

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-fourth session
1 – 12 March 2010

Interactive Expert Panel V
UNite to End Violence against Women

Thursday, 11 March 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Panellists

1. Mr. Dean Peacock is one of the members of the UN Secretary General's Network of Men Leaders. His work and activism over the last twenty years has focused on issues related to men, constructions of masculinities, health and social justice. He is the co-founder and co-director of the Sonke Gender Justice Network, a South African NGO working across Southern Africa on issues related to gender, HIV and AIDS and human rights. In addition to his work at Sonke Gender Justice, he is co-founder and co-chair of the MenEngage Alliance, a part-time member of the University of California at Los Angeles Program in Global Health and a part-time faculty member at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine based at the Gender, Violence and Health Centre. His writing has been published in many books and peer reviewed journals.

2. Ms. Susanna Chiarotti is a human rights lawyer that specializes in women's human rights. She has contributed to key initiatives on ending violence and discrimination against women. At the regional level, she served as the Regional Coordinator, Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights (CLADEM) and currently serves as Coordinator for the Organization of American States' Committee of Experts on Violence Against Women. She directs the Institute for Gender, Law and Development in Rosario, Argentina, where she also serves as a consultant to the municipal government's Women's Department. Ms. Chiarotti has published numerous articles and manuals on various topics dealing with violence against women in English and Spanish.

3. Mr. Walter A. Füllemann is the Permanent Observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to the United Nations in New York, appointed in July 2009. He has been with the ICRC since 1989. Mr Füllemann has served as Deputy Head of ICRC's External Resources Division in Geneva and the Deputy Director of Operations (2002 – 2009). He has extensive experience providing humanitarian assistance in conflict situations. His field missions include Nicaragua (1989 – 1990), Peru (1991), South Africa (1992 – 1994), Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina (1994 – 1995). He also served as Head of the ICRC delegation in Baku, Azerbaijan (1996 – 1997) and headed the operational desk for the former Yugoslavia at ICRC headquarters (1995 – 1996).