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WOMEN FORUM UNVEILS LAUNCHING OF STANDI SPEAKC RISE UP TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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This is a long-standing project, which started with her first meeting with Dr Denis Mukwege, Nobel Peace Prize Winner. “I asked him how I could help the victims of sexual violence. He replied that he had just created a group of survivors and he asked me to give them a platform. I decided then, with the help of my Foundation, to hold a conference so as to give them a voice“, said the Grand Duchess.----------
“When the Grand Duchess told me about her great cause I immediately thought that the Women´s Forum should and could bring its full support to contribute and to give a voice to those who succeed to overcome such trials worldwide.“ explained Chiara Corazza, Managing Director of the Women´s Forum. To bring this ambitious conference project to life, The Grand Duchess was delighted to announce both the collaboration of the Women's Forum for the Economy & Society and the two strategic partnerships with the Mukwege Foundation and We are not Weapons of War in the honorary presence of three Nobel Peace Prize winners Dr Denis Mukwege, Nadia Murad and Muhammad Yunus. The Grand Duchess expressed her gratitude towards the Luxembourg government who is supporting this initiative. The whole community of the Women´s Forum will be aside the Grand Duchess to stand speak rise, to engage for impact and contribute to never let this happen again.

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