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Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Landmark Hotel

PUBLIC SESSION

12:30-1:30 *Bridging Investments in Young Children with Peaceful Societies*

- *Peter Salama, UNICEF Regional Director, (3 minutes)*
- *Mohannad Al-Nsour, Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (7 minutes)*
 - *Migration patterns of refugee children in the region*
- *Pia Rebello Britto, UNICEF, Workshop Co-chair, iYCG Member (7 minutes)*
 - *Policy Brief on Early Childhood and Peace*
- *Mohammed Abu-Nimer, KAICIID, Workshop Co-chair (7 minutes)*
 - *Inter-community dialogue*
- *Selcuk Sirin, New York University (7 minutes)*
 - *The refugee situation in Turkey*

Moderator: Lorraine Sherr, University College London (3 minutes)

1:30-2:00 **Discussion**

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Landmark Hotel

PUBLIC SESSION

9:00–9:30 **Introductory Remarks**

- *Kimber Bogard, Director, Forum on Investing in Young Children Globally*
- *Ann Masten, University of Minnesota, iYCG Co-Chair*
- *Mohammed Abu-Nimer & Pia Rebello Britto, Workshop Co-Chairs*

9:30–9:45 ***POLL EVERYWHERE***

- *Jocelyn Widmer, Consultant, iYCG*

9:45–11:00 **Research Perspectives: The Effects of Violence on Young Children**

Objective: From the perspective of the science of early childhood, discuss the impact of violence on young children; in addition, highlight the period of early childhood as a critical window to prevent violence and promote active citizenship and peace.

Chair: *Andrew Claypole Senior Advisor Office of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children*

Moderator: *Mark Miller, National Institutes of Health, iYCG member*

- *Ann Masten, University of Minnesota, iYCG Member*
- *Larry Aber, New York University, iYCG Member*
- *Constanza Alarcon, Fundacion Alpina, Colombia, iYCG Member*

11:00–11:30 BREAK

11:30–1:00 Policy Perspectives: Policies that Invest in Women and Young Children as Peacebuilders

Objective: Identify policies and programming approaches that view early childhood as a developmental period for preventing violence within a transformative shift from understanding children and women solely as vulnerable populations to agents of change.

Format: *Speakers can submit policies in advance and session runs as a moderated armchair discussion for **60 minutes** and then opens up for discussion for **30 minutes**; will include dialogue on challenges and how science can help inform policy; how to package programs; and support for capacity building*

Chair: His Excellency Dr. Mohammad Thneibat, Minister of Education, Jordan

Moderator: *Rima Salah, Early Childhood Peacebuilding Consortium*

- *Her Royal Highness Princess Sarah Zeid, Every Woman, Every Child*
- *Selim el Sayegh - Former Minister of Social Affairs, Lebanon*
- *Rabih El Chammay, Head of Mental Health at the Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon*
- *Friedrich Affolter, UNICEF*

1:00–2:00 LUNCH

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2:00–3:00 Bridging Dialogue in Early Childhood to Generate Solutions for Sustainable Peace

Objective: Explore potentially effective models that facilitate intergroup dialogue and conflict resolution to leverage the period of early childhood for efforts to promote harmonious relationships in regions experiencing conflict, taking into account the phases of conflict. What are the goals for each model or approach? How does each evaluate their progress towards meeting the goals?

Moderator: *Mohammed Abu-Nimer, KAICIID, Workshop Co-Chair*

- *Abed El Fattah El Samman, Media Trainer and Muslim Preacher, Jordan*

- *Ilham Nasser, Associate Professor, Early Childhood Education, George Mason University; Senior Advisor, ANERA and MoE, Palestine for spring 2016*
- *Nayla Tabbara, Director of Adyan Institute, Lebanon*

3:00–3:30 BREAK

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3:30–5:00 Perspectives from the Ground Interviews (3 breakout groups)

Objective: Highlight examples, from research and practice, of the impact of fleeing from conflict on young children's health, safety, education, and nutrition; include the unique impact on children with disabilities; and highlight efforts that transform an understanding of children, youth, and women solely as vulnerable populations to agents of change.

Chair: *Ghassan Issa, Arab Resource Collaborative*

GROUP 1 Moderator, Mark Miller, National Institutes of Health, iYCG Member

- *Education perspective*
 - *Ms. Maysaa Hudhud, educator from SCI ECCD/KG center in Azraq Camp*
 - *Maysoun Chehab, UNESCO, Beirut, Lebanon*
- *Parenting perspective*
 - *Mrs. Kefaya Sayyah, Pharmacist by training and a mother*
 - *Kaveh Khoshnood, Yale University*

GROUP 2 Moderator, Joan Lombardi, Bernard Van Leer Foundation, iYCG Member

- *Health & Child protection perspective*
 - *Shatha El Nakib, Columbia University Middle East Research Center, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health*
 - *Nadia Akseer, Center for Global Child Health, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto*
- *Disabilities and developmental delays*
 - *Samer Laila, International Medical Corps, Turkey*
 - *Gillian Huebner, Maestral, iYCG member*

GROUP 3 Moderator, Lorraine Sherr, University College London, iYCG Member

- *Youth perspective*
 - *Hamzah Al Najjar, Generations for Peace*
 - *Nicole Behnam, International Rescue Committee*
- *Human rights perspective*
 - *Kathleen Hamill, Harvard University, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights*

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5:00-6:00 Report out from small groups & discussion

Moderator *Ghassan Issa, Arab Resource Collaborative*

- 8:30-9:00** **Welcome & Summary remarks**
Pia Rebello Britto, & Mohammed Abu-Nimer, Workshop Co-Chairs
- 9:00-9:30** **Keynote:** *Rami Khouri, American University of Beirut*
- 9:30-10:45** **The Potential of Communications & Technology to Reduce Violence and Empower Children and Women as Agents of Change**
Preventing violence within a transformative shift from understanding children and women solely as vulnerable populations to agents of change by understanding new uses and applications of technology
- Moderator:** *Amalia Waxman, Consultant, iYCG Forum member*
- *Aleksandra Mojsilovic & Kush Varshney, IBM*
 - *Mohanad Mohammad Abdel Raheem Tarawneh, President, UNCEF's Youth Network, Jeel 962, Student, Hashemite University, Certified Life Skills Trainer*
 - *Nada Elattar, Director of Educational Programming for International Social Impact, Sesame Workshop*
 - *Janine Zacharia, Stanford University, The Science of Virtual Reality and journalism*
- 10:45 – 11:00** **BREAK**
- 11:00-12:00** **Roundtable Discussion: A Call to Action from Youth (18-24 years old)**
Session will be grounded in the 5 elements of the declaration on youth, peace, and security: partnership, prevention, participation, protection, re-integration
- Moderator:** *Kaveh Khoshnood, Yale University*
- *Marwa Muhammad Al Aboud, Generations for Peace*
 - *Hamzah Al Najjar, Generations for Peace*
 - *Ayyam Fouad Al Asaad, industrial engineering student at the University of Jordan, and the Vice President of the Jeel 962 youth network*
 - *Ghassan Al Helou, Second year Business Administration Student at the Jordan University, and the Media officer for Jeel 962*
 - *Jevara Shabin, First year university student, and an Education advocate*
 - *Mohanad Mohammad Abdel Raheem Tarawneh, President, , Jeel 962 Youth Network, Student, Hashemite University, Certified Life Skills Trainer*
 - *Ammar Al Thaber, BA in English Language and Business Administration, Youth Activist*
- 12-12:30pm** **Summary & Adjourn**
Pia Rebello Britto & Mohammed Abu-Nimer, Workshop Co-Chair