature as a measure of the standard of living. He is the lead author of WFP's *World Hunger Series – Hunger and Markets* (Earthscan, 2009) and the author of *Explaining Prices in the Global Economy: A Post-Keynesian Model* (Edward Elgar, 1999). He holds Dutch citizenship.

Andy CARL co-founded Conciliation Resources in 1995 with David Lord and now heads the organization. He led the development of Conciliation Resources's programme work in Fiji and Bougainville/PNG and in northern Uganda, Somaliland and Sri Lanka, and established Conciliation Resources' Accord publication series. Before this he worked for International Alert (London) from 1989-94 as its original programme staff on peace initiatives in Southern Africa, Europe, Liberia, the

Philippines, Colombia, Iraqi-Kurdistan and elsewhere. Before that, he was national coordinator of the Central America Human Rights Committee, UK (1986-89). He has degrees in literature from the University of California at Berkeley (BA) and Trinity College, Dublin (MPhil). Andy represents Conciliation Resources in various national and international policy forums on conflict transformation practice, acts as a resource person for Conciliation Resources's programmes and develops new areas of work.

Scilla ELWORTHY, PhD, founded the *Oxford Research Group* in 1982 to develop effective dialogue between nuclear weapons policy-makers worldwide and their critics, and *Peace Direct* in 2002 to fund, promote and learn from peace-builders in conflict areas. She was awarded the Niwano Peace Prize in 2003; and was three times nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Scilla was also Adviser to Peter Gabriel, Desmond Tutu and Richard Branson in setting up '*The Elders*'. She is also member of the World Future Council, author of numerous books, director of programmes for the *World Peace Festival Berlin August 2011*, patron of *Gender Rights and Equality Action Trust*, *Voice of a Woman*, *Oxford Research Group*; and Steering Committee of *PAX*.

Nicolas FLORQUIN is a Senior Researcher at the Small Arms Survey. His areas of expertise include small arms baseline assessments, illicit arms markets, private security companies, armed groups and other types of armed non-state actors. He is co-editor with Eric G. Berman of the book *Armed and Aimless: Armed Groups, Guns and Human Security in the ECOWAS Region*. Mr. Florquin previously worked with the Swiss NGO Geneva Call, where he was actively involved in dialogue with armed non-state actors aimed at improving their compliance with humanitarian norms, notably the ban on anti-personnel mines and the protection of children in armed conflict. Mr. Florquin has also carried out a number of consultancies on arms-related issues for international agencies, including the UN Panel of Experts on Liberia and UNDP country programmes in Burundi, the Central African Republic, Ghana, and Niger. He holds a Masters of Public Administration in International Management and a Certificate in Conflict Resolution from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, United States.

Patrick HAENNI is Senior Researcher at the Religioscope Institute in Switzerland and is involved in the field of conflict resolution working as scientific adviser for several international organizations. His interests are mainly sociology of religions and sociology of mobilizations in the Middle East. His experience includes the following: SENIOR RESEARCHER, RELIGIOSCOPE FOUNDATION, 2008 - responsible of the Islamic World Program. SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR, HUMANITARIAN DIALOGUE CENTRE: GENEVA SWITZERLAND - 2009 Advisor in Peace and Dialogue Initiatives in the Middle East. POLITICAL ANALYST, INTERNATIONAL CRISIS GROUP: BEIRUT, LEBANON - 2005-2008, Analyzing and reporting on the political situation in Lebanon. RESEARCHER, CENTRE D'ETUDES ET DE DOCUMENTATION ECONOMIQUE POLITIQUE ET SOCIALE: CAIRO, EGYPT - 2001-2005 Academical studies on popular Islam in Cairo.

Ralf HECKNER is deputy-head of Political Affairs Division III, the United Nations and other International Organizations. Before embarking on a career in the Swiss Foreign Service in 1997, Mr. Heckner was a research assistant at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, where he earned a Ph.D. in Contemporary History. His career with the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs began in the Economic and Financial Affairs Division, followed by a one-year posting at the Swiss Embassy in Rome. From 1999 to 2003, he was a diplomatic desk officer in the FDFA's Political Affairs Directorate, responsible for co-ordinating bilateral relations with North America and Northern Europe. From 2003 to 2007, Mr. Heckner was First Secretary, then Counselor for Political Affairs at the Embassy of Switzerland in Washington, D.C. His duties included U.S. foreign policy on Europe, Eurasia, the Arab world and the Indian Subcontinent. He also followed U.S. security policy and U.S. policy in multilateral institutions (UN, NATO, OSCE). In addition, his duties included the "Iran mandate", that is,

Switzerland's role in representing U.S. interests in Iran. From 2007 to 2010, Mr. Heckner was Office Director of Human Rights Policy of the FDFA. His duties included co-ordinating Switzerland's human rights policy, preparing and enhancing Switzerland's bilateral human rights dialogues with Vietnam, China, Russia, Tajikistan, Iran and Cuba, and defining Switzerland's multilateral human rights policy positions within the UN, the OSCE, and the Council of Europe.

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.

Youssef MAHMOUD is Senior Adviser at the New York-based International Peace Institute (IPI). Before retiring from the United Nations early this year, Dr. Mahmoud was the Secretary-General's Special Representative and Head of the Peacekeeping Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT). From 2007 to 2009 he served as Executive Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Burundi (BINUB). Prior to these assignments, he held several other senior positions, notably as United Nations Resident Coordinator in Guyana, Director in the UN Department of Political Affairs, and Head of the Office of the Undersecretary-Secretary-General for Political Affairs. Before joining the United Nations in 1981, Dr. Mahmoud was Assistant Professor at the University of Tunis. He received his PhD in Linguistics from Georgetown University in 1979. He has written or co-authored a number of articles on peacebuilding and recently taught a course at Columbia University on the challenges of building sustainable peace in Africa. Over the past year, he has focused his attention on the democratic transitions in Tunisia and Egypt. He is leading an IPI initiative to support civil society leaders in creating a platform for the exchange of experiences and lessons learned in meeting the challenges and opportunities presented by these transitions.

Gerard McHUGH is Founder and President of Conflict Dynamics International. Gerard has worked extensively on international conflict resolution and humanitarian policy for more than thirteen years, building on a foundation of work in primary healthcare which he embarked upon over twenty three years ago. He founded Conflict Dynamics in 2004 to function as an independent, not-for-profit organization to prevent conflict and to alleviate humanitarian suffering resulting from conflict and other crises. Gerard has led the work of Conflict Dynamics to support several peace processes, mediation- and negotiation initiatives, including those on the Sudan and Somalia, and directs the organization's development and application of approaches to political accommodation in situations of political transition. In addition to directing the work of Conflict Dynamics, Gerard successfully completed three mandates as Coordinator of the U.N. Security Council Panel of Experts concerning the Sudan between 2005 and 2007. He has authored/co-authored numerous articles, reports and resources for peace- and humanitarian practitioners – on a range of topics – including: *Sanctions Assessment Handbook: Assessing the Humanitarian Implications of Sanctions* (Inter-Agency Standing Committee, 2004); *Humanitarian Negotiations with Armed Groups* (United Nations, 2006); *Strengthening Protection of Children through Accountability* (Conflict Dynamics, 2009); and *Integrating Internal Displacement in Peace Processes and Peace Agreements* (USIP and The Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement, 2010). Gerard is also the lead author of several Briefing Papers in Conflict Dynamics' *Governance and Peacebuilding* publication series. Gerard

has worked on policy- and practical aspects of humanitarian negotiations and humanitarian access, as well as other humanitarian policy issues, in many conflict settings. He was the lead developer of Conflict Dynamics' Humanitarian Negotiation Training Initiative (HNTI) which he and colleagues have delivered for humanitarian practitioners working in Afghanistan, the Middle East Region, Nepal, Senegal, Somalia and Sri Lanka. Prior to establishing Conflict Dynamics Gerard worked as an Independent Consultant on humanitarian policy and conflict resolution, and previously held an appointment as a Research Fellow at the Center for International Studies of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Gerard is a graduate and Foundation Scholar of Trinity College Dublin and a graduate of MIT. He holds degrees in political science, mechanical engineering, naval architecture, and mathematics from these institutions and also holds a professional qualification in nursing.

Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould MOHAMEDOU is Visiting Professor in the International History and Development departments of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva and Associate Fellow at the Geneva Center for Security Policy. Previously he was Associate Director of the Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research at Harvard University. Dr. Mohamedou is the author of several works on transnational terrorism, political violence, transitions to democracy, and sociopolitical developments in the contemporary Middle East and North Africa.

Chiyedza NYAHUYE is a vibrant young woman from Zimbabwe who is passionate about youth employment creation as a strategy to link peace building with economic development in African countries. Through Envision Zimbabwe Women's Trust, Chiyedza has been co-creating a curriculum Community Building and Life Skills that equip out of school, unemployed youth with conflict resolution and peace building skills. Chiyedza also utilizes theatre games, exercises and life skills as tools for healing and self-development with vulnerable traumatized youth to find ways to heal and work to transform their communities to be healthier, stronger, respectful and loving of both genders. Ms. Nyahuye is a graduate of Li Po Chun United World College, Hong Kong, where she experienced a priceless international baccalaureate program that brought students from 80+ countries to engage in promoting cultural exchange and international understanding. Having then gone on to Macalester College (BA in International Development Studies) and Hubert Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs, University of Minnesota (MA in Public Policy, Public Health) in the United States, she returned home in 2004 with a mission to contribute to rebuilding her country. Chiyedza is now focusing on promoting entrepreneurial ventures as a means of creating eco-friendly businesses and employment opportunities that will harness the dynamic, powerful, creative energies of the youth of Zimbabwe let alone the continent of Africa.

Inge RELPH has a background in strategic management and organizational dynamics. Post privatization she helped restructure British Gas, representing the UK on regulatory policy bodies at the EU and UN. She co-founded and chaired the London Chamber of Commerce Women in Business network and sat on the Chamber Council. She takes a keen interest in CSR, especially social enterprise. Her strategic advisory work focuses on women's human rights and development, advocating internationally for their inclusion in peace processes. She argues that sustainable peace requires us to see peacebuilding as a powerful socio-economic force and is working on developing concerted programs that harness business, government and civil society in stabilizing nations. A past chair of Womankind Worldwide, and founding Board member of the Arab International Women's Forum and Gender Action for Peace and Security (GAPS-UK), she initiated in Egypt, the first peace movement to work across the Middle East promoting UNSC1325. She has advised the UK FCO on women in Afghanistan, Somalia and Iraq and is mentoring 'Women4Libya' to ensure that women have a voice in the future of their country. Inge believes in the human

capacity to transform anger into compassion and is engaged in exchanges with leaders of different faiths like the 'Way of Peace ' dialogues with the Dalai Lama in Northern Ireland.

Gay ROSENBLUM-KUMAR has worked with the United Nations for twenty years and currently heads the Secretariat of the interagency UN Framework for Preventive Action (FT), an informal mechanism assisting UN agencies, departments and Country Teams to work with national stakeholders in building local capacities to prevent and mitigate destructive conflict. Such initiatives focus on: enhancing conflict transformation and peacebuilding understanding and skills, training facilitators and mediators; strengthening institutions for dialogue and consensus-building; and promoting conflict-sensitive development policy and practice. The FT also facilitates the UN Conflict Prevention Community of Practice to support and professionalize the practice of conflict transformation within the UN. Through her work with the FT, Gay has been actively engaged in developing sustainable conflict transformation programmes around the world and catalyzing system-wide strengthening of conflict-sensitive practice, programming and policy. Prior to joining the United Nations, she worked with several international NGOs on anti-apartheid and development issues.

Ambassador 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 was a member of the High-level Expert Panel on Early Warning and Rapid Reaction of the *Organisation internationale de la francophonie* (OIF) and serves on the Foundation Council of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) in Dubai. Mandated by the OSCE Chairmanship, he was the Honorary Chairman of the Committee for Security Studies in Bosnia and Herzegovina, a position he held from 1999 to 2001. He currently also serves on the Academic Advisory Board of the NATO Defense College (NDC). 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.

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 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. Scott was selected as a Young Global Leader (2009) by the World Economic Forum, an honor bestowed by the Forum each year to recognize the two hundred most distinguished young leaders below the age of 40 from around the world. In 2011, Scott was also invited to be the Founding Curator (Chair) for the Geneva hub of the Forum's new Global Shapers Community, bringing together young extraordinary individuals in their 20s with great potential for future leadership roles in society. 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 5-year term as Director-General. Scott began his career in the United Nations, first in disaster reduction and then in political affairs. Scott is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO), The Chatham House (UK), and 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 Center for the Democratic Control of the 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 new 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. Dr. Wennmann is also an expert on conflict economies, the financing of armed groups, the economic dimensions of peace negotiations, and hybrid political orders. 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 also worked at the Small Arms Survey in support of the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development, consulted for the OECD INCAF work stream on international assistance to peace processes, and provided intellectual mediation support on economic issues and on Indonesia, Nepal, the Philippines, and Sudan.

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.