Open Day at the Palais des Nations – NGO Stands Schedule and Information 24 October 2015

Time	Stand 1	Stand 2
10:00-11:50	The Hunger Project	Association for the Prevention of
		Torture
12:00-13:50	Soroptimist International	Village Suisse ONG
14:00-18:00	International Peacebuilding	Plan International,
	Alliance (Interpeace)	Save the Children,
		World Vision International,
		Terre des Hommes International
		Federation

The Hunger Project - *Stand 1:* 10:00 – 11:50 http://thp.org

The Hunger Project is a global, non-profit organization committed to the sustainable **end of world hunger**. Based in the United States and operating in 22 countries, it supports actions of 24.000 communities throughout Africa, South Asia and Latin America.

The NGO joined the Zero Hunger Challenge initiative of the UN Secretary General, and serves on the advisory board of the Community for Zero Hunger. It will showcase experiences and share insights from surveys with 276 development leaders in 28 countries.

Soroptimist International - *Stand* 1: 12:00 – 13:50 www.soroptimistinternational.org

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement working to **transform the lives of women and girls**. A network of 80,000 club members works at a local, national and international level to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls.

The NGO will demonstrate the project called Birthing in the Pacific (BIP), which aims to tackle high maternal mortality rates in developing small island states. The project largely focused upon providing education and training to community health workers, midwives and university healthcare lecturers in Papua New Guinea. The proposed display would contain poster images from BIP, other printed materials and resources, and a video. Individual stories of women empowered by the project and those who have benefited from the training will also be featured.

Interpeace - *Stand 1: 14:00 – 18:00* www.interpeace.org

Interpeace is an independent, international peacebuilding organization. Interpeace contributes to **building lasting peace** through inclusive and nationally-led processes of change, focused on strengthening capacities within societies to manage conflict without resorting to violence or coercion.

Interpeace will organise a peace photobooth stand with an automatic machine that takes pictures of people in front of a background and prints it instantly, then also shares it on social media. In addition, visitors can also take pictures of themselves with signs displays that transmit a powerful message of peace.

Association for the Prevention of Torture - *Stand 2:* 10:00 – 11:50 www.apt.ch

The Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT) has been the driving force behind the drafting, adoption and implementation of international and regional legal instruments to prevent torture, including the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture. At the national level APT helps States with domestication of the Convention Against Torture and with the development of legal safeguards which will help **prevent torture and other ill-treatment**.

The NGO will present the torture prevention system established by the UN and demonstrate how APT works to support its implementation and the impact it has on protecting the human rights and dignity of persons deprived of their liberty. APT team will discuss with visitors and distribute information material about the prevention of torture.

Village Suisse ONG - *Stand 2: 12:00 – 13:50* www.villagesuisseong.org

Village Suisse is a Geneva based NGO interested in the reduction of differences between the technology capability of the South and emerging countries and those from the North, by recycling computer equipment from Northern countries. The NGO closely monitors discussions at the policy level in the **fight against the digital divide**, both for economic reasons and for reasons of gender or generational differences.

The NGO will showcase their work in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where they collaborated with the UN towards the creation of a Human Rights Library in Kinshasa.

Plan International,

https://plan-international.org

Save the Children International,

www.savethechildren.net

Terre des Hommes International Federation, and

www.terredeshommes.org

World Vision International

www.wvi.org

Stand 2: 14:00 – 18:00

Plan International works with, for and on behalf of girls and boys and their communities to address immediate and long-term needs, to help secure lasting changes in their lives.

Save the Children works in 120 countries to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Terre des Hommes International Federation supports and implements development and humanitarian aid projects designed to improve the living conditions of disadvantaged children, and of their families and communities.

World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

Activities of the four NGOs are in line with the goals and objectives of the UN – featuring prominently in the Sustainable Development Goals and being central to 'peace, rights and well-being'. In all cases, the four NGOs work hand in hand with UN and other partners including other NGOs as well as businesses and universities.

The four NGOs will showcase their work on issues of **health and nutrition**, and will present the campaign regarding **children on the move**, **and violence against children**. Full use will be made of audio-visual materials, music and video. Special effort will be made to connect with children.