

Press release

Sixteen extraordinary life-changing stories will be exhibited in Montreux

Geneva, April 4, 2016.- From April 11 to June 15 2016, the City of Montreux will host the travelling photo exhibition “First Steps”, presented by the CAUX-Initiatives of Change Foundation (CAUX-lofC). Sixteen inspiring stories of ordinary people initiating extraordinary changes, will be exhibited at the “Place du Marché”, right at the heart of the iconic city.

This event represents the first of a set of activities organized by CAUX-lofC in 2016 to celebrate its 70th anniversary. The opening will take place on April 11, at 6.30pm, with remarks by Laurent Wehri, mayor of Montreux, and Barbara Hintermann, Secretary-general of CAUX-lofC.

The photo exhibition is aimed at sharing with residents and visitors of the Lake Geneva region some of the most life-changing experiences that took place at or originated from an also iconic monumental building: the Caux Palace, just above Montreux.

Over the past seven decades, the former luxury hotel, transformed in a conference centre, has been the stage of meaningful gatherings and encounters towards peace, trust, and reconciliation, whether impacting individual and communities' realities, or transforming entire nations.

It was at the Caux Palace where key reconciliation efforts were reached after the devastation of World War II, or where Japanese politicians, trade-unionists and industrialists met to build trust after the Hiroshima and Nagasaki attacks and the reconstruction of a post-war Japan.

This is also where Daphrose Barampama, a political refugee from Burundi, living in Switzerland, got inspired and decided to go back to her country to promote peace and development among her compatriots suffering long-term conflicts.

Join us for the opening and discover these inspiring stories and many more!

CAUX-lofC was established in 1946. Since then it organizes and coordinates international and local conferences, seminars and training in Switzerland to inspire, equip and connect individuals, groups and organizations from around the world and to engage them in trustbuilding, ethical leadership, sustainable living and human security.

Please find attached the official invitation for the opening.

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