

Agenda

2016 Annual Conference

Academic Platform on Treaty Body Review 2020

Geneva, 8-9 December 2016

Villa Moynier, 120B Rue de Lausanne, Geneva

Background

In 2014, the General Assembly adopted resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the Treaty Body System. Two aspects of this resolution ensure accountability in its implementation: the biennial report of the Secretary-General on the state of the Treaty Body System and the proposed 2020 Review.

The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights coordinates an academic research project that aims to yield innovative proposals and solutions for the Treaty Body System without weakening international human rights protection. The project is designed in a decentralized manner, generating partnerships with research institutions around the globe who are co-organizing regional consultations to allow for broad and varied input. The Geneva Academy will consolidate the outcomes of regional and thematic meetings as well as individual contributions and feed them into the intergovernmental process in the lead-up to the 2020 Review.

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This meeting will be divided into two distinct parts, the first being a day and a half of expert meetings and the second, a half day dedicated to exchanges with stakeholders, States and NGOs.

The expert meeting on Thursday and Friday morning will be held at the Villa Moynier, premises of the Geneva Academy. It will be a private round-table discussion and there will be working groups to discuss particular topics. The plenary sessions will generally be moderated by the organizers.

On Friday afternoon the meeting with stakeholders, States and NGOs will include two separate briefing discussions and will take place in Room V at the Palais des Nations.

Agenda Day I, 8 December 2016

- 9.00 – 9.15** **ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS**
Welcome Coffee
- 9.15 – 9.45** **WELCOME**
Robert Roth
Director, Geneva Academy
- OPENING REMARKS**
Hubert René Schillinger
Director, FES Geneva
- INTRODUCTIONS / TOUR DE TABLE**
Felix Kirchmeier and Kamelia Kemileva
Geneva Academy, and Chairs of the meeting
- 9.45 – 10.45** **SESSION ONE: THE GLOBAL ACADEMIC PROJECT AND ITS RELATION TO GA RES 68/268**
Discussion
- 10.45 – 11.15** *Coffee Break*
- 11.15 – 12.45** **SESSION TWO: THE REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS – REPORTING BACK ON POINTS OF CONVERGENCE**
- Suzanne Egan**
University College Dublin
Consultation for Western Europe, Dublin, Ireland
- Anatoly Kapustin**
The Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law
Consultation for Eastern Europe, Moscow, Russia
- JoAnn Kamuf Ward (by video conference)**
Columbia University
Consultation for Latin America and the Caribbean, San José, Costa Rica
- Discussion*
- 12.45 – 13.30** *Lunch*
- 13.30 – 15.30** **SESSION THREE: IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS AND DISCUSSIONS IN WORKING GROUPS**

Introduction to suggested Working Groups and brainstorming on “gaps and omissions” to be discussed

Participants will choose a WG according to their interest. Further topics for a WG may be decided in the morning session or suggested groups may be dropped.

WORKING GROUP I: Treaty Body composition: independence, status and other issues

Florence Simbiri-Jaoko

University of Nairobi and Co-Chair of the Consultation in Sub-Saharan Africa

WORKING GROUP II: State Party reviews: frequency, sequencing and other issues

Felix Kirchmeier

Co-Chair of the Conference

WORKING GROUP III: Synergies between Charter-based Bodies and Treaty Bodies / Reconfiguring the Treaty Body System

Miloon Kothari

Co-Chair of the Consultation in Asia

15.30 – 15.45

Coffee Break

15.45 – 17.00

SESSION FOUR: REPORTING BACK FROM WGs and CONCLUSIONS OF DAY 1

Discussion

19.00 – 21.00

Dinner at Restaurant TRILBLY, Hotel N'Vy

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Agenda Day II, 9 December 2016

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| 8.45 – 9.00 | ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS
<i>Welcome Coffee</i> |
| 9.00 – 10.30 | SESSION FIVE: POINTS OF CONVERGENCE OF THE GENEVA MEETING
<i>Discussion</i> |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 11.00 – 12.00 | SESSION SIX: MORE RESEARCH NEEDED

<i>Discussion</i> |
| 12.00 – 12.30 | CLOSING OF THE EXPERT MEETING |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14.00 – 15.45 | BRIEFING FOR STATES at Palais des Nations, Room V

Introduction and presentation of the global and regional projects by the co-coordinators of the project and participants of the conference |
| 16.00 – 18.00 | DISCUSSION WITH NGOs at Palais des Nations, Room V

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