**SPEAKERS’ BIOGRAPHIES**

**Opening Session**

**Welcome Remarks**

**MIGUEL CASADO GÓMEZ** | Head of Health Sector, General Secretariat for International Cooperation for Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain  

Miguel Casado Gómez is the Head of the Health Sector at the General Secretariat for International Cooperation for Development Cooperation of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. In this capacity, he is involved in the board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, in the board of GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance and UNITAID. He is also in charge of the overall health strategy of the Spanish Development Cooperation. Casado Gómez holds a Bachelor in Medicine and Surgery and has previously worked in family and community health clinics and in drug addiction treatment centers. He contributed to the planning of the mental health care and HIV/AIDS strategy of the Spanish autonomous community of Extremadura and served as Managing Director of the Social Welfare Department of the Government of Extremadura.

**LUIS ENRIQUE SÁNCHEZ ACERO** | President, Federación de Planificación Familiar Estatal (FPFE)  

Luis Enrique Sánchez Acero is the President of the Spanish Family Planning Federation (FPFE) since 2012, but has been involved in the organization’s mission and work for more than two decades and joined the Federation in 1994, as a member. A doctor specialized in family planning, preventive and public health, Sánchez Acero currently works at a public health medical center in San Fernando de Henares, in Madrid, where he coordinates the family planning programme. He obtained his medical degree from Universidad Complutense in Madrid, in 1979.

**Keynote**

**KATE GILMORE** | Deputy Executive Director (Programme), UNFPA  

Kate Gilmore is Deputy Executive Director (Programme) for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and Assistant Secretary-General. She has longstanding strategic leadership experience, having worked on human rights issues in government and non-government organizations. From 1986-1996, she worked on violence against women, law reform and women’s health more broadly as a senior manager at the Royal Women’s Hospital in Melbourne Australia. From 1992-93, she was seconded to be CEO of Melbourne’s Broadmeadows Community Health Service, then Australia’s largest Community Health Service. In 1996, Gilmore joined Amnesty International Australia as National Director and in 2000 she was appointed Executive Deputy Secretary General of Amnesty International, based in London. Having joined UNFPA in April 2012, Gilmore – as one of two deputies to the Executive Director - carries overall responsibility for UNFPA programmes at country, regional and global levels.
Session 1 “From Cairo, Beijing and the MDGs to the post-2015 goals: context, enablers and challenges”

KATE GILMORE | Deputy Executive Director (Programme), UNFPA
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KRISTIN HETLE | Director, Strategic Partnerships, UN Women

As Director, Strategic Partnerships Division, Kristin Hetle directs and oversees UN Women’s partnerships with civil society, its corporate communications and resource mobilization. She is also responsible for outreach to the business community and other non-governmental partners. Before joining UN Women she served as Director of Communications for the Ministry of Labour in Norway. Between 2002 and 2008 she was Chief of Communications at UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, where she spearheaded several public awareness campaigns for women’s sexual and reproductive health. Prior to that, Hetle was CEO of Media Lion Inc., a company she co-founded, specializing in communication strategies and media training for public and corporate leaders. Hetle is a journalist by training, and anchored a variety of programs in Norwegian Public Radio for almost 20 years. She graduated in Human Geography and Romance languages at the University of Oslo, and in Journalism at the Oslo University College.

SUSAN NICOLAI | Head of Development Progress, Overseas Development Institute

Susan Nicolai is Head of Overseas Development Institute Development Progress, a project which aims to better understand what works in development and why. Drawing on expertise across the institute, this research features a series of case studies exploring how countries have advanced in areas such as health, education, environment, political voice, employment, material wellbeing, social cohesion and security. Further analysis takes this and other evidence to delve more deeply into questions around measurement, political economy and financing of development. Nicolai has previously worked with the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict, Save the Children, UNICEF and UNESCO. Her own policy work and research has focused on basic services – particularly education – as a foundation of development and in relation to peace and security in crisis affected countries.

SARA SEIMS | Senior Advisor, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

Sara Seims is a Senior Fellow of the Population and Reproductive Health program of the Packard Foundation. Two years of the Fellowship were based in London where she analyzed the development assistance policies and practices of the major European donors in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights. Dr. Seims is currently working with several European Governments and U.S. Foundations on the design of a new fund for advocacy for women’s rights in developing countries and aiming at increasing the impact of donor funds on the lives of the world’s poorest women. She is a member of the Gates Foundation’s Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group for family planning and a Fellow of the London School of Economics. She is a member of the UK development aid management team to evaluate how to reduce the negative health consequences of unsafe abortion. Previous positions held by Dr. Seims include Director of the Population Program of the Hewlett Foundation, President and CEO of the Guttmacher Institute, and Associate Director of the Reproductive Health program of the Packard Foundation.

Rachel Snow, demographer and reproductive biologist (B.A, D.Sc) is a tenured Associate Professor at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and Center for Population Studies. Prof. Snow was recently the Lead Author of the UN Global Review of ICPD Beyond 2014.
She was a founding editor of the African Journal of Reproductive Health, a co-author of the WHO curriculum Transforming Health Systems, a contributing author to the WHO Global Commission on the Social Determinants of Health, and has served on numerous expert committees and boards in global health. Prof. Snow received her doctorate in Population Sciences from the Harvard School of Public Health, where she was subsequently a MacArthur Fellow in Population and Development Studies. She has conducted research on both the demand and supply of sexual and reproductive health care across countries in Africa, Asia and the Americas.

**Session 2| “SRHR in the next two decades: priorities for the future and the need to think differently”**

**ZAINAB HAWA BANGURA| Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict**

Zainab Hawa Bangura assumed her position as Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict at the level of Under-Secretary-General in September 2012. In this capacity, she serves as Chair of the interagency network, UN Action Against Sexual Violence in Conflict (UN Action). She has over 20 years of policy, diplomatic and practical experience in the field of governance, conflict resolution and reconciliation in Africa, serving as Minister of Health and Sanitation for the Government of Sierra Leone, and was previously Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the second woman in Sierra Leone to occupy this position. Bangura has been instrumental in developing national programmes on affordable health, advocating for the elimination of genital mutilation, managing the country’s Peace Building Commission and contributing to the multilateral and bilateral relations with the international community. She has on-the-ground experience with peacekeeping operations from within the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL).

**MARGE BERER| Editor, Reproductive Health Matters**

Marge Berer is the Founding Editor of Reproductive Health Matters since 1993, an advisory group member and listserv coordinator of the International Campaign for Women’s Right to Safe Abortion. She was chair of the Steering Committee of the International Consortium for Medical Abortion (2002–2011) and also chaired Voice for Choice, a coalition of UK pro-choice organisations (2007–2009). She received the Olivia Schieffelin Nordberg Award for Excellence in Writing and Editing in the Population Sciences in May 2007. Berer was the first chairwoman of the Gender Advisory Panel, WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research 1996–2001, and on the International Women’s Advisory Panel, International Planned Parenthood Federation 1993–1998. She published a book in 1993 on women, HIV and SRHR, has published many articles and blogs, and been an advocate for abortion rights and SRHR internationally for almost 35 years. She regularly speaks in conferences and lectures on courses and also teaches writing for publication. Berer is dual UK-US national.

**STUART HALFORD| Senior Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Sexual Rights Initiative**

Stuart Halford works for the Sexual Rights Initiative (SRI) a coalition of six non-governmental organisations from Canada, Poland, India, Egypt, Argentina and South Africa working together to advance human rights related to sexuality at the UN. His focus is on advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights throughout the UN system including the Universal Periodic Review mechanism, the treaty-monitoring bodies, the Special Procedures and the UN Human Rights Council. Along with other SRI partners, he works to ensure SRHR related resolutions are as progressive as possible and in doing so, he works very closely with a wide range of Member States from all regions, with CSOs and key UN agencies including OHCHR, UNFPA, WHO and UNAIDS. Halford started working in Geneva in 2012 for the SRI and the Center for Reproductive Rights. Prior to that, he worked for IPPF, where he focused on
advancing SRHR and steered much of IPPF’s engagement with the UN system, including through the UN Commissions on Population and Development, and the UN Commission on the Status of Women. He worked as a Consultant for Christian Aid and Plan International amongst many others. Stuart has a Master’s Degree in the Politics of Latina and Central America and a BA in Development Studies.

MICHAEL HOLSCHER | Senior Vice President and Director of International Programmes, Marie Stopes International

Michael Holscher is an international development professional with more than 20 years of leadership experience in international health and development. He has extensive experience - including more than 15 years resident experience in Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America - providing programmatic and technical leadership to multi-country public health programmes. During his time at Marie Stopes International, Holscher has served as Senior Vice President leading the organisation’s Strategy & External Relations team as well as SVP and Director, International Programmes. He has recently been appointed Deputy CEO and Senior Vice President of Strategy & Development as the organisation prepares for its next five year strategy post-2015. He has expertise in behaviour change communications and social marketing for health; family planning and HIV/AIDS-related service delivery; strategy; programme design and evaluation; and business development. Holscher previously worked as a Country Director and Regional Executive director for Population Services International (PSI). He has worked closely with a wide range of leading bilateral and multilateral agencies, including DFID, the Netherlands Government, KfW, USAID and numerous private foundations. He has worked as a special advisor to both UNFPA and UNAIDS.

KAREN NEWMAN | Coordinator, Population and Sustainability Network

Karen Newman is an international advocacy, policy and development professional with more than 25 years’ experience managing sexual and reproductive health and human rights projects and programmes across the globe. Currently Co-ordinator of the UK-based Population and Sustainability Network, she has published widely on the connection between sexual and reproductive health and rights and human rights. A past Chair of the WHO Gender and Rights Advisory Panel, and current member of the FP2020 Rights and Empowerment Working Group, Newman has also addressed parliamentary hearings on the subject of population dynamics and sustainable development, and has won pro-choice debates at Oxford, Cambridge and London universities. Her technical skills combine SRHR, HIV/AIDS, gender, human rights and sustainable development, including expertise in the emerging discourse on the links between population dynamics and climate change. A UK national, she holds a degree in English literature.

Session 3 | “Post-2015: new diplomacy, priorities and compromises”

MARÍA JOSÉ ALCALÁ | Director, High Level Task Force for ICPD

María José Alcalá is Director of the Secretariat for the High-Level Task Force for ICPD. With over 20 years of experience in international development both at the UN and with NGOs, her work has focused on poverty and development, human rights, gender equality/women’s empowerment, SRHR, gender-based violence, HIV/AIDS, and adolescent and youth issues. Prior to the Task Force, she served as Chief and Senior Advisor of the Ending Violence Against Women Section at UN Women, and in various capacities at the UNFPA, including as Senior Technical Advisor on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment at the Technical Support Division. She was principal author, researcher and media spokesperson for two UNFPA State of the World Population Reports (2005-2006) - on reproductive health, gender and the Millennium Development Goals and on international migration and women. While working with NGOs in the 1990s, she played a key role in mobilizing a global advocacy coalition and developing negotiation language that influenced the final agreements at ICPD in Cairo and the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing. Born in Argentina and a national of Spain, Alcalá holds a Master’s Degree in International Affairs (International Political Economy) from Columbia University and speaks Spanish, English and French.
MARÍA ANTONIETA ALCALDE | Director, Advocacy, International Planned Parenthood Federation Western Hemisphere Region

María Antonieta Alcalde is the Director of Advocacy of the International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR) and Director of the IPPF UN Liaison Office. IPPF/WHR is a leader in the international movement to ensure access to sexual and reproductive health care as a human right for all. She leads the development of advocacy strategies at the regional and international levels and supports the work of IPPF/WHR’s Member Associations in Latin America and the Caribbean. As Director of the IPPF UN Liaison Office she is responsible for the coordination of IPPF advocacy efforts at the UN NY Headquarters. She co-founded several organizations, including the Latin American Youth Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and the Youth Coalition. Previous to joining IPPF/WHR, Alcalde was the General Coordinator of Balance, Promotion for Development and Youth in Mexico City, where she designed and implemented workshops on gender, sexual and reproductive rights, advocacy, and youth leadership. She is a member of the High Level Task Force for ICPD and has served in the Boards of Directors of the Center for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA), Fundación Mexicana para el planeamiento de la Familia (Mefam), the Youth Coalition Steering Committee and as the North-America NGO representative of the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board (UNAIDS PCB). Alcalde has participated in several international conferences related to SRHR, including the five-ten-fifteen and twenty year reviews of the Cairo and Beijing Conferences, among others. She holds a degree in Accounting from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

ZANE DANGOR | Special Adviser, Minister of Social Development, South Africa

Zane Dangor is Special Advisor to the Hon. Minister of Social Development of South Africa, Ms. Bo Dlamini. Prior to this assignment he managed the Development Resources Centre and in this function he gave input to the South African Human Development Report and the co-development of the UN Common Country Assessment for South Africa. He has worked through the Development Resource Centre over the past 20 years and in 2005 he was appointed to the Board of CBPD. He worked as consultant with governments and CSOs in South Africa, the SADC Region and East Africa on key issues of Human and Social Development, especially in advancing Gender Equality. Since 1993, he has been part of the Statistics and Department of Social Development team, that engaged in public dialogues with Civil Society organisations on South Africa report on the MDGs. He has been involved in facilitating dialogues towards peace and development, and in 1996 he played a role in efforts to build a closer working relationship between Palestinian NGOs and the Palestinian authority. Dangor also worked to build alliances between NGOs advocating for democracy in Abacha’s Nigeria and helped found the South African National NGO Coalition and established a learning network between South African and Philippines NGOs. He holds a Masters in Public and Development Management from the University of the Witwatersrand. A South African national, he speaks English and Afrikaans.

STEPHEN OWUSU KWANKYE | Professor, Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana, Ghana

Stephen Owusu Kwanky is an Associate Professor at the Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS) at the University of Ghana, Accra. He is also a member of the Inter-Faculty Working Group of the Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) also at the University of Ghana. Between April 2011 and April 2014, he served as Executive Director (on secondment) to the National Population Council (NPC) Secretariat and in that capacity he had the opportunity to lead Ghana’s delegation to the United Nations sessions on the Commission on Population and Development. He worked with the CMS to produce a National Migration Policy for Ghana, which is awaiting adoption by the Government. His areas of research and publications include migration (particularly child migration), adolescent/youth reproductive health, population and development interrelationships, fertility and demographic data collection. He is a demographer by training and holds PhD degree in Population Studies. A Ghanaian national, Kwanky speaks English, Twi and basic French.
Session 4 | “Post-2015: what can Europe bring to the table?”

BÉNÉDICTE FRANKINET | Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations

Bénédicte Frankinet is the Belgian Ambassador to the United Nations since March 2013. She will chair the 49th Session of the Commission on Population and Development in 2015. Before joining the Permanent Mission of Belgium to the UN, she was Ambassador of Belgium to Israel (2008-2012) and to Zimbabwe, also accredited in Mozambique, Malawi and Zambia (1993-2003). Between 2003 and 2008, she was Director of the United Nations at the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Amb. Frankinet served as First Secretary to the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the United Nations (1983-1988) and to the European Communities in Brussels (1988-1992). She holds a Degree in Political Science, Social Science and Journalism from the Université Libre de Bruxelles. A Belgian national, she speaks French, Dutch, English, and Portuguese.

HEIDI HAUTALA | Member, European Parliament

Heidi Hautala is well-known in Europe as an efficient, versatile and expert player in Green politics. Her particular specialist areas are human rights, transparency, global justice and environmentally responsible legislation. In Finland, she was a founding member of the Green party. She has proven her ability in the Finnish government, working as the minister of development (2011-2013), and in the European Parliament as the chair of the Committee on Human Rights (2009-2011). Heidi has been elected to the European Parliament for a third time in the 2014-2019 term and is the co-chair of the European Parliamentary Working Group on Reproductive Health HIV/AIDS and Development. She holds a Master of Sciences degree in Agriculture and Forestry from the University of Helsinki. Hautala is fluent in English, French and Swedish, with a working proficiency in German and studying Russian.

STEFAN HENNIS | Board Member, CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality

Stefan Hennis is general Board Member of CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality where he volunteers as a youth advocate. He works to ensure CHOICE has the capacity, knowledge and strategies to make a proper impact with advocacy for young people’s SRHR. Hennis attended several sessions of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), helped organizing the Bali Global Youth Forum, and organized an advocacy training for CHOICE Ethiopian partner organization. In April 2014, he was an official member of the Dutch delegation to the 47th CPD Session and had the honor to address Members of State through the national statement. Hennis is attending a Master of Arts in Philosophy at the University of Amsterdam and is currently writing a thesis on ‘moral perfectionism’. A Dutch national, he is fluent in English.

HILDE KROES | Policy Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

Hilde Kroes is Policy Officer sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Before joining the Ministry, she worked as Advocacy Officer for the Dutch NGO Rutgers WPF, for which she worked together with partners in Asia, Africa and the Arab world in bringing their voices to international decision making processes on SRHR. Kroes has been attending the sessions of the Commission on Population and Development since 2009 and she has been engaged in the ICPD Global Review process, sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, Human Rights Council sessions, the post-2015 discussions and the work of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. She has an MPhil in African Studies for which she did a multi-discursive research in Northern Uganda on humanitarian assistance provided to internally displaced persons. Kroes speaks Dutch and English, and a few words of German, French, Kiswahili and Luo.
METTE KIRSTINE SCHMIDT | International Advocacy Officer, DFPA

Mette Kirstine Schmidt is the International Advocacy Officer in the international department of the Danish Family Planning Association (DFPA). In this function, she is primarily working with partners from the global south to get the ICPD agenda properly reflected in global development frameworks as well as raising awareness amongst Danish decision makers on sexual and reproductive health and rights. Over the past, Schmidt joined the Danish Mission to the UN in New York to provide technical advise and assist with negotiations in the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Population and Development. Prior to joining the DFPA, she worked as policy advisor for the Danish Youth Council, working amongst other things on getting young people better informed about the role of the EU in Denmark and in the world. Schmidt has a Master’s Degree in political science from the University of Copenhagen and as a true European she has studied multiple times in France, done language courses in Germany and worked in Bosnia. She speaks Danish, English, French and German.

GUILLAUME DELALANDE | Policy Analyst, Development Architecture and Global Governance, OECD

Guillaume Delalande is a Policy Analyst at the OECD. He started his career by participating in the creation of French NGO called Sports Without borders. He then worked with the U.N. in Egypt and in Ecuador as a freelance consultant. He was in Cameroon as Head of the Coordination Unit of UNDP before he was based in Dakar for a US-Based NGO called Development Gateway. From Senegal he was covering West Africa to support the implementation of Aid Information Management Systems, particularly in Burkina Faso, Niger and DRC. He joined the OECD in 2013 as a Policy analyst where he is currently in charge of Transparency issues and the engagement work of the development finance unit at the Development Cooperation Directorate.

SEBASTIAN HACH | Manager, KfW Development Bank

Sebastian Hach is a Manager at KfW Development Bank and the personal advisor to the German Member of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing. Previously, he managed business development projects in the area of green growth and climate finance and advised the German and UK government in the design and successful set-up of a €120m financing facility for climate change mitigation projects. Before joining KfW Development Bank in 2011, Hach worked at KfW’s structured finance department in Frankfurt and New York. He has published on venture capital and M&A in the renewable energy sector and is a regular speaker on sustainable development and climate finance. He has studied business administration and international political economy in Frankfurt, Melbourne and Cape Town and holds a Master degree in Finance.

ROSA G. LIZARDE | Global Director, Feminist Task Force

Rosa G. Lizarde is the Global Director of the Feminist Task Force (FTF), a coalition of women’s rights organizations and gender advocates calling for gender equality as central to poverty eradication and economic justice launched under the auspices of the Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) in 2005. Under her leadership, the FTF has conducted over twenty women’s tribunals highlighted the interlinkages among gender, poverty and climate justice. She is a founding member of the Women’s Working Group on Financing for Development and served on the NGO organizing committees for the Monterrey (2002) and Doha Conferences on FfD (2008). Lizarde serves as the civil society Co-Chair of the Policy and Strategy Group of the
World We Want 2015 global platform, where she calls for bridging the gender digital divide and an inclusive data revolution. Most recently, she served as Co-Chair of the Post 2015 UN NGO Working Group and co-moderated e-discussions on gender inequality. Lizarde is a founding member of the Women’s Coalition on Post 2015 and a member of the Women’s Major Group. As a member of the Post 2015 Addressing Inequalities Consultation convened by UNICEF and UN Women, she has highlighted the increasing feminization of poverty and growing gender-based violence. She is a Latina of Mexican descent based in New York and a graduate of Columbia University’s School for International and Public Affairs.

MATHIEU VERVYNCKT | Policy & Research Analyst, Eurodad – European Network on Debt and Development

Mathieu Vervynckt joined Eurodad, the European Network of Debt and Development, in 2013 as a Research, Events and Communications Assistant. He currently works as a Policy and Research Analyst on private finance and development finance institutions. He also assists with the communication and organisation of events. Before joining Eurodad, Vervynckt worked as a reporter in Ghana for state-owned newspaper Daily Graphic and the independent National Trust Newspaper and later as a researcher on electronic waste dumping in Ghana’s capital, Accra. He also carried out an internship for the United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe (UNRIC). He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Journalism from the Artevelde University College in Ghent, a Master’s Degree in International Politics and a Master’s Degree in Conflict and Development, both from the University of Ghent. A Belgian national, Vervynckt speaks Dutch, as well as English and has a working knowledge of French and German.

HILKKA VUORENMAA | Special Advisor for Development Policy, Väestöliitto

Hilkka Vuorenmaa works as a Special Advisor for Development Policy in Väestöliitto – Family Federation of Finland. She is in charge of political advocacy work to promote global sexual and reproductive health and rights.

In her position she works closely together with Members of national and European Parliamentarians, civil servants and national, European and global CSO networks. She has a long career in Väestöliitto, which is a nationwide and well-known NGO in Finland working for the welfare of individuals and families. One of its main fields of work is sexual and reproductive health and rights. Vuorenmaa has a Bachelors degree on Public Administration from Helsinki Polytechnic of Business and has done Development Studies in the University, Helsinki. In addition to Finnish she is fluent in English.

JOHN WORLEY | Director, AmplifyChange Fund

John Worley is Fund Director for AmplifyChange. He has over 25 years’ experience in global health and development with a focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights policy and advocacy. John has set up, managed and advised on several funding schemes and programmes to support civil society advocacy, research and innovation. For several years Worley led UK DFID’s policy work on sexual and reproductive health and rights before assuming responsibility for policy work on global health and health systems. He successfully represented and negotiated on behalf of the UK Government in numerous conferences and processes dealing with policy on sexual and reproductive health and rights. He has held senior policy positions with the International Planned Parenthood Federation and most recently with Marie Stopes International. He joined MannionDaniels in July 2014.
**Session 6 | “The role of civil society in a post-2015 world”**

**YVONNE BOGAARTS | Co-Chair of the Platform of Platforms, EuroNGOs**

Yvonne Bogaarts is the Advocacy Manager of Rutgers WPF (Netherlands), since 2003 and was re-elected for a second mandate at EuroNGOs Steering Committee in 2013. She is strongly engaged in the ICPD@20 and post-2015 processes and is representing the EuroNGOs in the “Civil Society Platform to promote SRHR beyond 2015” initiative. Yvonne is also a board member of Share-Net, the Dutch network on SRHR and HIV/AIDS. She is one of the founders of the Universal Access to Female Condoms (UAFC) Joint Programme and she supported setting up two SRHR youth organizations, CHOICE and YouAct. She joined the WPF Advocacy Department in 1997. Prior to that, Bogaarts worked in development cooperation in Indonesia and India, taught at the University of Leiden, and was free-lance consultant on SRHR. She has a degree in non-western sociology and is a Dutch national, speaking Dutch and English.

**GORAN BULDIOSKI | Director, Think Tank Fund, Open Society Foundations**

Goran Buldioski is the Director of the Open Society Think Tank Fund. He has experienced and contributed to the democratic transition of Central and Eastern Europe. His expertise encompasses strategic planning and capacity building for NGOs and policy research centers, organization and project management in the nonprofit sector, and development of democratic and participatory policy change in Central and Eastern Europe. Buldioski holds graduate degrees in public policy from the Central European University and in organizational behavior from the George Washington University. Before joining OSI, he worked for the Council of Europe, the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation and the National Youth Council of Macedonia. His articles and research papers on think tanks and democratic transition were published in the European Voice, Sharp! Magazine, the Turkish Policy Quarterly, LSE UNDP Development and Transition Newsletter, the International Journal for Not-for-Profit Law, and the Western Balkans Security Observer.

**TANYA COOPER | Researcher, Russia, Human Rights Watch**

Tanya Cooper is Russia researcher with the Europe and Central Asia division at Human Rights Watch. She works on issues related to freedom of assembly, association, and expression, LGBT rights and discrimination. Cooper previously worked for Human Rights Watch’s office in Moscow. Before joining Human Rights Watch, she worked as a casework coordinator for Amnesty International USA, as a human rights monitor with an OHCHR mission in the aftermath of the interethnic violence in southern Kyrgyzstan, and as Central Asia analyst for the International Crisis Group. Cooper is a graduate of the Institute d’Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), American University and Northern Kazakhstan State University. She speaks Russian and French.

**DANIELA DRAGHICI | EuroNGOs Steering Committee Member (SECS)**

Daniela Draghici is a Board member of Societatea de Educatie Contraceptiva si Sexuala (Romania) and was elected member of EuroNGOs Steering Committee in 2012. Daniela has been active for the past 15 years in forging coalitions and partnerships, advocating with policymakers and training key civil society leaders on SRHR advocacy, particularly through the ASTRA and EEARC networks. Likewise, she conducts media advocacy training for young CEE lawyers as part of the Women’s Human Rights Training Institute (WHRTI). Draghici is also a board member for the Central and Eastern European Women’s Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (ASTRA), the Eastern European Alliance for Reproductive Choice (EEARC), the Women’s Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) and she is coordinator of the International Campaign for Women’s Right to Safe Abortion. She earned her advocacy training certificate from the US Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA)
and has a degree in simultaneous interpretation/consecutive translation from the University of Bucharest. A Romanian national, Daniela speaks Romanian, English and French.

JEFFERY HUFFINES | UN Representative, CIVICUS

Jeffery Huffines joined CIVICUS in April 2009 to serve as Main Representative at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Based in Johannesburg, South Africa, CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation, is an international alliance working with organizations and individuals in some 140 countries to strengthen citizen action and civil society throughout the world. He was the Chair of the 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference (27-29 August 2014). Huffines also serves on Beyond 2015 UN Working Group in New York and represents CIVICUS on the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) Working Group on Post-MDGs. He was elected Chair of the NGO/DPI Executive Committee (2007-2011) and previously served as Co-Chair of the Faith and Ethics Network for the International Criminal Court (FENICC); senior advisor to the American NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court (AMICC); Chair of the UN Association/USA’s New York Council of Organizations; President of the Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations; co-founder of the Tripartite Forum on International Cooperation for Peace; convener of the NY NGO Network on the 2005 Millennium Summit; and council member of the US Conference of Religions for Peace. Huffines had previously served as Main UN Representative for the U.S. Baha’i Community and has taught as an adjunct professor at the Center for Global Affairs, New York University.

Conference Co-Chairs:

YVONNE BOGAARTS | Vice-Chair, EuroNGOs (Rutgers WPF)
(See biography on page 9).

SERGE RABIER | Chair, EuroNGOs (Equilibres & Populations)

Serge Rabier is the Executive Director of Equilibres & Populations since 2001, and was elected Chair of the EuroNGOs network in October 2012. As Executive Director, he is in charge of strategic planning, fundraising and institutional relations with French decision making bodies, donor agencies and international foundations, UN agencies and EU institutions. Rabier is currently Associate Lecturer at the Sorbonne University Paris Descartes. Prior to joining Equilibres & Populations, he served as Director of a consultancy firm specialized in education engineering and has developed strategies to implement institutional agreements with Higher Education Ministries of Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. He has a Master’s Degree in Literature from the Sorbonne University-Paris IV and a Master’s Degree in Political and Social Sciences from the Institute of Political Sciences of Paris. A French national, he speaks French, English and Indonesian.

JULIA SCHALK | Steering Committee Member, EuroNGOs (RFSU)

Julia Schalk is Senior Adviser at RFSU, the Swedish IPPF MA and was elected member of the EuroNGOs Steering Committee in 2013. She is promoting sexual and reproductive rights in the context of Swedish and EU development cooperation and UN negotiations. Her main responsibility is the analysis of financial aid flows and strategies for accountability. Julia has previously worked at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, focusing on sexual and reproductive rights as well as broader population issues in a global context. At present, Schalk is also member of a Swedish governmental committee for analysis of Swedish Development aid. A Swedish National, she holds a Master degree in Political Science and speaks Swedish and English.