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Panel Discussion

Violence against Women: Best Laws and Policies Learning from the winners of the 2014 Future Policy Award

Successful strategies since the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action, remaining challenges and the way forward

Tuesday, 25th November 2014

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, UN Secretariat

Opening remarks: Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director, UN-Women (**5-7 min**). The ED of UN-Women will deliver the opening remarks and welcome panelists and audience. She will then introduce the panel moderator of the event, Ms. Alexandra Wandel, Director, World Future Council.

The panel moderator will briefly introduce the Award and will address questions to the panelists:

Vision Award: Council of Europe – Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention), 2011.

Ms. Marja Ruotanen, Director of Human Dignity and Equality, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe (**3 answers to 3 questions, 3 minutes each**)

- What makes the Convention a unique global instrument in addressing VAW?
- What are the next steps/measures necessary to be taken in order to guarantee the effective implementation of the Convention?
- What will be the role and the functions of the Convention's monitoring mechanism?

Gold Award: Duluth, Minnesota (USA) – Coordinated Community Response (The "Duluth Model"), 1981.

Rep. Michael Paymar, House of Representatives, Minnesota and Ms. Melissa Scaia, Executive Director, Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs (DAIP), Duluth (**3 answers to 3 questions in total for both panelists, 3 minutes each**)

- What are the main elements of the Coordinated Community Response or the so-called Duluth Model that made it such a successful model in effectively implementing intimate partner violence legislation?
- What were some of the main challenges encountered and how they were overcome? Are there remaining challenges today? What are the further steps needed and currently envisaged by the government and your organization?

- Do you think the model could be replicable and applicable to other countries and national contexts?

Silver Award: Austria – Court Assistance for Victims of Violence in the Criminal Procedure and the Civil Procedure, 2006.

H.E. Mr. Andreas Riecken, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations (**3 answers to 3 questions, by 3 minutes each**)

- What are the key objectives of Austria’s provisions on psychosocial and legal court assistance for victims of violence during judicial procedures in the Criminal Procedure Act and the Civil Procedure Act?
- What strategies, in general, were put in place to ensure its effective implementation?
- What were the main challenges and how they were overcome? Are there remaining challenges today? What are the further steps needed and currently envisaged by the government?

Silver Award: Showing a short clip on Burkina Faso’s law on female genital mutilation, available at: [Silver Future Policy Award Winner 2014: Burkina Faso](#) (2 minutes)

The panel moderator will open the floor for questions. The State Secretary of Swedish MFA (Deputy Minister) will be the first one to take the floor and make a short intervention. There will be an interactive discussion with the audience (**50 minutes**).

Concluding remarks: In the end of the discussion, Ms. Margaret Mensah-Williams, President, Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will deliver the concluding remarks (**5-7 minutes**).