

## Sexual Health and Rights under Pressure: Resistance and Challenges



### SPEAKERS

**Neil Datta**, *European Parliamentary Forum for sexual and reproductive rights (EPF)*



Neil Datta has been at the helm of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights since 2004. He founded the organisation with a select group of parliamentarians and with the support of IPPF in 2000, and has been responsible for its growth to its current membership of over 30 all-party parliamentary groups on population and development issues. Neil Datta has over fifteen years' experience in the field of political involvement in population and development. Throughout this period he has conducted in-depth research on anti-choice activity in Europe, publishing a report in 2018 that continues to receive worldwide media attention. He holds a Master's Degree in European Public Administration from the College of Europe in Bruges and a Bachelor of Arts in History and Languages from the State University of New York at Binghamton. Neil Datta holds five nationalities and is bilingual in English and French.

**Cyrielle Huguenot**, *Amnesty International Section Suisse*



After a master in social work and social policy, Cyrielle Huguenot developed an expertise in gender issues, working with Interteam against domestic violence in Bolivia, as a project manager in employment and training at the Gender Equality Office of Canton de Vaud and finally as a campaigner on women's rights at Amnesty International, working mainly on gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive rights. Since 2019, she is in charge of the national campaign « Only Yes means Yes » against sexual violence and for the revision of the Swiss criminal law related to sexual offences.

**Hafid Derbal**, *terre des hommes Schweiz*

Hafid Derbal (he/him) is the Desk Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and program coordinator for Zimbabwe and South Africa at terre des hommes schweiz (tdhs) in Basel, Switzerland. He joined the team of terre des hommes schweiz in 2015 after having coordinated the youth programs of the European Union in Switzerland. He holds a degree in global studies with specialization in international development studies.

**Talent Jumo**, *Katswe Sistahood*

Katswe Sistahood is coordinating a network of youth-focused SRHR organisations within the programme of terre des hommes schweiz, taking a collaborative approach in driving evidence-based advocacy towards improved SRHR outcomes and the prevention of gender-based violence. We work with young people to mobilise and organize at the grassroots level through dialogue, arts, and theatre as entry points for community engagement. Their local level work enables them to collect stories and data that is used to facilitate national dialogue on emerging SRHR issues including advocacy targeted at policy reform through Parliamentary engagement. Critical issues of concern include sexual offenses against young people. The presentation will focus on how youth mobilised to challenge impunity and deliver stricter legal frameworks and a GBV survivor centred justice system.

**Susanne Rohner**, *Sexuelle Gesundheit Schweiz*

Susanne Rohner is head of advocacy of SEXUAL HEALTH SWITZERLAND, the national umbrella organisation of the Swiss centres for sexual health and accredited member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

With the advocacy team, She provides the secretariat for the parliamentary group for sexual health and rights and is responsible for contacts to national platforms, CSO's and international partners such as IPPF, UNFPA and the European Parliamentary Forum for sexual and reproductive rights (EPF). She also collaborates with IPPF in the context of the European advocacy project Countdown 2030 Europe. Susanne Rohner is member of the board of the NGO-coordination post Beijing Switzerland and of the core group of the Platform Agenda 2030.

Susanne has studied history and political sciences at the university of Berne. She has worked as a journalist and as a campaigner for gender-quotas in politics for the Swiss referendum in 2000. She has a CAS on "gender justice and globalisation".

**Dr Serena Dankwa, IAMANEH Schweiz**

Serena O. Dankwa, moderator of the panel, is the co-leader of the unit Gender, Equity and Transformation with IAMANEH Switzerland in Basel and a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Social Anthropology at the University of Basel. She is the author of *Knowing Women: Same-Sex Intimacy, Gender and Identity in Postcolonial Ghana* (2021) and she co-edited the anthologies *Racial Profiling* (2019) and *Bildung. Macht. Diversität* (2021) – both books bridge academic and activist research. Prior to these activities, she worked as a classical musician and a cultural journalist and presenter for BBC Radio 3 in London and for Swiss Radio and Television SRF.

**Codou Bop, Sociologist, Senegal**

Codou Bop is a Senegalese researcher working on gender equality and women's human rights. A member of the African Feminist Forum, she also is actively engaged in women's movements in Senegal and Africa. She has been involved in research and advocacy activities related to gender equality, leadership, religious fundamentalism, new trends in African Women's migration, on social protection and on women's cross-border economic activities, but her main thematic focus is on sexual and reproductive health and rights. She has published books and articles on most of these themes.

Codou Bop served as the Regional Coordinator for Africa and Middle East for the Solidarity Network of Women Living under Muslim Laws (WLUML). Codou Bop is also a trainer in transformative leadership for women living in rural areas and a committed mentor for young Senegalese women.

**Aminata Dieng, Senegal**

Amina Dieng is the president of the women's committee of the Dakar football league. Growing up in Dakar, she used to fight for the right to play football and join the national team. Today, as a sports journalist in her twenties she organizes and advocates against the heterosexist and misogynist violence experienced by youthful women footballers.

**Fatou Diatta (Sista Fa), Senegal**

Fatou M. Diatta aka Sister Fa is a well-known Senegalese rapper and fierce activist against female genital cutting (FGC). As the director of EUSOBOL she works primarily with female elders and youth in the rural Casamance region and has found innovative ways of connecting anti-FGC activism with enhancing young people's access to sexual rights and health services.

**Loes Oudenhuijsen African Studies, University of Leiden**

Loes Oudenhuijsen is a PhD candidate at the African Studies Centre at Leiden University, in the Netherlands. Her doctoral research in Senegal focuses on how queer women, sex workers, and feminist activists navigate and negotiate gender- and sexual norms. She is also an editorial board member of LOVA, the Dutch association for feminist anthropology and gender studies. In addition, she is a member of its working group Safety in the Field, which seeks to explore and discuss how ethnographic fieldwork can be taught and practiced in safer, inclusive and ethical ways.

**Nelly Staderini, Médecins sans Frontières Suisse**

Nelly Staderini is a French Midwife with Public Health diploma in community approaches. She has extensive field experience in various Humanitarian contexts including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Chad and Burundi. For more than 12 years, she has been working in the Medical Department of MSF Headquarters in Geneva as the Sexual, Reproductive Health and Sexual Violence Advisor. Since 2019 she is the Medical leader of the Women and Children's Health Unit. She has worked in recent years on abortion, its better integration as essential health care, the simplification of its model of care and the women's autonomy. She is the author of various publications including a photo book on Afghan women. Her actual areas of interest are related to Prevention from Mother to Child transmission of HIV and Hepatitis B, quality of care for STI, and emerging medical needs for LGBTQI+ including Trans population in Humanitarian settings.



**Diana Manilla Arroyo**, *International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)*



Diana Manilla Arroyo is a public health practitioner currently working at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva, Switzerland. As part of the Emergency Health team, she provides technical support to National Societies responding to public health crises globally. Prior to that, she coordinated humanitarian health interventions in a number of conflict zones and unstable settings in Haiti, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, and Yemen, among others, with Médecins Sans Frontières. She has gained significant experience and has a particular interest in interventions offering medical care to sexual and gender-based violence survivors and sexual and reproductive health services in humanitarian settings. She holds a bachelor's degree in International Development from the University of Liverpool and a Master's degree in Global Health from University College London.

**Estelle Wagner**, *International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF Geneva)*



Estelle Wagner is the International Advocacy Officer at International Planned Parenthood Federation, Geneva Liaison Office where she develops and implements advocacy strategies to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights at the United Nations human rights mechanisms. She has extensive experience in human rights, coordinating civil society at the international and regional levels, and advising on advocacy strategies to advance human rights at the national level through UN engagement. She holds a Juris Doctor from Fordham Law School, where she focused on international human rights, and received her B.A. in Liberal Arts from Sarah Lawrence College in New York.

**Lara Sponagel**, *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)*



Lara Sponagel is currently working as an Academic Trainee in the thematic sections Health and Food Systems at the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) of the Federal Office of Foreign Affairs. She holds a master's degree in Global Health from the University of Geneva (MSc Global Health) including a specialization semester at the School of Public Health of Boston University (USA). During her master's she specialized on Infectious Diseases (special focus HIV/AIDS), Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention and Response, Food Safety and Food Security as well as Health Communications. Prior to her academic traineeship at the SDC she worked as an External Relations Intern for UNHCR Switzerland and Liechtenstein. She also holds experience in academic research and worked and volunteered for different NGO's and organizations.

**Dr Leah F. Bohle, Swiss TPH, Host**

Dr Leah F. Bohle is currently employed as a Technical Expert in Sexual and Reproductive Health at the Digital Health Unit at Swiss TPH. With a professional background in Medicine and Social Anthropology she manages and coordinates projects, conducts programme evaluations and implementation research and serves as a lecturer and supervisor. She is passionate about maternal health and midwifery and interested in engaging in innovative digital solutions in the area of FemTech and EdTech. She serves as Swiss TPH focal point for SRHR at MMS and is member of the Parliamentarian Group for Sexual Health and Rights in Switzerland. Leah Bohle has over 10 years of work experience engaging with a variety of clients including UN agencies, government entities and INGOs, and has worked in over 25 countries globally. She was appointed to serve as a consultant for the WHO Antenatal Care Research Roster and was recently involved in the launch of a digital maternal health start-up in Kenya. She loves to exchange ideas with people working towards the same goals.

**Carine Weiss, Medicus Mundi Switzerland, Host**

Carine Weiss has been project leader at Medicus Mundi Switzerland since September 2014. She holds a master's degree in clinical psychology and a master's in international health from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute where she worked for over seven years. She has worked in the field for three years, spending six months in Cambodia, six months in Haiti and two years in Myanmar (2010 – 2013). At Medicus Mundi Switzerland she is responsible for the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights topics.

**Andréa Rajman, Medicus Mundi Switzerland, Host**

Andréa Rajman is the regional coordinator for Suisse Romande at Medicus Mundi Switzerland in the Geneva office since September 2016. She holds a master's degree in Arts (Sociology and Anthropology) from the New Mexico State university.

**Martin Leschhorn Strebel, Medicus Mundi Switzerland, Host**

Martin Leschhorn Strebel is a historian and has been working for non-governmental organisations since 2000. He has been working for Medicus Mundi Switzerland since 2008 - as its Executive Director since 2014. He has expertise in various topics of global health and international cooperation and has a formation as facilitator. He is a member of the Commission for Development Cooperation of the Canton of Basel-Stadt. He is president or Medicus Mundi International and sits on the board of Transform Health Association and the civil society platform Agenda 2030.