

SIDE-EVENT

# GENDER LENSES ON

HOW DOES IT CHANGE THE IMPACT  
OF FIREARMS CONTROL?

THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE ON THE  
PROGRAMME OF ACTION  
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# GENDER AND ARMED VIOLENCE

WORLDWIDE, ARMED VIOLENCE POSES RISKS FOR ALL CITIZENS. WHILE SOME OF THESE RISKS ARE COMMON TO EVERYONE, THE INTERACTION WITH FIREARMS AND PATTERNS OF EXPOSURE TO ARMED VIOLENCE ARE EXPERIENCED DIFFERENTLY BY MEN AND WOMEN.

Men own most of the firearms and amount to most of both perpetrators and victims of armed violence. Women, on the other hand, own fewer firearms but amount to a disproportionate number of victims. If a woman is to be killed, she will most probably be killed by her intimate partner, a man, most often with a firearm. The high share of women murdered with firearms reflects the high lethality of firearms in the context of domestic violence. Men's preponderance among both perpetrators and victims of firearm-related incidents poses questions regarding links to dominant forms of masculinity which also usually remain unaddressed.

# REVCON3

A woman in a military uniform is shown in profile, looking towards the right. She is wearing a name tag that reads "SVEDINT/NCM" and "BIRGITH ANDERSSON". The background is a blurred image of other people in military uniforms.

DESPITE THE CLEAR LINKAGE BETWEEN GENDER AND SALW, THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE HAS NOT BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF STRATEGIES EMPLOYED TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES AND IMPACT OF ARMED VIOLENCE.

The Third Review Conference on the Programme of Action (RevCon3), will be held in New York, 18-29 June 2018. The event will bring together member states, international organization, non-governmental organizations and experts around the globe to review the progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects and its International Tracing Instrument. Hence, the event presents a timely opportunity to reaffirm that a future where societies are peaceful and inclusive for all cannot be possible if the gender perspective is invisible.

# ABOUT THE PANEL



UNDP SEESAC AND THE EUROPEAN UNION ARE ORGANIZING THE 'GENDER LENSES ON – HOW DOES IT CHANGE THE IMPACT OF FIREARMS CONTROL?' PANEL AT REVCON3.

The panel draws upon expertise from South East Europe, Africa and Latin America, from international organizations and civil society, to debate how mainstreaming gender at policy-making level can be implemented in practice. The panel aims to showcase present good practices and ongoing efforts to bring gender to the core of SALW policy-making and innovative tools that are developed for this purpose.

# SPEAKERS

## JOANNE ADAMSON

*Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to the UN*



Ambassador Adamson has been Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to the UN since September 2016. Prior to this position, Amb. Adamson was UK Ambassador to Mali and Niger (2014-2016). She joined the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1989, and has served in Cairo, Jerusalem, at the UK Mission to the UN in New York, Washington and Geneva. Amb. Adamson was Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament from 2011 to 2013, as well as UK's Chief Negotiator at the UN's Arms Trade Treaty diplomatic conferences in 2012 and 2013. Amb. Adamson has also worked for the UN at the HQ, as well as in Gaza, Kosovo\* and New York. Amb. Adamson is member of the "UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters".

\* References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

# SPEAKERS

## CLARE HUTCHINSON

*NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women,  
Peace and Security*



Ms. Hutchinson has been NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security (WPS) since January 2018. Ms. Hutchinson has a long-standing experience, including more than 10 years working as Gender Adviser with the UN. As gender adviser at the UN, Ms. Hutchinson has been involved in policy making, gender training and peacekeeping operations. Prior to peacekeeping, she worked in risk communications and marketing.

# SPEAKERS

## KATHERINE RONDEROS

*Director of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Colombia*



Katherine Ronderos is the director of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in Colombia (LIMPAL in Spanish), working with women victims of the armed conflict. Ms. Ronderos is also a consultant of UNWOMEN in Colombia and supports different national networks such as Coalition 1325 and the National Summit of Women and Peace, advocating for the inclusion of women's rights and the gender perspective into the peace process in Colombia.

Previously, Ms. Ronderos worked for the Association of Women's Rights in Development (AWID) as the coordinator of the Women's Human Rights Defenders Initiative and was a consultant of the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, Ms. Rashida Manjoo in collaborating for the report on gender-based killings of women. Katherine is the author and collaborator of various publications on women's rights, and the link between women and political violence, disarmament, and arms trade, particularly in Colombia.

# SPEAKERS

## ADÈLE KIRSTEN

*Director of Gun Free South Africa*



Ms. Kirsten is the Director of Gun Free South Africa (GFSA), and a well-known analyst in the area of small arms control. Ms. Kirsten has been a non-violent, social justice activist for over thirty years in South Africa. In the early 1990s, Ms. Kirsten assisted in establishing, through the National Peace Accord structures, a rapid response network of unarmed young people trained in conflict resolution and emergency services. In 1994, Ms. Kirsten co-founded GFSA and led it as Director of the organization in the period 1995-2002. Together with the Gun Control Alliance, GFSA played an important role in advocating for stricter gun laws in South Africa and was instrumental to the passing of the Firearms Control Act in November 2000.

Ms. Kirsten was appointed to several advisory boards, notably the UK Department for International Development (DFID) Armed Violence and Poverty Initiative as well as the OECD Advisory panel on armed violence reduction. Ms. Kirsten has published several papers on the issue of gun control including an evaluation of firearms amnesties in South Africa.

# SPEAKERS

## DRAGAN BOŽANIĆ

*Gender and Research Project Officer at UNDP SEESAC*



Mr. Dragan Božanić is the Gender and Research Project Officer at UNDP SEESAC where he is leading the gender and SALW portfolio. The focus of his current engagement is on increasing capacities of institutions in South East Europe to mainstream gender in SALW control through coaching, training and research. He is the author of SEESAC's Gender and SALW in South East Europe study and accompanying Practical Tool for Integrating the Gender Perspective in SALW Legislative and Policy Frameworks.

Prior to joining UNDP SEESAC in 2016, Mr. Božanić served as Gender Advisor to the Government of Vojvodina, Republic of Serbia. He co-managed the implementation of strategic frameworks for protection against domestic and supported institutions to effectively incorporate the gender perspective in their regular work. Mr. Božanić is a member of the UN Secretary-General's Network of Men Leaders since 2012.

# FACILITATOR

## RANDI DAVIS

*Director of UNDP Gender Team*

Ms. Davis is Director of UNDP's Gender Team. For the past twenty years, Ms. Davis has led policy work in the fields of democratic governance, gender equality, inclusive political participation, local governance, economic reform and community engagement, mainly in UNDP. She was part of the founding team that designed and launched the United Nations Democracy Fund, and she guided UNDP's global practice on parliamentary development. Ms. Davis was also responsible for bringing gender equality and women's empowerment into UNDP's electoral support.

Ms. Davis was the founder of iKNOW Politics, a global knowledge portal for women in politics. She spent nearly a decade working in Asia on issues of local development, housing and urban settlements and more recently she has been working on gender equality and democratic development in the Arab region. Ms. Davis has contributed to publications on Gender and Political Parties, Gender and Elections, Women in Parliament, and Local Urban Development.



## ABOUT US

UNDP SEESAC\* has been including the gender perspective in its disarmament efforts in South East Europe since 2002. Our intervention grew as our partners became more diverse and our approach more innovative - from enabling women to thrive in the armed forces or the police, to working on collecting sex-disaggregated data, conducting one-on-one sessions on gender equality with decision-makers, and enabling governments in the region to share their knowledge with partners around the world. Now, mainstreaming gender in the security sector reform is part of UNDP SEESAC's signature solution to arms control.

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