

FUNDERS' LEARNING VISIT GENEVA, SWITZERLAND 4-6 MAY 2010

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- To gain an understanding of the UN system and Geneva-based UN human rights mechanisms
- To gain applied knowledge of ways to engage the UN system that allow international and national activists to achieve important human rights objectives
- To forge relationships among peer grantmakers based in North America, Europe, and other regions of the globe

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- How can the United Nations human rights system help solve pressing human rights issues?
- How can grantmakers work most strategically to advance this aim?

CONFERENCE CO-FACILITATORS

- Mark Thomson, Secretary General, Association for the Prevention of Torture
- Monette Zard, Human Rights Program Officer, Ford Foundation

MONDAY, 3 MAY

17:30 Lobby of Hotel Mon Repos	Meet for dinner with fellow Learning Visit participants <i>(at own expense)</i> <i>Restaurant recommendations will be provided</i>
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TUESDAY, 4 MAY Venue: Villa Moynier

120b, Rue de Lausanne (between Mon Repos and Moynier Parks)

Starting at 7:00	Breakfast <i>(Available at Hotel Mon Repos from 7:00 am for Sfr.18.00)</i>
8:15 Lobby, Hotel Mon Repos	Meet in hotel lobby if you would like to travel together to Villa Moynier, 120b, Rue de Lausanne
9:00-10:00	Welcome and Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael J. Hirschhorn, President, Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation; Executive Director, IHRFG • Mark Thomson, Secretary General, Association for the Prevention of Torture • Monette Zard, Human Rights Program Officer, Ford Foundation

TUESDAY, 4 MAY (continued)

Venue: Villa Moynier

120b, Rue de Lausanne (between Mon Repos and Moynier Parks)

10:00-12:30	Introduction to the UN and Its Human Rights Mechanisms <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrew Clapham, Director, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
12:30-14:00	Lunch <i>Lunch will be provided</i>
14:00-15:30	The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Human Rights Council, and the Universal Periodic Review: Challenges and Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador Carlos Portales, Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations• Juliette de Rivero, Advocacy Director, Human Rights Watch• Lucia Nader, Foreign Policy and Human Rights Project Coordinator, Conectas <i>Direitos Humanos</i> (Brazil)• Eric Tistounet, Chief, Human Rights Council Branch of the OHCHR Session Facilitator: Michael J. Hirschhorn, President, Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation; Executive Director, IHRFG
15:30-15:45	Break
15:45-17:15	Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Essential for Human Dignity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christian Courtis, Program Officer, OHCHR• Ana e Brito Maneira, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations• Nicholas Lusiani, Program Officer, ESCR-Net Session Facilitator: Lourdes Rivera, Program Officer, Ford Foundation
17:15-18:00	Review and reflection on the day
Evening	Dinner on own or with fellow Learning Visit participants (<i>at own expense</i>) <i>Restaurant recommendations will be provided</i>

WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY

7:45 Lobby, Hotel Mon Repos	Meet in hotel lobby if you would like to travel together to ISHR, 1, Rue Varembe
8:30-9:30 International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)	Breakfast Briefing: Human Rights Funding Perspectives from Europe <i>Breakfast will be provided; please arrive a few minutes early</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adrian Arena, Board Member, Ariadne-European Human Rights Funders Network; Director, International Human Rights Programme, Oak Foundation
9:30-9:45 ISHR	Break
9:45-11:15 ISHR	Migrant Workers: The Human Rights to Movement and Labor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick Taran, Senior Migration Specialist, International Labour Organization Michele LeVoy, Director, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) Genevieve Gencianos, Coordinator, International Migration and Women Health and Social Workers Programme, Public Services International <p>Session Facilitator: Julie Broome, Programme Officer, Sigrid Rausing Trust</p>
11:15-12:00	Travel to and security clearance at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Palais Wilson
12:00-13:00 OHCHR (Palais Wilson)	Dialogue with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navanethem Pillay Session Facilitator: Andrew Park, Program Director, Wellspring Advisors
13:00-15:00 UN Palais des Nations	Travel to and security clearance at the United Nations Lunch at the UN Cafeteria (<i>at own expense, CASH IN SWISS FRANCS ONLY</i>)
15:00-18:00 UN Palais des Nations OHCHR (Palais Wilson) OHCHR (Palais Wilson)	Participants will have the option of observing the following sessions: Session of the Universal Periodic Review Review of Lesotho (<i>subject to change</i>) OR Session of the Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights Review of Algeria (<i>subject to change</i>) OR Session of the Committee Against Torture Review of Liechtenstein (<i>subject to change</i>)
18:45 Lobby, Hotel Mon Repos	Meet in hotel lobby if you would like to travel together to Café Papon, 1, Rue Henry Fazy, in the Old Town
19:30-21:30 Café Papon, Old Town Rue Henry Fazy 1	Dinner-Dialogue with U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Betty King

THURSDAY, 6 MAY
Venue: International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)
1, Rue Varembe

7:00	Breakfast <i>(Available at Hotel Mon Répos from 7:00 am for Sfr.18.00)</i>
8:15	Meet in hotel lobby if you would like to travel together to ISHR, 1, Rue Varembe
9:00-10:00	Review and Reflection on the day before
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:45	<p>The War on Terror and Protecting Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Scheinin, Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights While Countering Terrorism • Gerald Staberock, Global Security Program Director, International Commission of Jurists • Salvador Tinajero, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations <p>Session Facilitator: Felice Gaer, Director, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights; Independent Expert, UN Committee Against Torture</p>
11:45-13:00	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Lunch will be provided</i></p>
13:00-14:30	<p>The UN and Regional Mechanisms: Cooperating for the Promotion of Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gastón Chillier, Executive Director, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (Argentina) • Gianni Magazzeni, National Institutions and Regional Human Rights Mechanisms Section, OHCHR <i>(invited)</i> • Margaret Sekaggya, former Chairperson, Uganda Human Rights Commission; Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders <i>(invited)</i> <p>Session Facilitator: Kica Matos, Program Executive, U.S. Reconciliation and Human Rights Program, The Atlantic Philanthropies</p>
14:30-14:45	Break
14:45-15:30	Review and Reflection, Evaluation, and Closing
Evening	Dinner on own or depart