

K4P Online Symposium Schedule & Speaking Order of Panels

Date	Overview
<p>Monday, September 28, 2020, 9 – 11 am (EST)</p>	<p>Opening Remarks, Keynote Address & Fireside Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Shelly Whitman, Executive Director, Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security • Steve Killelea, Founder of the Institute for Economics and Peace • Honourable Harjit Singh Sajjan, Canada’s Minister of National Defence • Virginia Gamba, United Nations Special Representative to the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict • LGen (ret’d) Roméo Dallaire, Founder of the Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security • Masai Ujiri, Founder of Giants of Africa and President of the Toronto Raptors • Myrah Oloo, Youth Leader and Giants of Africa Alumni
<p>Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 9 – 11 am (EST)</p>	<p>Children, Peace & Security: Understanding Children's Roles within the Global Peace and Security Agenda</p> <p>Building the global agenda on children, peace and security requires a deeper understanding of the fragile contexts that threaten the protection of children, contributes to their increased vulnerabilities to extreme violence, and perpetuates cycles of inequality and violence that can continue for generations. In order to prevent the recruitment and use of children in violence - be it for trafficking, sexual violence, criminal networks, radicalization, or armed forces, groups or gangs - we have to recognize the interconnected links between these violations and global trends that may drive the increased use and exploitation of children. In the context of the Dallaire Institute's new Children, Peace and Security (CPS) agenda, this session will demonstrate why children are core to international peace and security, both recognizing and emphasizing their agency in positively affecting change.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Shelly Whitman, Executive Director, Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Benyam Dawit Mezmur, African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), African Union • Aubrey Marie Seader, Theatre Artist & Arts for Peace-building Scholar • Dr. Myriam Denov, Full Professor, Centre for Research on Children and Families, McGill University & Canada Research Chair in Youth, Gender and Armed Conflict (Tier 1) • Cornelius Williams, Associate Director & Global Chief of Child Protection, Programme Division, UNICEF

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<p>Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 9 – 11 am (EST)</p>	<p>Women, Peace & Security: Reflecting on the 20th Anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325</p> <p>This October marks the 20th anniversary of the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, a milestone in reaffirming the critical role that women play in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, as part of peace processes, negotiations and peacekeeping missions, and in post-conflict reconstruction. Twenty years on, this panel will reflect on advances made around the WPS agenda, and where limitations or barriers to inclusion still impede progress in this field. As part of the discussion, the panel will also consider how gender can be mainstreamed across peacekeeping missions and recognized as essential to the protection of children.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Catherine Baillie Abidi, Director of Research and Learning, Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacqueline O'Neill, Canada's first Ambassador for Women, Peace and Security • Bazilika Joan, EVE Organization for Women's Development – South Sudan • Alice Urusaro Karekezi, Research Fellow, Centre for Conflict Management, University of Rwanda • Noelia Martinez Franchi, Director of Multilateral Affairs, Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<p>Thursday, October 1, 2020, 9 – 11 am (EST)</p>	<p>The Dynamics of Recruitment Prevention</p> <p>Since 1999, the UN Security Council has adopted a number of resolutions focused on ending grave violations against children, including recruitment and use, and facilitating parties to conflict's adherence to and alignment with international frameworks for child protection. Yet, to date much of the focus of the international community has been on reacting to situations where children have already been recruited and used as soldiers, largely through disarmament, demobilization, rehabilitation and reintegration processes. As a result, less attention has been paid to preventing instances of recruitment in the first place. This panel will focus on the importance of strengthening prevention mechanisms to better protect children in fragile and conflict environments, and how prioritizing children's rights helps to reinforce the broader international peace and security agenda.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Catherine Baillie Abidi, Director of Research and Learning, Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michel Chikwanine, Author & Human Rights Activist • Abdikarim Hassan, Protection Program Manager, Elman Peace and Human Rights Centre - Somalia • Serge Stroobants, Director of Europe and MENA, Institute for Economics and Peace • Dr. Shelly Whitman, Executive Director, Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security

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Friday, October 2,
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From Early Warning to Early Action: Rethinking Global Child Protection and Recruitment Prevention

While the recruitment and use of children in conflict is an evolving and growing global problem, reliable and timely information to inform prevention efforts are lacking. In order to break cycles of violence and progressively end the recruitment of children, the world must focus on prevention, including effective early warning to inform early and collaborative action. Yet, there are currently no early warning systems for child soldier recruitment and use, despite the number and intensity of conflicts where children are used. This represents a critical gap, within both research and policy domains, in terms of understanding the current and evolving risk factors that precede recruitment. The current lack of predictive ability means policy makers, security actors and humanitarians are largely reacting to child recruitment as opposed to prioritizing the protection of children as a strategic and operational consideration. The longer we wait to take action during a crisis, the more costly intervention becomes for children, security sector actors and communities. Thus, this session aims to demonstrate the importance of early warning to the child protection and conflict prevention fields, while considering best practices to effectively translate early warning into early action.

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Overview of K4P Predictive Model: Tim Lynam, Data Scientist, Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security & Managing Director, Reflecting Society

Speakers:

- Dr Siobhan O’Neil, Project Director of the Managing Exits from Armed Conflict project, Centre for Policy Research, United Nations University
- Dr. Walters Samah, Head of Mission Analysis Cell, African Union Mission in Somalia, Department of Peace and Security, African Union Commission
- LtCol Lausanne Nsengimana Ingabire, Gender Advisor, Policy & Doctrine Team, Office of Military Affairs, United Nations Department of Peace Operations
- Achaleke Christian Leke, National Coordinator, Local Youth Corner Cameroon

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