



CONFERENCE 7-8 JUNE 2018  
ENGAGING MEN AND BOYS IN GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE FIRST SWISS HOSTED

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENGAGING MEN & BOYS (EMB)

JUNE 7 – 8, 2018, IN BASEL, SWITZERLAND

JOINTLY ORGANISED 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 embracing new masculinities are being launched. Men wish to become gender-equal partners, caring fathers and just members of society. Engaging and working with men and boys is essential for achieving gender equality. This approach has also produced tangible results in the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights, and the reduction of gender-based violence over recent years.

Yet, men still need to move! Transforming gender roles must extend beyond personal relationships. For dominant power positions to shift and the structural patriarchy to be challenged, institutions, governments and their leaders and authorities must adopt gender transformative approaches that are directed at and embrace 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 current international discussion, research and practical experience in EMB
- To share best practices of gender-transformative approaches in different countries and regions
- To stimulate critical discussions regarding societal and structural barriers for the effective application of EMB approaches
- To provide an interdisciplinary and region-connecting platform for networking and the exchange of experiences, and the promotion of EMB approaches in the development community.



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**Markus Theunert**  
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## CONFERENCE SCOPE

THE CONFERENCE BUILDS ON TWO MAIN FOCI:

### DAY ONE – 7 JUNE 2018

*What has the year-long journey of EMB looked like, and what has been achieved so far? What are the most successful gender-transformative approaches to have been applied in different development fields and what are the main lessons? What are the challenges and critical discussions at a global level, and how do they in turn influence local action?*

Day one will present a broad and comprehensive picture of EMB spanning policy and practice. Attention will be devoted to approaches and experiences in different areas of gender equality, with a focus on gender-transformative processes. Key elements for effective and sustainable implementation will be elaborated.

### DAY TWO – 8 JUNE 2018

*Gender-based violence is a human rights violation with overwhelmingly high incident rates around the world. Direct male violence against women is the most frequent form of violence and there is a clear gender dimension in the violence perpetrated by men. Yet, working with perpetrators is still in its early stages in development contexts. Also, men themselves are increasingly recognised as being subject to violence and there is rising evidence about the interconnection between own violence experience and the later exposure to or use of violence.*


Day two will focus on the application of EMB approaches in the prevention of gender-based violence with an emphasis on working with perpetrators and male survivors of violence.

A more detailed draft conference programme is given [here](#) for further topic and speaker information.

The conference can be visited on both days as a comprehensive package, as well as on individual days.

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

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**MEN**  
TOGETHER WITH RESPECT *move!*

## SIDE EVENTS



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

[www.rhypark.com](http://www.rhypark.com)



**Celebration of the 40th IAMANEH anniversary with singer and dancer from the Ivory Coast, Dobet Gnahoré**  
8 June, 20:15, Parterre One Music

[www.parterre-one.ch](http://www.parterre-one.ch)

## REGISTRATION

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation until 20 of May 2018 on

[www.menmove-conference2018.ch](http://www.menmove-conference2018.ch)

## CONFERENCE VENUE

RhyPark Basel  
Mülhauserstrasse 17  
[www.rhypark.com](http://www.rhypark.com)

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FREE

Conference language English / French with interpreting services