



SPEAKER & GUEST BIOGRAPHIES
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Gulnara Lastovetsky



Gulnara Lastovetsky is a successful Sales Manager, with 17 years of experience in various industries under her sleeve, including 11 years in IT. After 6 years of online advertising and sales in Google Ireland she is now focusing on bringing Google solutions to the educational and government bodies in Russia and CIS.

Originally from Kazakhstan, she grew up in Russia and now lives in Ireland with her family. She is passionate about using technology to fight social inequality, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of charity ROST-IQ & is actively supporting charity To Russia with Love.

Dmitry Kuznetsov



Dmitry Kuznetsov is the Marketing Director of Google Moscow.

Mary Hayes



Mary Hayes is an educator and educational media and systems developer with more than thirty years experience in educational publishing, teaching, and developing multi-media educational and instructional content for industry and government. She has Delivered over 5M learner hours for 17 of the top 25 jobs comprising approximately 200 unique programs (often in two or more languages), including titles in areas such as: Workplace safety, Community Safety, Retail Operations, Supermarket Operations, Retail Clothing Operations, and Financial Services.

Workbay.Net is her third company dedicated to education and training. Mary is an educator first and foremost, and this is how she sees herself and her role in the world.

Mary's roots in learning, education, and educational publishing are deep. She grew up working in her parents' publishing company (Durkin Hayes Inc.) gaining experience in every aspect of the business, including the production of books, activity books, language arts and mathematics programs, and audio books. While in her twenties, she produced educational titles such as the international award winning Pearson Education 'Math Quest' series. She has been involved in the publication of over 70 textbooks, from elementary to post-secondary levels, as well as many other trade and educational titles.

Following this experience, she obtained her B.Ed. and worked for 7 years as a Teacher, particularly in the field of School to Work programs. She initiated and implemented several new programs as a teacher, department head, and school board executive, including launching mentoring programs in two schools involving the whole staff (principal to caretaker), and a school to work curriculum that similarly engaged all department heads in undertaking additional responsibility for work placement and monitoring. She revised the Co-Op curriculum to involve all departments, and lead students through work skills curriculum and experience. She developed many partnerships across a broad range of industries.

From teaching she moved into educational system implementation and consulting, and was key in the design and development of a Learning Management System (LMS) for the Toronto District School Board staff and students. Eventually, after a period as eLearning development manager at a major retailer, Mary became the President of Engage Learning Systems/Workbay.Net, a full service developer of training and social media systems for both the private and public sector clients.

Mary is responsible for fulfilling the curriculum and compliance requirements for clients in various industries, commissioning and managing the on-time, on-budget delivery of learning content via most learning media formats (from instructor led, through online to phone-based), advising senior management on the IT implementation of learning solutions, and ensuring the smooth, effective roll-out of learning content and practices globally. Workbay.Net has evolved from the technology, media, and expertise obtained by Mary and Engage over the years.

Mary is a past president of the Canadian Community of Corporate Educators (CCCE), and is a Six-Sigma Green Belt

Ellen Pinchuk



Ellen Pinchuk is the Director of International Projects for Mikhailov and Partners, a leading Russian communications agency. She works with senior Russian and non-Russian clients in business and government.

Ellen came to Russia in 1991 from California to make television programs for international stations. In 1999, she began working as a producer, and then as a reporter and bureau-chief, for CTV Canada in Moscow. Ellen covered many important stories in Russia and the CIS countries. She reported on multiple elections, the Chechen conflict, space tourism, energy, and sports. She has also worked as a special correspondent for CTV in Iraq, Afghanistan and Israel. Among her achievements are interviews with Viktor Yushchenko and Yasser Arafat.

From 2007-2009, Ellen was a correspondent for Bloomberg News TV in Moscow. During that time, she arranged interviews with several senior Russian businessmen and politicians, including Vladimir Putin and Dmitry Medvedev. Ellen's work has been lauded by the journalistic community, twice being the recipient of the New York Press Club Journalism Award.

Ellen began her career in strategic communications in 2010 when she joined the Mikhailov& Partners team.

Ellen holds a Bachelor's degree in History and Literature and a Master's degree with honors in History from Harvard University.

Carolann Edwards



Carolann develops and implements the learning and development strategy globally. As a trainer, coach and internal consultant, Carolann specializes in management, business and organizational development.

She has extensive experience of designing and delivering performance improvement training and consultancy to our lawyers. She also trains clients. Carolann holds an MBA from the University of Warwick and an MA from the University of London. Prior to joining the practice in 1999 she was a head of business development in the finance sector.

MuminAzamkhuzhaev



Mumin Azamkhuzhaev is a Country Manager for CIS in Moscow, Russia. Prior to occupying his current position, Mr. Azamkhuzhaev held various positions at Caterpillar, including General Manager OOO “Caterpillar Tosno”, CIS Finance Director, Caterpillar SARL, and Manager for Strategic Business Planning in at Caterpillar in Illinois, as well as Managing Director at Zeppelin Russland (Caterpillar dealer in Moscow), Managing Director at Caterpillar Service Center, and Manager at Caterpillar Overseas S.A. (COSA) in Moscow, Russia.

Mr. Azamkhuzhaev holds a degree of Master of Accounting Science M.A.S) (1994) from the Northern Illinois University (NIU), De Kalb, Illinois, USA. He also completed the Management Development Program at the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) in Lausanne, Switzerland and the Advanced Management Programme at the Duke University, Fuqua School of Business, Durham, NC, USA.

Mr. Azamkhuzhaev is a graduate of the Moscow State University, where he specialized in applied mathematics, and completed his post-graduate work in mathematical economics and theory of games. Since 2009 Mumin Azamkhuzhaev performed as an expert of the Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO Executive Education programmes. In 2012 he was officially appointed SKOLKOVO Visiting Lecturer-Practitioner of Strategy, Leadership, and Operational Management.

Arianna Huffington



Arianna Huffington is the chair, president, and editor-in-chief of the Huffington Post Media Group, a nationally syndicated columnist, and author of thirteen books. In May 2005, she launched The Huffington Post, a news and blog site that quickly became one of the most widely-read, linked to, and frequently-cited media brands on the Internet. In 2012, the site won a Pulitzer Prize for national reporting.

In 2006, and again in 2011, she was named to the *Time* 100, *Time Magazine's* list of the world's 100 most influential people. Originally from Greece, she moved to England when she was 16 and graduated from Cambridge University with an M.A. in economics. At 21, she became President of the famed debating society, The Cambridge Union.

Janpeter (JP) Bekkering



Janpeter currently serves as the General Manager for the newly formed Global Accounts Division. In this role JP reports directly to the President of Global Mining, Chris Curfman and is based in Geneva, Switzerland. He and his team of Account managers are responsible for the relationships with the main Mining Houses in this world. A graduate of the Technical University in Delft, Netherlands, JP Navy, where he was as an officer on a Minesweeper.

JP joined Caterpillar in late 1993. After serving in a position as a Marketing Representative for the Heavy Construction and Mining Division, he worked as a Project Engineer for hydraulic excavators in Caterpillar's Belgium facility. Between 1996 and 2000, JP was assigned to field based positions supporting Caterpillar dealers and customers in Africa and Europe. He returned to Geneva, Switzerland in 2001 where he served as a Black Belt for several 6 Sigma projects.

In 2003, JP relocated to Madrid, Spain where he served a District Manager, and then relocated to Peoria, Illinois in 2006 as a Global Account Manager in the Mining Division. In this role, he was directly involved with supporting key initiatives for several of Caterpillar's largest mining customers. Still based in Peoria, in 2009 JP took on the role as North American Region Manager for Caterpillar's Global Mining Division. Working in conjunction with Caterpillar dealers and their customers, JP led a team of mining focused professionals responsible for the sales, support and continuous improvement of Caterpillar equipment, services and technologies utilized in the mining industry across the United States and Canada.

Holly Gordon



Executive director of 10x10. She sets the strategy and lead the day-to-day operations to "Educate Girls, Change the World" as a global campaign for girls' education. She is also an executive producer for the film at the center of the 10x10 campaign, Girl Rising. Gordon was selected by *Fast Company* as a member of the League of Extraordinary Women in 2013 and named by *Newsweek/Daily Beast* as one of 125 Women of Impact in 2013. *Forbes* magazine named the 10x10 campaign, the #1 Most Dynamic Social Initiative of 2012. Prior to starting the 10x10 campaign, Gordon was director of content for the Tribeca Film Festival. She came to Tribeca from ABC News, where she worked for 12 years as a producer and booker for the major news broadcasts.

Jaimie Popp – Nike Foundation

Jaimie Popp is a digital expert and communications professional who is passionate about people.

She believes that human beings, regardless of where or how they were born into this world, are all searching for a connection, acceptance, love and happiness. Jaimie firmly believes that everyone deserves the same opportunities to not just survive, but thrive.



Jaimie works in global communications at the NIKE Foundation, a leader in the development industry working to alleviate global poverty by investing in adolescent girls. Prior to her current role as digital specialist, Jaimie spent several years consulting with a handful of organizations on digital strategy and resource development, always exercising her passion of utilizing the art of communication to inspire and enable ordinary people to do extraordinary things for the world.

Previous positions held were as a Development Strategist at the Oregon Supported Living Program, Public Relations at Mercy Corp, and she studies at the University of Oregon.

Jaimie has been featured in the Guardian, Huffington Post and Harvard Kennedy School, and she has spoken about the power of digital to drive social media at venues around the globe, including the London Apple Store, Nike World Headquarters, Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de Mexico and Stanford University.

Ashli Alberty, Nike Foundation

Ashli Alberty is the Project Manager for the Global Partnerships team at the Nike Foundation in London. She is currently responsible for managing the foundation's work to get adolescent girls on the post-Millennium Development Goals agenda.



Prior to joining the Nike Foundation in 2012, Ashli was the UK Activation Coordinator for the Global Poverty Project, coordinating the delivery of their '1.4 Billion Reasons' presentation created to engage and inspire everyday individuals with the messages of how to end extreme poverty. She brought the presentation to over 4,000 viewers across the UK in just 6 months in 2011, as part of school seminars and lectures, conferences, panels and workshops.

Before moving to the UK from Seattle, Ashli served on the Board of Directors for the Hamomi Children's Centre, a non-profit primary school and centre for vulnerable children in the Kangemi slum in Nairobi, Kenya, from 2008-2010. From 2007-2010, she was also a Fundraising Event Coordinator for Humanity for Children, a non-profit organization providing access to basic health care to

children in East Africa.

Ashli's passion for international development was instilled during a 3-month volunteer placement at the Dunga Orphanage Project just outside of Kisumu, Kenya in 2006. After helping to run the orphanage, along with a feeding program and various projects at the Dunga Orphan School, she was inspired to further her education in the sector.

Ashli holds an MSc in NGO and Development Management from the University of East London, and conducted her research on the impact and effectiveness of NGOs on the education sector in Kenya. She received her BA in Human Services from Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA.

Elaine Kunda, Online Media Entrepreneur



A serial entrepreneur and veteran in the online media space, Elaine has successfully built teams and realigned business strategies for over 15 years. As co-founder of By Wallace Inc., a newly formed accessories company, “where fashion meets function, with a really big give”. Elaine is set to launch the first product line in Fall 2013. Elaine is also active in consulting and advising start-ups, working to help smart early stage companies reach their goals and access financing. Prior to consulting, she was CEO of B5Media.

Elaine launched and oversaw all aspects of the network's properties including The Grindstone, Crushable, Mommyish, Blisstree, and The Gloss. The company was sold to Alloy Digital in April 2012.

Elaine was also the CEO of Ziplocal which was sold to Canpages in 2009. She spent over six years at Toronto.com, and started her online career in Business Development at Grey Interactive in 1998. A recognized expert in the digital media space, Elaine has spoken at premier events such as Exceptional Women in Publishing, Google's Women in Technology, McMaster Professional Development Day, DigiDay's Digital Publishing Summit, Internet Week New York and the 2011 Marketing to Women Conference.

Elaine also serves as a dedicated advisor to the G(irls)20, which works to encourage G8 and G20 leaders to prioritize the political empowerment and economic freedom of females worldwide. The organization's summit brings together female candidates from each G20 country to debate social issues and devise economic innovations. Elaine has also been appointed to the McMaster Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Elaine's other passions include athletics, travel and a continuous desire for growth and discovery.

Tara Wiseman



Tara Wiseman, is the Director, Human Resources for Kinross Gold Corporation. She has almost 20 years of experience in Human Resources, having held a wide range of positions covering most areas of Human Resources, including specialist roles in pension & benefits, recruitment, training & development, and performance management, as well as generalist and business partner roles. At Kinross, Tara is part of the Human Resources leadership team, and participates in setting and implementing the global HR strategy. Tara holds her CHRP, and is a current member of the Human Resources Professionals Association (HRPA).

Lauren Bush Lauren, Founder, FEED



Lauren Bush Lauren is the Chief FEEDer and Co-Founder of FEED Projects, a company with the simple mission of creating good products that help FEED the world.

In 2004, Lauren became the Honorary Student Spokesperson for the UN World Food Programme. In that role, she traveled to various countries and learned about the issues of hunger and poverty firsthand. Coming back to America, Lauren was inspired to create a consumer product that would engage people in the seemingly overwhelming fight to end world hunger. In 2005, she conceptualized the idea for FEED by designing the initial FEED 1 bag which, when purchased, feeds one child in school for one year.

In 2007, FEED Projects was founded. Every product sold has a measurable donation attached to it and, over the past five years, FEED has donated over \$6 million and has been able to provide nearly 60 million meals globally through the UN World Food Programme.

FEED has also supported nutrition programs around the world and in the US through organizations such as UNICEF and DonorsChoose.org and forged successful relationships with companies such as Disney, Pottery Barn, Clarins, Godiva, Whole Foods Market, Gap, TOMS, Amazon, DKNY, HSN, Bergdorf Goodman, Links of London and Judith Leiber.

Lauren is also the Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board of the FEED Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization that supports programs and organizations that are effectively working to fight hunger and eliminate malnutrition throughout the world.

For her work with FEED, Lauren was named one of Fortune Magazine's Most Powerful Women Entrepreneurs in 2009 and one of Inc. Magazine's 30 Under 30 in 2010. She has also received the 2010 Accessories Council Humanitarian Award, the 2011 Stevie

Award for Best Non-Profit Executive and the 2011 Fashion Group International Humanitarian Award.

Lauren was born in Denver, Colorado, and grew up in Houston, Texas. She graduated from Princeton University in 2006 with a B.A. in Anthropology and certificate in Photography. She now resides in New York City, where she works on FEED and other socially conscious ventures.

Manuela Zoninsein, Founder, Smart Agriculture Analytics, Smart Agritech (China)



Manuela Zoninsein is a Brazilian-American environmental entrepreneur and journalist focused on agriculture, most specifically how the world produces and consumes food. As such, She focuses on growing her company, Smart Agriculture Analytics (SAA). SAA is a business intelligence resource that evaluates the agricultural technology (agritech) opportunities in China for foreign agritech suppliers and investors.

We help suppliers of the world's most sustainable agritech – what is called “Smart Agritech” – understand local needs to successfully navigate this booming market and ensure China's modernizing agricultural system integrates the most ecologically- and socially-suitable solutions.

Jensine Larsen, Founder, World Pulse, Citizen Journalism (Global)



Award-winning social media entrepreneur and international journalist, Jensine (Yen-See-Nah) Larsen is the founder of [World Pulse](#), an action media network powered by 50,000 women from 190 countries. Over the last decade Jensine has pioneered World Pulse magazine, grassroots women's citizen journalism training, and an interactive website that enables women on the ground to speak for themselves and connect to solve global problems – including those using internet cafes and cell phones from rural villages and conflict zones. With her finger on the pulse of women's voices globally, Jensine speaks around the world, appearing in media and on stages such as: NPR, TED, WebVisions, Clinton

Global Initiative, Bioneers, Bryn Mawr, Women's Funding Network, Women's Donor Network.

Judith Owigar, Creator, Akirachix (Kenya)



Judith Owigar is passionate about all things women and all things technology. She places herself in positions where her two passions intersect. She believes that exposure, education and use of technology can increase the quality of life and as such change the world. She is a techpreneur, a blogger and a tech enthusiast. Judith is a co-founder and president of Akirachix; a revolution for African women and technology. Through the Akirachix activities she seeks to increase the number of women who are creators of technological solutions and in effect change the perception of

technology by women. Judith is the founder of JuaKali Directory an online platform that links blue collar workers in the informal sector (commonly referred to as Jua Kali workers) with potential clients.

In 2012 and 2009 Judith was named as one of the Top 40 under 40 women by the Business Daily newspaper in Kenya. In 2012 She was also named as one of the 10 African voices to follow on twitter by CNN. Judith was recognized with the Anita Borg Change Agent Award 2011 by the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology. She has also been honored by the US Embassy in Kenya with the Unsung Heroes Award. This was in recognition of the work that Akirachix has done to promote women and give them a voice using science and technology. In 2007 she was named the Best Female Engineer at the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers students' exhibition. Judith went to University of Nairobi where she graduated with a diploma and a degree in Computer science.

Aliza Sherman, Founder, Cybergrrl, Inc. & Webgrrls International



Aliza Sherman is a Web pioneer and Travelgirl with a mission to empower women and girls through technology. In 1995, *Newsweek* named her one of the "Top 50 People Who Matter Most on the Internet" after she founded the first woman-owned, full-service Internet company, Cybergrrl, Inc. and the first global Internet networking organization for women, Webgrrls International. In 2009, *Fast Company* named her one of the "Most Powerful Women in Technology."

She is a digital marketing strategist who has been online since 1987 and consulting clients about the Internet since 1992. She speaks around the world and writes about online

community building, social media, and mobile marketing, as well as tech and business issues specific to women.

Aliza is the author of nine books including *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Crowdsourcing*, and *Mom, Incorporated*. Her next book will be *Social Media Engagement for Dummies*. You can find her work at <http://alizasherma.com> and <http://travelgirl.com>.

Ann Mei Chang, US State Department



Ann Mei Chang is the Senior Advisor for Women and Technology in the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues at the U.S. Department of State, where she is serving as a Franklin Fellow. At State, she develops policy, partnerships, and programs to bridge the gender gap in access to mobile phones and the Internet, effectively leverage technology to improve and scale development programs for women and girls, and increase the representation of women in the ICT sector. She conceived and launched the Alliance for Affordable Internet, a public-private partnership aimed at dramatically expanding Internet access in developing countries by promoting regulatory and policy best practices that will improve affordability through market

efficiency and healthy competition.

Ann Mei has more than twenty years of engineering and leadership experience in Silicon Valley. Most recently, she served as a Senior Engineering Director at Google for 8 years, where she led worldwide engineering for Google's mobile applications and services, including mobile search, ads, Maps, Gmail, YouTube, Goggles, and Voice Search across all major platforms. She oversaw 20x growth of Google's mobile business in just three years, delivering over \$1B in annualized revenues. At Google, she also led the product development team for Emerging Markets, with a mission to bring relevant mobile and Internet services to the two-thirds of the world's population that is not yet online. Ann Mei has held leadership roles at several other leading companies including Apple (leading engineering for the initial release of Final Cut Pro), Intuit, SGI, and a few startups.

Ann Mei was recognized as one of the Women In the World: 125 Women of Impact for 2013 by Newsweek/The Daily Beast. She is a member of the 2011 class of Henry Crown Fellows at the Aspen Institute and holds a BS degree in Computer Science from Stanford University.

Melissa Hillebrenner, Girl Up/UN Foundation



Melissa Hillebrenner is Director of Girl Up— an innovative campaign of the United Nations Foundation that works to build and maintain a constituency dedicated to improving the lives of the world’s hardest-to-reach girls. The campaign mobilizes the general public to raise funds and awareness for United Nations programs that serve adolescent girls growing up in developing countries. Through Girl Up’s support, these girls will have the opportunity to become educated, healthy, safe, counted and positioned to be the next generation of leaders.

As the Director of Girl Up, Melissa leads a campaign that empowers people to advocate on behalf of girls around the world through online engagement and community mobilization. Through its teen advisory board, network of Girl Up Clubs, and online constituents, Girl Up has galvanized hundreds of thousands of supporters to stand up for the rights of girls everywhere.

Prior to becoming Director of Girl Up, Melissa served as Deputy Director of the campaign. During the year and a half that she helped lead Girl Up, the campaign grew to more than 300,000 constituents and more than 300 Girl Up Clubs around the world.

Before joining the UN Foundation, Melissa served as a National Director for OP3, where she managed the nine-city multi-day fundraising walk series benefiting the Avon Foundation for Women, which raised an average of \$45 million each season. During her tenure with the Avon Walks, she oversaw national staff and remote field teams, and introduced a program called the Youth Crew, which targets youth ages 10-16 to participate in the walk and raise money for the Avon Foundation.

Melissa holds a Bachelor of Journalism in Strategic Communication from University of Missouri – Columbia. Previous experience includes working with donor relations and marketing for Hinsdale Hospital and the American Red Cross.

Karina Jougla, Girl Up Youth Champion



I’m a freshman at Columbia University in New York City and a 2012 graduate of Carpinteria High School. I’m originally from Carpinteria, California and have the honor of being the Junior Carpinterian of the Year. Because of Girl Up, I want to study issues that affect girls and women globally, so I plan on majoring in Human Rights with a minor in French.

This is my third year participating in Girl Up. I served as a Teen Advisor in the founding 2010-2011 class and served as a Teen Advisor Co-Chair in last year’s 2011-2012 class. I became a Teen Advisor through my involvement in our national non-profit partner organization Girls Inc.,

participating in its local theater program and volunteering as a counselor. In the spring semester of my senior year, I started a Girl Up workshop at my local Girls Inc. chapter as a community service project. I designed and executed a 15-week workshop for girls in third through fifth grade. Every week we would do activities like weaving paper mats to learn about the textile industry in Guatemala or competing in a bucket-carrying relay race to demonstrate how water scarcity in Ethiopia affects girls.

Valentina Gluhovskaya, Norton Rose



Valentina Gluhovskaya is a corporate lawyer and is Joint Head of the Moscow practice. She is widely recognized as being one of Moscow's foremost lawyers in the corporate and real estate sectors.

In the real estate field, Valentina has particular expertise in advising both developers and investors on the structuring of acquisitions and disposals as well as on the structuring of security packages. She is also experienced in dispute resolution issues and has successfully conducted litigation arising from highly complex real estate and commercial disputes.

Valentina is regularly cited as a leading lawyer by the legal directories. The *European Legal 500* comments that "Valentina Gluhovskaya has a stellar reputation for real estate and construction law on both the contentious and non-contentious side." Valentina is a member of the Moscow City Bar.

Svetlana Kuprianova, Carrera y Carrera



Svetlana Kuprianova was born in Saratov, Russia. She graduated from the Chernyshevsky Saratov State University with a degree in engineering and radio physics and the Saratov State Economic Academy with a degree in auditing. For the last 16 years she has lead rapidly developing companies, including Ahmad Tea, ABM Holding and Snow Queen, which quadrupled turnover during her four year tenure as CEO. In 2013, she was appointed CEO of Carrera y Carrera, one of Spain's oldest and most renowned jewelry makers. She enjoys sailing and participated in the European Sailing Championships in 2010. She has one daughter.

Ekaterina Lapshina, System Capital Management



Ekaterina Lapshina joined the SCM team as Director of Media Business Development in August 2010.

Before SCM she took the position of a senior consultant at the international auditing company Ernst & Young (March 2004 - August 2006), Deputy Director of Business Development at Energoprom Management (August 2006 - September 2008) and Investment Director and Junior Partner at Russian investment company Adela Holding Limited (November 2008 - August 2010).

At SCM Ms Lapshina is responsible for the development of SCM Group's media business dealing with strategy, investment, finance and risk management. In addition, she represents SCM at the Supervisory Boards of the Group's

media assets.

In 2003 Yekaterina Lapshina received a Bachelor of Economics from the Institute of International Economic Relations (Moscow) and in 2005 graduated from the Financial Academy under the Government of the Russian Federation with a Master's degree in Economics.

She is also a CMA (Certified Management Accountant) holder and a CFA Level 2 Candidate (Certified Financial Analyst).

Lakshmi Sundaram, Girls Not Brides



As Global Coordinator of *Girls Not Brides*, Lakshmi helps Partnership members work together to bring the issue of child marriage to global attention and to be more effective in addressing the problem. Lakshmi plays a pivotal role in linking the Partnership's members, facilitating their joint efforts in advocacy and communications and supporting members to learn from each other about effective approaches to ending child marriage.

Lakshmi's background is in global health partnerships, including at the World Economic Forum's Global Health Initiative and at the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics in Switzerland, as well as with the Ministry of Health in Rwanda. She is experienced in forging alliances across the public, private and NGO sectors, encouraging diverse people and groups to join forces for demonstrable change. Lakshmi holds a BA in Biochemistry from the University of Cambridge, as well as a Master of Public Health

and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University. She is a Global Leadership Fellow of the World Economic Forum.

Dr. Kakenya Ntaiya, Kakenya's Dream



Life for Kakenya Ntaiya was supposed to follow the traditional path. Engaged at age 5, she was to be circumcised by the time she was a teenager, an event that would mark the end of her education and the beginning of her preparations for marriage. But Kakenya had a different plan. First, she negotiated with her father: she would be circumcised only if she could also finish high school. He agreed. Then she negotiated with the village elders to do what no girl had ever done: leave her Maasai village of Enoosaen in south Kenya to go to college in the United States. She promised that she would use her education to benefit Enoosaen. The entire village collected money to pay for her journey.

Kakenya received a scholarship to Randolph-Macon Women's College in Virginia. The girl who grew up without electricity wrote papers on international relations and

political science on the computers in the university library. She went on to the University of Pittsburgh, where she received her Doctorate in Education in 2011. While completing her studies in the U.S., she married and had two children.

As an undergraduate, she became the first youth advisor to the United Nations Population Fund. In that capacity, she traveled around the world as a passionate advocate for girls' education, which she sees as a crucial tool for fighting the practices of female genital mutilation and child marriage.

Kakenya is now fulfilling her promise to her community. As the founder and president of Kakenya Center for Excellence, a girls' primary boarding school in Enoosaen, Kenya, Kakenya believes that education will empower and motivate young girls to become agents of change in their community and country. The Center opened its doors in May 2009 and currently has 155 students in grades four through eight. It has become a beacon of hope to the girls and parents in Enoosaen.

Kakenya was honored with a Vital Voices Global Leadership award in 2008 and as a National Geographic Emerging Explorer in 2010. She was named one of Newsweek's "150 Women Who Shake the World" in 2011 and counted among the Women Deliver 100: The Most Inspiring People Delivering for Girls and Women. She was a featured speaker at TEDx Midatlantic Conference in 2012 and honored as a CNN Hero in 2013. Her story has been the subject of a Washington Post series, a BBC documentary, and many magazine articles.

Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, General Secretary, World YWCA



Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, is Zimbabwean. She is a trained human rights lawyer with extensive experience in conflict resolution and mediation. In 2007, Ms. Gumbonzvanda became General Secretary of the World YWCA, a global network of women and young women leading social and economic change in 125 countries. This appointment followed over 10 years experience with the United Nations, where she served as Regional Director for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) in Eastern and Horn Africa, covering 13 countries. She was previously a human rights officer with UNICEF in Liberia and Zimbabwe, and had also served as interim coordinator for the Zimbabwe Women Lawyers Association during its formative stage and in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs in Zimbabwe as a law officer.

Since joining the World YWCA, Ms. Gumbonzvanda's core focus has been on three main areas: (1) championing young women's leadership through regional dialogues, support to women's programmes, internships, as well as strategic partnerships (2) advancing peace with justice and addressing violence against women by making the YWCA a leader in community response to crises and conflict; (3) supporting movement building of the YWCA and the movement's engagement in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment.

Notable recent achievements include work on the integration of gender equality issues in the peace processes for the Sudan, Somalia and Northern Uganda and a lead role in the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region that resulted in the adoption of the Protocol on Sexual and Gender Based Violence as well as property rights for returnees. Ms. Gumbonzvanda was involved in the development of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on Women's Rights in Africa. Having also worked for many years on issues of gender and HIV and AIDS, she was a resource person for the international Women's Summit on HIV and AIDS hosted by the World YWCA in 2007.

Ms. Gumbonzvanda continues to be active in a number of organizations, committees and conferences, including: Board member of Save the Children, UK; chair of the Governance and Board Development Committee of Action Aid International; Member of the UN Civil Society Advisory Committee in UN Security Council Resolution 1325; Member of the Africa Women Leaders on Sexual and Reproductive Health; Co-leader of the World YWCA delegation to the Beijing plus 15 review (New York 2010), the UN Commission on the Status of Women (2008 -2010) and the International AIDS Conferences (2008/2010): Co-Convenor of the Religious Leaders Summit on HIV and AIDS (Netherlands 2010). In addition, she played a leading role in the Women Leaders Solidarity Visits to Sudan (2004-2009), DRC (2009) and Zimbabwe (2010) Ms. Gumbonzvanda has a Master's degree in Private Law with specialisation in Constitutional Property Law from the University of South Africa and completed postgraduate work on conflict resolution at Uppsala University, Sweden. She is active within the women's rights movement and is a member of such organizations as Women in Law and Development in Africa, Zimbabwe Women Lawyers Association and the

World Conference on Religion and Peace. She serves on the Advisory Board for the African Centre for Women, Information and Communications Technology. She recently founded the Rozaria Memorial Trust (RMT), a charity organization established in honour of her late mother, a role model in her community in Murewa, Zimbabwe.

In recognition of her approach to empowerment of women in communities, Ms. Gumbonzvanda has been awarded life membership status by the Maendeleo Ya Wanawake Organisation, a grassroots organization with over 4 million members. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda is widely published and enjoys poetry. She is married and has two children.

Jennifer Buffett, NoVo Foundation



Jennifer is president and co-chair of NoVo Foundation. NoVo's mission is to foster a transformation from a world of domination and exploitation to one of collaboration and partnership. As its president, Jennifer is responsible for the day-to-day creation and oversight of vision, strategy, and program development. She also serves as chief liaison in NoVo's partnership building with other foundations and nonprofits. Jennifer co-chairs the Foundation's board with her husband, composer and producer Peter Buffett.

Jennifer works passionately advocating for girls and women worldwide and to end violence and exploitation against them. She serves on the boards of the Nike Foundation to promote the Girl Effect, the economic and social empowerment of adolescent girls that results in a ripple effect of positive change; the Collaborative for Academic,

Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) to promote "whole-child" education practices based on what kids need from schools, from their teachers, and one another in order to learn and thrive; and V-Day, a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls.

Jennifer began her work in philanthropy in 1997 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, primarily as a funder of social service organizations, with a focus on early childhood education for at-risk children and families.

In September 2008, Jennifer and Peter received the Clinton Global Citizen Award for their "visionary leadership and sustainable, scalable work in solving pressing global challenges." Presenting the award to the Buffetts, former President Bill Clinton said, "The Buffetts are leading an inspirational campaign to improve the status of women and girls across the globe. Their innovative approach to philanthropy has leveraged the capacity of existing organizations to affect real, positive change."

Jennifer and Peter were named in Barron's list of top 25 most effective philanthropists in 2009 and 2010.

Suzanne Petroni, ICRW, Case Study on Eradicating Early Forced Marriages



Suzanne Petroni is Senior Director of Gender, Population and Development at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), where she leads the organization's research, advocacy and programs on sexual and reproductive health and rights, adolescent transitions to adulthood, child marriage and population dynamics. Prior to joining ICRW, Petroni was Vice President of Global Health at the Public Health Institute. There, she expanded the organization's global health engagement through research, program and policy work and served as the organization's spokesperson and liaison on global health issues with governments, the media, federal agencies, private foundations, non-profit organizations, universities and other outlets. From 2001-2010, Petroni served as Senior Program Officer at the Summit Foundation, directing the foundation's Global Population and Youth Leadership Program, including through the design and

implementation of grantmaking strategies for youth leadership and adolescent sexual and reproductive health in the developing world. While at Summit, she also served as Chair of the Funders Network on Population, Reproductive Health & Rights and founded and co-chaired an international donor group on adolescent sexual and reproductive health and development. At the U.S. State Department from 1997-2001, Petroni worked in the Office of the Under Secretary for Global Affairs and the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration. She served as the U.S. government's "Officer in Charge" for the five-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+5), and led the U.S. government's policy work on reproductive health in humanitarian crises.

Petroni received a Ph.D. in Gender and Social Policy from The George Washington University's Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, and a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Davis. She has served on numerous advisory and steering committees and has published and spoken widely on a range of issues related to reproductive health and rights, population, women, youth health and youth leadership.

Jennifer Hollett, Official G(irls)20 Summit Moderator



Jennifer Hollett is an award winning cross-platform journalist. Her work has taken her around the world, winning awards for a documentary on youth in Afghanistan and a report on Israeli conscientious objectors.

Jenn has over a decade of experience in television, interviewing hundreds of big names – including rock stars, prime ministers and royalty.

Jenn's career began at Sony Music Canada, where she became a Manager of New Media, the youngest manager in the company's history. More recently Jenn developed content and social media strategy for the international development organization Plan and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation News Network. Jenn also worked as a national digital media

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Social issues are extremely important to Jenn. As the founder of YouthCARE, she created a youth engagement program at CARE Canada. Jenn has worked with Journalists for Human Rights in Freetown, Sierra Leone where she trained reporters in war-torn newsrooms. She has also moderated the G(irls) 20 Summit in Toronto and Paris.

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