

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE FIRST SWISS HOSTED

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENGAGING MEN & BOYS (EMB) ON 7 – 8 JUNE 2018 IN BASEL, SWITZERLAND

JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY IAMANEH SWITZERLAND AND THE SWISS AGENCY
FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SDC)

MEN MOVE! All over the world, important male initiatives questioning gender stereotypes and manifesting new masculinities are coming to life. Men want to be gender equal partners, caring fathers and just members of society. To call for engaging and working together with men and boys is essential for achieving gender equality and produced tangible results in promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights and decreasing gender-based violence.

YET, men still need to move! Transforming gender roles must go beyond personal relationships. To shift dominant power positions and challenge structural patriarchy, institutions, governments and their leaders and authorities need to adapt gender transformative approaches that include and aim at both women and men. The first conference on Engaging Men and Boys (EMB) in Switzerland represents an important milestone in the current discussion on EMB in gender and development and has the following objectives:

- To present the state of the current international discussion, research and practical experience regarding EMB
- To share best practices of gender-transformative approaches in different countries and regions
- To stimulate a critical discussion regarding societal and structural barriers for an effective application of EMB-approaches
- To provide an interdisciplinary and region-connecting platform for networking and exchange of experience and promote EMB approaches in the development community.



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PROGRAM

DAY ONE – 7 JUNE 2018

How has the yearlong journey of EMB looked like and what has been achieved so far? What are the most successful gender-transformative approaches that have been applied in different development fields and what are the main learnings? What are the challenges and critical discussions at a global level and how do they influence local action?

Day one presents a broad and comprehensive picture of the topic of EMB from policy to practice. The attention will be devoted to approaches and experiences in different areas related to gender equality with a focus on gender-transformative processes. Key elements for an effective and sustainable implementation will be elaborated.

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DAY TWO – 8 JUNE 2018

Gender-based violence is a human rights violation with overwhelmingly high incident rates all over the globe. Direct male violence over women is the most frequent form of violence and there is a clear gender dimension to violence perpetrated by men. Yet, working with perpetrators is still in its early stages in development contexts. Also, men themselves are increasingly recognized as being subject to violence and there is a high probability that those who are victims of violence will later become perpetrators.

Day two focuses on the in depth application of EMB-approaches in the prevention of gender based violence with a specific emphasis on working with perpetrators and male survivors of violence.

For more information on the topics and speakers please find [here](#) a more detailed draft program of the conference.

Both days can be visited as a comprehensive package or individually.

We are looking forward to sharing two enriching and instructive days with you.

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SIDE EVENTS



SDC-Networking Apéro
7 June, 17:15, RhyPark

www.rhyPark.com



Celebration of the 40th IAMANEH anniversary with singer and dancer from the Ivory Coast, Dobet Gnahoré
8 June, 20h, Parterre One Music

www.parterre-one.ch

REGISTRATION

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation until 20 of May 2018 on www.menmove-conference2018.ch

CONFERENCE VENUE

RhyPark Basel
Mülhauserstrasse 17
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