



UNITAR

Peace and Security Series Seminar on Preventing Genocide* programme



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Monday, 2 April 2007

- 9:30 am** **Welcome**
Dr. Colleen Thouez, Chief, UNITAR New York Office
- 9:40 am** **Introductory Remarks**
Dr. David Hamburg, Chair, UN Advisory Committee on Genocide Prevention, former Co-Chair, Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict (CCPDC)
- 10:00 am** **INTRODUCTION – Understanding Genocide**
Dr. Gregory H. Stanton, James Farmer Professor in Human Rights, University of Mary Washington; founder and president of Genocide Watch; Vice President, International Association of Genocide Scholars
- links with violent conflict and distinctiveness; dynamics of violence and escalation; individual and collective agency; the role of ideology etc.
- 10:30 am** **SESSION I – Toward a Culture of Prevention**
The legal concept of genocide, the Genocide Convention, and the role of the ICC in the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide
Mr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Court (ICC)
- 11:15 am** Coffee / Tea break
- 11:30 am** The responsibility to prevent and the international prevention architecture
- Role of the UN, regional organizations, civil society, private sector etc.
- Dr. Bertrand Ramcharan, former High Commissioner for Human Rights*
- 12:15 pm** Structural Prevention
Dr. David Hamburg
- 1:00 pm** **Lunch**
- 3:00 pm** **SESSION II – Strengthening the Rule of Law**
Protecting minority rights as a means to prevent genocide
Mr. John Packer, Coordinator, Initiative on Conflict Prevention through Quiet Diplomacy, Human Rights Internet, and former Director of the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- The prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide: experiences from the ICTY/ICTR
Ms. Simone Monasebian, Chief, UNODC New York Office, former Principal Defender of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and Trial Attorney in the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICTR
- 4:00 pm** **SESSION III – Peacebuilding and Prevention**
The role of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions
Mr. Paul van Zyl, Executive Vice-President, International Centre for Transitional Justice
- The role of the private sector
Ms. Canan Gündüz, Peacebuilding Issues Programme, International Alert
- The role of the media in violence prevention and peacebuilding
Ms. Susan Koscis, Director of Communications, Search for Common Ground
- 6:00 pm** **Summary and closing**

Tuesday, 3 April 2007

- 9:30 am** **Opening: Operationalizing the responsibility to protect**
Ms. Heidi Hulan, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN, former Deputy-Director, ICISS Secretariat
- 10:00 am** **SESSION IV – Operational Prevention: Early Warning**
Identifying and closing gaps between information, knowledge and action
Mr. John Packer
Case study: Sub-regional early warning
Ambassador Abdelrahim A. Khalil, Director, Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism (CEWARN), Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- 11:00 am** Coffee / Tea break
- 11:15 am** **SESSION V – The “Carrots and Sticks” of the International Community**
Preventing armed conflict: Preventive diplomacy
Dr. Bertrand Ramcharan
Protection of civilians in armed conflict
Mr. Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, Chief of Office, Office of the Under-Secretary General, OCHA
The role of targeted sanctions
Ms. Loraine Rickard-Martin, Senior Political Affairs Officer Security Council Subsidiary Organs Branch, Security Council Affairs Division, DPA
- 1:00 pm** **Lunch**
- 1:30 pm** **LUNCHTIME SESSION – Lessons Learned in Prevention Training**
Lessons in peacemaking and preventive diplomacy
Dr. Connie Peck, Senior Fellow, Programme in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy, UNITAR
Conflict resolution and genocide prevention
Dr. Andrea Bartoli, Director, International Conflict Resolution Program, School of International and Public Affairs and Chair, Columbia University Conflict Resolution Network
- 3:15 pm** Coffee / Tea break
- 3:30 pm** **SESSION V – The “Carrots and Sticks” of the International Community (continued)**
When humanity fails
Mr. Roméo Dallaire, Senator, Senate of Canada and former Force Commander of UNAMIR
The role of preventive deployment
Ms. Jane Holl Lute, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, DPKO
The international prevention architecture: Gaps and challenges
Mr. Juan Méndez, President, International Centre for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) and former Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide
- 5:15 pm** **Summary and closing remarks**
Dr. David Hamburg
- 5:45 pm** **End of Seminar**