

## **Speaker biographies for the Coalition membership meeting on May 22-23 in Brussels, Belgium**

### **Thursday morning, May 22**

#### **Dominique Dellicour, Head of Unit, Governance, Security, Human Rights and Gender, EuropeAid, European Commission**

Dominique Dellicour is originally from Belgium. She studied law at the Catholic University of Louvain as well as journalism and social communication at the Free University of Brussels. She then went on to study International Relations in Geneva. Dominique has worked for international organizations around the world, including the United Nations and the European Association for Cooperation.

She has worked at the European Commission since 1981 where she has been closely involved in the Commission's efforts on international development. She was head of the Health Unit at the Directorate General (DG) for Development before moving to the DG in charge of External Relations. She was posted for four years as Head of Cooperation in the EC Delegation in South Africa. Back to Headquarters since end of 2002, she headed the Regional Integration and Institutional Support Unit in the ACP Directorate of the EuropeAid Cooperation Office. She now heads the Unit on Governance, Security, Human Rights and Gender in EuropeAid.

#### **John Skibiak, Director, Coalition**

John Skibiak is the Director of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition, and since June 2006 has headed up the Secretariat in Brussels, Belgium, and managed the development of the Coalition's first Strategic Plan. Before that, John was the Director of the Population Council's Expanding Contraceptive Choice Program in Africa, and Coordinator of ECafrique, a bilingual network of health care professionals seeking to mainstream quality emergency contraception (EC) services in Africa.

John has more than 20 years of experience in the development field, 15 of which have been spent in-country—managing, directing, and leading reproductive health programmes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Fluent in Spanish, French, and English, for most of his professional career, John has managed a broad range of project portfolios, all funded by bilateral, multilateral, and/or private donors.

#### **Vicky Claeys, Regional Director, IPPF European Network**

Vicky Claeys joined the IPPF European Network in 1996 as the EU Liaison Officer and moved to the post of Advocacy Manager in 2000. From May 2003 she was appointed as Regional Director. She joined the family planning movement as a volunteer to one of the local branches of the Flemish IPPF member association in 1979 and was soon approached to take up the function of interim director at the Federation level of the member association.

In 1981 she was appointed Executive Director and stayed in post until 1996. During that time she guided the member association and its branches through several institutional and environmental changes with implications for the funding and structure of the organisation. Sensoa (at that time CGSO) expanded from a federation type of structure (working primarily for the support and training of the branches) to the centre of expertise in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Flanders. In the 1980ies she contributed to the setting up of abortion clinics when abortion was still illegal in Belgium and actively participated in political advocacy work to change the abortion legislation which came into effect in April 1990.

Her involvement with IPPF started in 1981, first as an Executive Director and later as Regional Office staff. Over those years she has been participating and organizing many meetings, workshops and trainings on issues like programme development, strategic planning and management. She has been particularly active in setting up the IPPF EN office in Brussels and improving the relations with the European Union institutions. She serves on the board of directors of several organizations active in the sexual and reproductive health fields and has published on many different issues related to advocacy and politics around sexual and reproductive health and rights issues. Originally trained in administration, Vicky graduated in Family Sciences at the Higher Institute for Family Sciences in Brussels in 1994 and won the prize of the Institute for her dissertation on Co-Parenthood.

**Antoinette Gosses, Policy Officer SRHR and Gender, DG Development, European Commission**

Antoinette Gosses has worked on development issues during her entire career, both as a radio journalist and as a development expert. She has spent a number of years in different African countries such as Botswana and Burkina Faso. Most recently, she represented the Netherlands government in Ethiopia, where she was Director of Development Cooperation/Deputy Ambassador. She has worked in many different areas of development, but specifically on gender equality, good governance, capacity development and more recently on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights for the European Commission.

**Renate Baehr, Acting Executive Director, DSW**

Renate Baehr has a long-standing record of successful media and public awareness work for global health and sexual and reproductive health issues in Germany and Europe. In April 2008, Renate became DSW's acting Executive Director. Before that she became DSW's Vice Executive Director in 1998. She participated in the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994 and provided the basis for DSW's future advocacy work. Today Renate is DSW's key advisor to the German parliament on sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as other poverty related issues. Renate was awarded an MA in Mathematics and Political Science by the University of Hannover.

**Karen Hoehn, Head of EU Liaison Office, DSW**

Karen Hoehn has a Master's Degree in Public Management from the University of Maryland, School of Public Affairs, and received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy from Texas Christian University. The positions she held before joining DSW include Director, Strategic Health Systems Development; Vice President, Public Programs, APS Healthcare and EU Liaison Officer, IPPF European Network. Karen has been Director, European Affairs and head of DSW's EU Liaison Office since 2005. Since January 2008, she is also DSW's Vice Executive Director.

**Neil Datta, Secretary of the European Parliamentary Forum**

As Secretary of the European Parliamentary Forum (EPF), Neil Datta is the principal administrative officer for the EPF. Responsibilities include ensuring the day-to-day running of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development, inter alia, overall responsibilities regarding the successful undertaking of EPF's activities, statutory and legal requirements including its continued financial stability.

Neil has a master in European Public Administration and a bachelor of arts in Modern European History. He is a former Parliamentary Program Officer at IPPF-EN, where he developed a parliamentary programme and successfully managed the parliamentary programme of IPPF EN involving family planning associations in approximately 15 European countries. He cultivated relationships in the Council of Europe, supported development of parliamentary advocacy through technical assistance, organizing activities, e.g. study tours, conferences, representation.

**An Huybrechts, Project Coordinator, Countdown 2015 Europe**

An Huybrechts works at the International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN) as Advocacy Project Coordinator of a group of 18 leading European NGOs experienced in advocacy for sexual and reproductive health and rights in ODA. The group is operating under the banner 'Countdown 2015 Europe' in 15 European countries and with the European institutions.

As former Research Associate at HIVA, a research institute at the University of Leuven in Belgium, An Huybrechts has a background in academic research and consultancy on international agreements and development, including extensive field research on civil society participation in ACP-EU Cotonou Agreement and the IMF/World Bank initiated PRSPs in Senegal and Rwanda, as well as international publications on micro credits, and on child labour.

**Felicity Daly, Senior Policy and Advocacy Manager, Interact Worldwide**

Felicity Daly is the Senior Policy and Advocacy Manager Interact Worldwide and leads the ongoing development and delivery of Interact's Policy & Advocacy strategy and manages the Policy & Advocacy team. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the Action for Global Health and

Countdown 2015 Europe networks and the Mobilizing for RH-HIV Integration Initiative and is a trustee of the UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development. Her interests and expertise are in policy, advocacy and campaigning on HIV and AIDS, and broader sexual and reproductive rights issues, development financing and gender. Felicity is from New York City and has lived and worked in the UK for over six years and has experience working in Africa, Asia and Latin America with extensive field work in India.

**Susan Rich, Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**

Susan Rich is a Senior Program Officer in Reproductive Health at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle. Susan has spent the majority of her career in private philanthropy, previously at the UN Foundation and the Wallace Global Fund. Susan has a long history of support for work on the reproductive health supply issue and is proud of being a charter member of the interim working group on reproductive health supplies. Susan has Masters degrees in African studies and public health.

**Thursday afternoon, May 22**

**Steve Kinzett, Technical Officer, Coalition Secretariat**

Steve Kinzett is a public health specialist currently working as the technical advisor to the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition based in Brussels, Belgium. With experience in over 25 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America he has conducted forecasting and procurement planning for a whole range of public health commodities including contraceptives, condoms, STI drugs, HIV tests, ARV's and safe motherhood commodities on behalf of UNFPA, USAID, DFID and for Country governments. Steve also has extensive knowledge and experience of managing the supply chains for public health commodities having been the Resident Advisor and Country Director for the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT in Kenya (2001-2006).

Previously a lecturer in demography and population studies at the University of Wales in Cardiff (till 1997), and a senior technical advisor specializing in monitoring and evaluation with the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT (1997-2001), he has contributed to many technical publications particularly assessing Contraceptive and Logistics Management Needs for UNFPA in several countries. He has also written several articles including one presented at the Durban HIV/AIDS conference entitled "Controlling HIV/AIDS Transmission: estimating realistic condom requirements" (JSI, 2000).

**Friday morning, May 23**

**Ben Light, Technical Adviser, UNFPA**

Since joining UNFPA in 2004, Ben has focused on strategy and policy development in the sphere of reproductive health commodity security. With much input from a large number of Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition

colleagues, Ben was instrumental in putting together the UNFPA-initiated Global Programme to enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security.

Based back in Brussels, where he previously worked for the European Commission from 1993-1997, Ben currently supports implementation and scale-up of the Global Programme and plays an active role in the Market Development Approaches Working Group of the Coalition.

**Alan Bornbusch, Public Health Adviser, USAID**

Dr. Alan Bornbusch is a Public Health Adviser in USAID/Washington's Office of Population and Reproductive Health, Bureau for Global Health. He currently manages the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT, a \$2.75 billion project dedicated to increasing the availability of essential health supplies in low and middle income countries. Alan also provides technical leadership to promote and strengthen contraceptive security programs within the larger international community, including through the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition.

**Mercedes Mas De Xaxas, Consultant, Population Action International**

Mercedes Mas de Xaxas currently works as a freelance consultant on sexual and reproductive health and rights advocacy. Prior to this, she worked for six years with Population Action International, where she held the position of Vice President for International Advocacy. Mercedes also worked for Parliamentarians for Global Action in New York as officer of the sustainable development programme. Mercedes holds a law degree from the University of Barcelona and has provided numerous consultations for governments, UN agencies, NGOs and private foundations.

**Daniella Ballou-Aares, Partner, Dalberg Global Development Advisers**

Daniella Ballou-Aares is a Partner in the New York office of Dalberg Global Development Advisors, a management consulting firm specializing in advising organizations on strategic challenges related to international development and globalization. She advises clients in the areas of strategy, multi-sector partnerships and operational innovation. Daniella has unique sector expertise in global health, where she has served clients on a range of priorities, from redefining the strategic direction of multi-sector partnerships, to designing financing and procurement initiatives to improve delivery of health products.

Before Dalberg, Daniella was a consultant for Bain & Company in the US, UK and South Africa. Daniella has also worked for the International Rescue Committee in Liberia and is a term member at the Council on Foreign Relations. Daniella holds an MBA from Harvard Business School, an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government and a BS in Operations Research from Cornell University.