

SEMINAR ON TRAINING AND ORIENTATION
FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,
ASSOCIATIONS AND STUDENTS
FOR EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE
TO ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DURBAN PROGRAMME OF ACTION
International Conference Centre, Geneva
17 rue de Varembeé – 15,16,17 April, 2009

Objectives:

- Understanding the background of UN work against racism, racial discrimination and other similar forms of discrimination, including the development of standards, the adoption of human rights treaties and the mechanisms for the implementation of these norms.
- Analysis of the scope of protection of the various most vulnerable groups today; reflecting on the progress made by all those involved in the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.
- Review of the current partner relationships of civil society in the implementation of the Durban Programme of Action.

Interpretation in English, French and Spanish, and from German will be provided

OPENING SESSION: Wednesday, 15 April

08:00 – 09:00

Registration

09:00

Welcome Address by **Dr. Mirko Giulietti**, Deputy Head, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Human Rights Policy Section, Division IV

09:15

Introduction by **Ms Edith Ballantyne**, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Special Adviser on UN Matters.

ACTION AT GLOBAL LEVEL

09:30 – 11:00

History of the UN's engagement with and action on racism and racial discrimination –
Professor Theo van Boven, Co-chair of Seminar, Former Director of Human Rights Center, United Nations, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Reparation to Victims of Violation of Human Rights

Proposal for an Optional Protocol to the Convention –
Member of the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

- Interactive dialogue

11:00 – 11:20

Tea /Coffee

SESSION TWO: APPROACHES TO POLICY

- 11:20 – 13:00 *Esclavage et économie – hier et aujourd’hui*
Slavery and Economy – yesterday and today:
Professor Bouda Etemad, Professor of History, University of Geneva and Lausanne
- En quête de mémoire et de justice. A Quest for Justice and Memory, Principles for a Multicultural Society:*
Dr. Doudou Diene, former UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance
- Interactive dialogue
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
- SESSION THREE: 2001 DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE
- 14:00 – 15:45 *Understanding the Durban Programme of Action –*
Ms. P. Nozipho January-Bardill, Co-chair of Seminar, Former Expert member of the CERD and former Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to Switzerland
- What will the Durban Review Conference Focus on? –*
Professor Curtis Doebbler, Professor of International law, Ab-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine
- Interactive dialogue
- 15:45 – 16:15 Tea /Coffee
- SESSION FOUR: MULTIPLE FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
- 16:15 – 18:00 *Displaced persons and new approaches to Minorities – equality rights –*
Professor Walter Kaelin, Department of Constitutional and International Public Law; University of Bern, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Human Rights of Displaced Persons
- The Convention of Childrens’ Rights and the protocol: Safeguards and Protection Gaps –*
Professor Jean Zermatten, Director of the International Institute of the Rights of the Child, CH; Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
- UNICEF representative and Defence of Children among other NGOs
- Interactive dialogue
- 18.00 – 18:30 Report of 3rd substantive session of PrepCom of the Durban Review Conference, Palais des Nations, Geneva
- 19:30 – 22:30 **Intercultural evening of music at 1, Rue de Varembeé**

SESSION FIVE: 08:00 –	Thursday, 16 April Registration for newcomers
08:30 – 09:00	Follow-up of 3 rd substantive session of PrepCom of the Durban Review Conference
09:00 – 10:15	<p>DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MIGRANTS</p> <p>Panel: <i>Rights of Migrants: The Global Business of Human Trafficking; Identification of Gender and Age: Specific Vulnerabilities in relation to Migration and Linkages to Trafficking</i></p> <p>Ms Denise Efionayi, Directrice adjointe, Forum suisse pour l'étude de migration et de la population, Université de Neuchatel: <i>Towards coherent and reliable statistical information for human rights action and policy outcome.</i></p> <p>Ms. Carmen Sottas, International Labour Organization, Norms: <i>International Convention on Forced Labour</i></p> <p>Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Representative: <i>Trafficking of human beings: New approaches to combating human trafficking and contemporary forms of slavery</i></p>
10:15 – 10:45	Tea /Coffee
SESSION SIX: 10:45 – 12:30	<p>HUMAN RIGHTS–BASED APPROACH TO THE MIGRATION PROCESS</p> <p>Panel: <i>Rights of Migrants and non-citizens</i></p> <p>M. Jean Michel Dolivo, lawyer, Lausanne: <i>Defence of the Right of Migrants</i></p> <p>Observatoire Suisse du droit d'asile et des étrangers</p> <p>Representative of Workers</p> <p>Dr. Andreas Rieder, Juriste, Federal Office of Home Affairs, Bern: <i>How to protect the rights of people with disabilities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive dialogue
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

SESSION SEVEN: DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER

14:00 – 15:45

Panel:

*Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality
Principles and Best practices*

Ms. Katerine Landuyt, International Labour Organization (ILO), Norms department:
International Convention on Discrimination and Gender issues

Ms. P. Nozipho January-Bardill, Former Expert member of the CERD:
*Implementing Equal Opportunities and Race Equality policies and practices
(South Africa Follow-up)*

Ms. Marion Boeker, Consultant on Human Rights and Gender Issues:
*The Intersection of Gender and Racial Discrimination – The function,
chance and challenge to work with the Human Rights Treaty Bodies:
CEDAW and CERD*

- Interactive dialogue

15:45–16:15

Tea/Coffee

SESSION EIGHT: FOLLOW-UP ON IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

16:15 – 18:00

- National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
- Forum Integration of Migrants, CH
- Inter-Parliamentary Union, **Ms. Ingeborg Schwarz** (*tbc*):
*Role of the Inter-Parliamentary union on the promotion, evolution and
implementation of Human Rights and law reform on the basis of equity and
equality*
- European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
- Federal Commission against Racism, **Ms. Doris Angst**

18.00 – 18:30

Follow-up of 3rd substantive session of PrepCom of the Durban Review Conference

SESSION NINE: FRIDAY, 17 April

- 08:00 – Registration of newcomers
- 08:30 – 09:00 Follow-up of 3rd substantive session of the PrepCom of the Durban Review conference
- 09:00 – 11:00 **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**
Panel:
Universality Principles and Cultural Diversity
- Professor José Hurtado**, University of Fribourg, Criminal law dept (*tbc*):
Questioning the individual rights and community rights in criminal law, Criminal Law and Cultural Pluralism
- Mr. Willie Littlechild**, Lawyer, Indigenous Peoples' representative
- Ms Boel Sambuc**, former vice-president, Federal Commission against Racism, Vice-President, Observatoire Suisse du droit d'asile et des étrangers, journaliste:
Racial Discrimination in the Cultural arena
- Mr. Kenneth Deer**, Indigenous Peoples' representative
- Interactive dialogue
- 11:00 – 11:30 Tea/Coffee
- SESSION TEN:** **UNITED NATIONS YEAR ON RECONCILIATION**
11:30 – 13:00 **Panel:**
Reconciliation Process
- Mr. Sacha Meuter**, PHD Candidate, Assistant Lic., Chair of Criminal Law, University of Fribourg:
Reconciliation and Media: Legal and practical point of view
- Dr. Angelo Barampama**, chargé de cours at the University of Geneva:
Power and Discrimination: a Geographer's Point of View
- Dr. Hermann Schmid**, Neuro-psychiatrist and psychoanalyst:
Violence, Resilience and Culture
- Dr. Alain Sigg**, Federal Dept of Foreign Affairs, Division IV:
Role of Mediation in the process of Reconciliation
- Interactive dialogue
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

CLOSING SESSION: DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

14 :00 – 15 :30 Representatives of Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

UNESCO: European and African Coalition of Cities against Racism and Discrimination–Action Plan

Ms Anne–Marie Lizin, Sénatrice (Belgique), Ancienne Présidente du Sénat (Belgique),
Presidente de la delegation belge de l'OSCE, *(tbc)*

Ms Nicole Reckinger , First Counsellor, Council of the European Union
Geneva General Secretariat *(tbc)*

15:30 – 16:00 Reports and Final Remarks

16:00 – 17 :00 Session on practical lobbying and logistics on NGO participation in the
Durban Review Conference