

High-level workshop on HUMAN RIGHTS DIPLOMACY

Friday, 30 January 2009

9.30 Opening Session

Welcome on behalf of institutional organisers

Preliminary overview: what human rights diplomacy is about

Introduction of workshop participants

Presenters:

HORST FISCHER, *President, EIUC*

GEORGE ULRICH, *Senior Research Fellow, EIUC*

MICHAEL O'FLAHERTY, *Professor of Applied Human Rights, University of Nottingham; Member of UN Human Rights Committee*

DZIDEK KĘDZIA, *Professor of Constitutional Law, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan; Member of UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Session 2:

Main contemporary forms of human rights diplomacy

Presenters:

KYUNG-WHA KANG, *Deputy UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*

MANFRED NOWAK, *Professor for International Human Rights, University of Vienna; UN Special Rapporteur on Torture*

DZIDEK KĘDZIA, *Professor of Constitutional Law, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan; Member of UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*

12.45 Lunch

14.30 Session 3:

The practice of bilateral human rights diplomacy by States

Presenters:

ENGELBERT THEUERMANN, *Director for Human Rights, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria*

TOBIAS KING, *DG Relex, European Commission*

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 Session 4:

The practice of multilateral human rights diplomacy by States

Presenters:

VITIT MUNTARBHORN, *Professor of Law at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok; UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*

LUIS ALFONSO DE ALBA, *Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva*

18.00 End of Session

20.00 Dinner in Venice

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9.00 Session 5:

The practice of multilateral human rights diplomacy at the regional level

Presenters:

SILVIA ESCOBAR, *Special Mission Ambassador for Human Rights, Spanish Ministry for Foreign Affairs*

CHRISTIAN STROHAL, *Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva*

WOLFGANG BENEDEK, *Professor, Institute of International Law and International Relations, University of Graz*

JEAN-PAUL JACQUÉ, *Honorary Director General and Special Counsellor, Council of the EU*

10.15 Session 6:

The practice of human rights diplomacy by inter-governmentally appointed office holders

Presenters:

BERTRAND RAMCHARAN, *Former Acting UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*

JOHN PACKER, *Director, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex*

11.30 Coffee break

12.00 Session 7:

Human rights diplomacy by other actors

Presenters:

HURST HANNUM, *Professor of International Law, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University*

MARTA SANTOS PAIS, *Director, UNICEF-Innocenti Research Centre*

PEGGY HICKS, *Advocacy Director, Human Rights Watch*

MICHAEL O'FLAHERTY, *Member of the UN Human Rights Committee*

13.15 Lunch

15.00 Session 8:

Future challenges and opportunities for human rights diplomacy

Presenters:

ROBERT ARCHER, *Executive Director, International Council of Human Rights Policy*

TIYANJANA MALUWA, *Associate Dean and Director of Penn State School of International Affairs*

IBRAHIM SALAMA, *Chief of Human Rights Treaty Branch, UN OHCHR*

16.30 Coffee break

17.00 Concluding session: Summary of conference findings and plenary discussion

18.00 End of Session

20.00 Dinner on Lido