

The Initiative for Inclusive Security

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The Initiative for Inclusive Security Announces Carla Koppell as New Director

WASHINGTON, DC – **The Initiative for Inclusive Security**, a program of Hunt Alternatives Fund, announced that Carla Koppell has recently been named the new director of the initiative. Carla has worked with Hunt Alternatives Fund for over four years, most recently serving as director of policy initiatives for The Initiative for Inclusive Security.

“Carla’s a major talent, and she’s guiding this initiative with a remarkably steady hand,” said **Ambassador Swanee Hunt, founder and chair of The Initiative for Inclusive Security**. “She is a fierce advocate for inclusive security who has developed key relationships with high-level policymakers around the world.”

As director, Carla will lead Inclusive Security in its work to broaden the base of support for women’s participation in peace processes around the world. She will build partnerships with senior public officials, media professionals, academics, and women peace builders from a variety of conflict areas to develop specific recommendations for building sustainable, inclusive peace.

With nearly two decades of experience in international affairs, Carla brings her diverse and extensive background working in the security and development sectors to support Inclusive Security’s mission. She has served as senior advisor and interim director of the Conflict Prevention Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. While at the Wilson Center, she authored “Preventing the Next Wave of Conflict: Understanding Non-Traditional Threats to Global Stability.”

Carla has also served as deputy assistant secretary for international affairs for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. In this position she oversaw a portfolio of cooperative programs that included efforts to assist humanitarian aid and reconstruction in Central America, housing reform in China, and reconstruction in South Africa. Ms. Koppell was special assistant to the administrator of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and director of the USAID climate change program. She has also worked for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The Initiative for Inclusive Security, a program of Hunt Alternatives Fund, advocates for the full participation of all stakeholders, especially women, in peace processes. Creating sustainable peace is achieved best by a diverse, citizen-driven approach. Of the many sectors of society currently excluded from peace processes, none is larger—or more critical to success—than women. Since 1999, Inclusive Security has connected more than 400 women experts with over 3,000 policy shapers to collaborate on fresh, workable solutions to long-standing conflicts across the globe. For more information visit www.HuntAlternatives.org.

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