


**SPEAKER FORM**

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<b>Title</b>	RPAS Project Manager
<b>Establishment</b>	Swiss Foundation for Mine Action
<b>Establishment Profile</b>	FSD is an international mine action organization based in Geneva, Switzerland. This private, independent, and non-profit organization was created in 1997. Since then, it has implemented a large number of mine clearance projects in more than 15 different countries. The overarching aim of FSD's operations is to alleviate and diminish the social, economic and environmental impacts of landmines and unexploded ordnance, thus creating favourable conditions for the reconstruction and development of war-torn countries.
<b>Biography</b>	<p>Over the past 2 years, Denise has been working with FSD to implement UAV field projects in collaboration with humanitarian partners. Denise managed the EU Humanitarian Aid funded research on "Drones in Humanitarian Action" -- the project produced the largest body of research on the efficient, effective and appropriate use of UAVs in humanitarian settings to date.</p> <p>Denise holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from Yale University and a Masters in Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. In the past, Denise has managed global multi-stakeholder processes on various issues relating to conservation and innovation.</p>
<b>Presentation content</b>	I will present a global overview on how humanitarians have been using drones for peaceful purposes in order to save lives and what is needed to further leverage the technology to it's fullest humanitarian potential.