

Agenda

Regional Consultation for Western Europe

Dublin, 7-8 July 2016

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10.00am: Welcome and Introduction of Participants

Dr. Maurice Manning, Chancellor National University of Ireland, former Senator and President of the Irish Human Rights Commission.

Kamelia Kemileva, Executive Manager, Geneva Academy

Suzanne Egan, Assistant Professor, School of Law, University College Dublin

10.30: (With Coffee Break)

Session 1: Is Continuing on the Path of Linear Growth a Feasible Option for the Treaty System?

Chair: *Suzanne Egan*

Non-exhaustive list of issues arising:

- Focus on State Reporting
- Focus on Individual Complaints (Ulfstein, Pisillo Mazzeschi)
- Focus on General Comments (Pisillo Mazzeschi, Vandenhole)
- Harmonization of Treaty Body Procedures (Vandenhole)
- Nomination, Selection, Professionalisation of Treaty Body Members
- Capacity Building (Kjaerum)
- Interaction with NGOs and NHRIs (Kjaerum, Pisillo Mazzeschi)
- Role of the Chairpersons (Egan)
- Improving the interplay between the current treaty body system and the UPR (McCroory, Kjaerum, , Egan)

1.00pm Lunch – NUI Building

2.15pm – 3.15pm Session 1 Continued.

Chair: *Kamelia Kemileva*

Coffee Break

3.30pm – 5.30pm: Session 2: Considering, Adapting and Integrating Previous Proposals

Non-exhaustive list of issues arising:

- Consolidation of reports to the treaty bodies (Philip Alston; SG Proposal)
- Reduction of Emphasis on Reporting ((Vandenhole)

- Comprehensive Reporting Calendar (Flintermann)
- Joint Treaty Body Working Group on Individual Communications (CERD Proposal, Kjaerum)
- Joint Treaty Body Working Group on Follow-Up (Kjaerum, Egan)
- Platform for Elections of Treaty Body Members (UNHCHR Report)

8.00pm: CONFERENCE DINNER:

[Belluci's Restaurant](#), Sweepstakes Centre, 22-30 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

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10.00am (With Coffee Break)

Session 3: Consideration of New Proposals that May Not Require Normative Change

Chair: *Susan McCrory*

Non-exhaustive list of suggested ideas:

- Lessons from the ILO System (e.g. desk based reviews)
- Revival of the Unified Standing Treaty Body
 - Possible Variations: Consolidation of the ICCPR and ICESCR
 - Single Unified Treaty Body for Reporting Only (Pisillo Mazzeschi)
- Publicity, Transparency of the Treaty Body System
- Role of the Secretariat

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2.30pm – 5.00pm (With Coffee Break)

Session 4: Review and Adoption of Points of Agreement/Consensus