Vienna+20: Advancing the Protection of Human Rights
Achievements, Challenges and Perspectives 20 Years after the World Conference

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Programme

Wednesday, 26 June 2013

19:00 PRESENTATION of the documentary film project “Everyday Rebellion”
by Arash and Arman T. Riahi about non-violent resistance movements around
the world. Followed by panel discussion and reception (venue: Urania Cinema)

Thursday, 27 June 2013

from 09:00 REGISTRATION

10:00 – 11:00 HIGH LEVEL OPENING “Vienna+20: Achievements, Challenges and
Perspectives”

Opening Addresses:
• Michael Spindelegger, Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for European and
  International Affairs, Republic of Austria
• Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
Moderator: Eugen Freund, Austrian Broadcasting Corporation

Panel:
• Tawakkol Karman, Yemeni journalist, women’s rights activist, Nobel Peace Laureate
• Salil Shetty, Secretary General of Amnesty International
• Ludmilla Alexeeva, Russian human rights defender; founder, Moscow Helsinki Group

Concluding Remarks:
• Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations
11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 12:30 HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION
“The Legacy of the World Conference on Human Rights”
Moderator: Eugen Freund, Austrian Broadcasting Corporation
Panel:
- John Shattuck, President and Rector, Central European University (Ass. Secretary of State for Human Rights, Deputy Head of the U.S. Delegation at the World Conference)
- Adama Dieng, UN Secretary General’s Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide (Secretary General, Int. Commission of Jurists at the World Conference)
- Charlotte Bunch, Founding Director, Center for Women’s Global Leadership, Distinguished Professor, Rutgers University (NGO Representative at World Conference)
- Mark Thomson, Secretary General, Association for the Prevention of Torture (NGO Coordinator at the World Conference)
- Zdzislaw Kedzia, Professor of Human Rights, Adam Michiewicz University (General Rapporteur of the World Conference)

12:30 – 13:30 EXPERT PANEL
“Vienna+20: The Way Forward”
Chair: Helmut Tichy, Legal Advisor, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs
Panel:
- Rolf Künnemann, Human Rights Director, FIAN International: Recommendations resulting from the civil society conference “Vienna+20: Strengthening the Human Rights Movement Globally” (Vienna, 25/26 June 2013)
- Manfred Nowak, Professor of Human Rights Law, University of Vienna: Recommendations resulting from the COST Action Research Programme “The Role of the EU in UN Human Rights Reform”
- Chaloka Beyani, Chair of the Coordinating Committee, Special Procedures of the UN Human Rights Council: The contribution of UN Special Procedures to better promote and protect human rights

Presentation of the key issues for the Working Groups:
- Sanji Monageng, Judge, International Criminal Court: Strengthening the Rule of Law: The Right to an Effective Remedy for Victims of Human Rights Violations (WG 1)
- Liesl Gerntholtz, Executive Director, Women’s Rights Division, Human Rights Watch: Realising Human Rights of Women Universally: Tackling the Implementation Gap (WG 2)
- Rajeev Malhotra, Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Development and Finance, O.P. Jindal Global University: Mainstreaming Human Rights: A Human Rights Based Approach for the post-2015 Development Agenda (WG 3)

13:30 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 18:00 PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS

19:00 RECEPTION
Friday, 28 June 2013

09:00 – 11:00 PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS (continued)

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 12:00 PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS from the Working Groups and Conference Summary

Chair: Christian Strohal, Special Envoy for the Conference, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

Panel:
- Philippe Kirsch, former President, International Criminal Court (Chair, WG 1)
- Manfred Nowak, Prof. of Human Rights Law, University of Vienna (Rapporteur, WG 1)
- Marcia Kran, Director, Research/Right to Development Division, OHCHR (Chair, WG 2)
- Brigitte Holzner, independent human rights and gender expert (Rapporteur, WG 2)
- Luis Alfonso de Alba, Perm. Representative of Mexico to the IOs in Vienna (Chair, WG 3)
- Wolfgang Benedek, Prof. of Human Rights Law, University of Graz (Rapporteur, WG 3)

12:00 – 13:00 CONCLUDING PLENARY DISCUSSION

“Vienna+20: Towards a Human Rights Agenda for the 21st Century”

Chair: Hans Kyrle, Secretary General, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

Panel:
- Remigiusz Henczel, President of the UN Human Rights Council
- Mabedle Lawrence Mushwana, Chair, International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutes, Director, South African Human Rights Commission
- Morten Kjaerum, Director, EU Fundamental Rights Agency

Concluding Remarks:
- Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

13:00 CONCLUSION