

**Semi-annual Meeting:**  
**Migration, Immigration and Refugee Rights**

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**SESSION 3: A Global LGBT Movement**

*Russian Hill*

In November 2006, a panel of high-level international human rights experts gathered in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, to issue a series of 26 principles articulating how sexual orientation and gender identity fit into international human rights. The Yogyakarta Principles offer a framework to advocate for rights of sexual minorities and invite a critique of the human rights system. This workshop will provide attendees with an exclusive review of these principles, which have not been publicly released.

Session organizer and facilitator: Andrew Park, Wellspring Advisors

Speaker:

**Sonia Corrêa** (Coordinator, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Program, DAWN)

**Scott Long** (Director, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Rights, Human Rights Watch)

## ***International Human Rights Funders Group Semi-annual Meeting***

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### **Migration, Immigration and Refugee Rights**

The debate over immigration and the rights of migrant workers and refugees, both in the US and around the world, reveals just how distant the ideals of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights remain for huge segments of the world's population. As children, women, and men flee conflict, persecution, poverty or environmental devastation, they face a range of human rights violations. Asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants find themselves strangers in strange lands, often unable to form strong communities to claim their rights. They are excluded from citizenship, denied protections as workers, face sexual and economic slavery, and lack access to health care, education, safe housing or even safe drinking water. The conference will examine current trends in migration, immigration and refugee rights, explore recent developments in international human rights law, and assess how these trends can inform our grantmaking.



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## Agenda At-a Glance

### Monday, January 29, 2007

9:00-9:30am	Breakfast
9:30-9:45am	Welcome
9:45-12:00pm	Education plenary with experts and activists
12:00-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30-3:00pm	Member-sponsored sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Democratizing' the Middle East and North Africa: Grantmaking in the 'Age of Terror'</li> <li>• Detention, Rendition and Torture: Next Strategies for US Human Rights Advocates</li> </ul>
3:00-3:30pm	Break
3:30-5:00pm	Membership Meeting
5:30-6:30pm	Cocktail reception
6:30-9:00pm	Dinner with the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Luis Moreno-Ocampo

### Tuesday, January 30, 2007

8:30-9:00am	Breakfast
9:00-10:00am	Working Group meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability Rights</li> <li>• Human Rights and the Environment</li> <li>• Sexual Rights</li> <li>• US Human Rights</li> </ul>
10:00-12:00pm	Networking workshop with fellow grantmakers
12:00- 1:00pm	Lunch ... and The Funders' Soapbox!
1:00- 2:30pm	Member-sponsored sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blissful Bedfellows: Reproductive Justice and Human Rights</li> <li>• Grantmaking as a Human Right</li> </ul>
2:30-3:00pm	Break
3:00-5:00pm	Member-sponsored sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Perfect Storm: Trade and Immigration Policies Undermining Human Rights</li> <li>• Muslims in Europe and North America: Strategies to Increase Human Rights Protection and Civic Participation</li> <li>• A Global LGBT Movement</li> </ul>

2:30-3:00pm Break

The Savoy

3:00-4:30pm **Members-sponsored sessions** (meet concurrently)

#### SESSION 1:

#### A Perfect Storm: Trade and Immigration Policies Undermining Human Rights

The Savoy

Current US agriculture, trade and immigration policies force a familiar tale. Policies like the Farm Bill and NAFTA enable the dumping of subsidized farm products and food aid in developing country markets. Prices plummet and farming families lose their livelihoods. Family members make the precarious trip north and are often locked in a detention camp instead of receiving a warm welcome. A growing grassroots global movement seeks to dramatically change the global food system so that rural economies become viable and forced displacement is ended. Participants will map out specific social and economic rights and policies that protect rights to food, land, and water.

Session organizer and facilitator: Nikhil Aziz (Executive Director, Grassroots International)

Speakers:

**Anuradaha Mittal** (Executive Director, The Oakland Institute)

**Colin Rajah** (International Migrant Rights Program Coordinator, National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights)

#### SESSION 2:

#### Muslims in Europe and North America: Strategies to Increase Human Rights Protection and Civic Participation

Telegraph Hill

With the London bombings and the focus of the war on terror in the US, the integration of Muslims in Europe and the US has become a hot topic. This session will discuss the dynamics of Muslim communities in both Europe and the United States. Session attendees will gain a better understanding of how countries and communities can utilize international human rights norms and laws to promote national policies and legislation that will increase the integration of Muslims.

Session organizer: Maria Teresa Rojas (Deputy Director of Grantmaking Strategies, Open Society Institute)

Facilitator: **Mirna Adjami** (Legal Officer, Equality & Citizenship, Open Society Justice Initiative)

Speakers:

**Farhana Khera** (Executive Director, Muslim Advocates)

**Nadia Roumani** (Fellow, University of Southern California's Center for Religion and Civic Culture)

will facilitate workshop discussions among participants. Funders will have the opportunity to talk about the nitty-gritty of grantmaking strategy and exchange practices with other funders.

**12:00-1:00pm Lunch ... and *The Funders' Soapbox!*** *The Savoy*  
An opportunity to speak extemporaneously on philanthropic passions (people, projects or programs), promote a favorite organization, appeal for advice, etc.  
*Facilitator: Valentine Doyle, Lawson Valentine Foundation*

**1:00-2:30pm Member-sponsored sessions** (meet concurrently)

**SESSION 1: Blissful Bedfellows: Reproductive Justice and Human Rights** *The Savoy*

This session will explore the ways in which young people and communities of color are situating their reproductive health and rights concerns within an overall struggle for human rights. Panelists will highlight the intersectional approach of the reproductive justice framework, including work that links reproductive health to human rights, sexual rights, immigrant rights, sex worker rights, and educational justice.

*Session Organizer:* Mia Herndon (Director of Programs, Third Wave Foundation)

*Facilitator:* Holly Barting, General Service Foundation

*Speaker:*

**Leizei Thomas Rebugio**, Anti-Trafficking Project Director, National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

**SESSION 2: Grantmaking as a Human Right** *Russian Hill*

Many foundations fund international human rights but do not share the power or the right to make grantmaking decisions about one's own community in the Global South. A panel will explore the pros and cons of funders working with local grantmaking committees and whether/why it is a human right for them to develop solutions locally. Participants will break-up into small groups to solve real-life scenarios:

1) Managing a board hesitant to share grantmaking power and 2) Working with local grantmaking committees who may have a different way of resolving issues.

*Session Organizer:* Karen Ashmore (Lambi Fund of Haiti)

*Speakers:*

**Karen Ashmore**, Executive Director, Lambi Fund of Haiti  
**José Artiga**, Executive Director, Share Foundation

**MONDAY**

**9:00-9:30am Breakfast** *The Savoy*

**9:30-9:45am Welcome** *The Savoy*  
John Kowal, Open Society Institute  
Steve Riskin, U.S. Institute of Peace

**9:45-12:00pm EDUCATION PANEL** *The Savoy*

A panel of expert practitioners will examine the obstacles to and opportunities for promoting human rights for migrants, immigrants, IDPs, and refugees.  
*Facilitator: Adrian Arena, Oak Philanthropy, UK, Ltd*  
*Speakers:*

- **Chaloka Beyani**, Lecturer, London School of Economics (London, UNITED KINGDOM)
- **Francis Deng**, Director, Sudan Peace Support Project, U.S. Institute of Peace (Washington, DC, UNITED STATES)
- **Doris Meissner**, Senior Fellow, Migration Policy Institute (Washington, DC, UNITED STATES)

**12:00-1:30pm Lunch and Discussion Groups** *The Savoy*  
Interested members are invited to form discussion groups around issues, ideas, geographic interests, or continued exploration of the morning discussions.

**1:30-3:00pm Member-sponsored sessions**

**SESSION 1: 'Democratizing' the Middle East and North Africa: Grantmaking in the 'Age of Terror'** *Russian Hill*

What are the challenges and successes of grantmaking in the Middle East and North Africa? The increased involvement of the US in the region has substantially impacted the ability of civil society organizations and charitable foundations to engage and provide support to groups in the Middle East and North Africa. These groups are increasingly viewed as the docile arm of the US. Particularly when addressing notions of democracy, freedom and women's rights, the challenges are major but the potential is great as well.

*Session Organizer:* Zeina Zaatari

*Speakers and facilitators:*

**Regan Ralph**, Executive Director, Fund for Global Human Rights

**Zeina Zaatari**, Program Officer, Global Fund for Women

**SESSION 2:** **Detention, Rendition and Torture** *The Savoy*  
**Next strategies for U.S. human rights advocates**

In the run-up to the November election, the White House pushed through the Military Commissions Act, which legitimizes violations of human rights and due process. What are the new opportunities for domestic human rights advocacy in a changed political landscape? Invited NGO speakers will discuss the Act's provisions, impact on domestic human rights advocacy, and remedies being sought by US human rights advocates.

*Session Organizer:* US Human Rights Group

*Facilitator:* **Joseph Onek**, Open Society Institute

*Speakers:*

**Pramila Jayapal**, Executive Director, Hate Free Zone

**Hina Shamsi**, Deputy Director and Senior Counsel, U.S. Law and Security Program, Human Rights First

3:00-3:30pm *Break* *The Savoy*

3:30-5:00pm **Membership Meeting** *The Savoy*  
*Facilitator:* **Michael J. Hirschhorn**,  
 Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation

5:30-6:30pm **Cocktail reception** *Russian Hill*

6:30-9:00pm **Dinner with**  
**Louis-Moreno Ocampo,**  
**Chief Prosecutor of the**  
**International Criminal**  
**Court of the United**  
**Nations**



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 with the force of law"**

**TUESDAY**

8:30-9:00am *Breakfast* *The Savoy*

**9:00-10:00am Working group meetings**

**Disability Rights:** *The Savoy*

In December 2006, the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the first human rights treaty of this century. The convention presents an opportune moment for funders to support a burgeoning human rights constituency, and advance the UN's institutional framework for human rights standards. Participants will discuss the outlines of an international disability rights fund that would support country-level disability organizations using rights-based approaches and the current search for a consultant to facilitate such a fund.

**Human Rights and the Environment** *The Savoy*

**Sexual Rights: Future Challenges** *Russian Hill*

**Facing Sexual Rights Advocates**

Sexual rights are often understood in a simple manner; freedom to access sex information, lack of discrimination based on sexual or gender orientation, access to sexual health care services, etc. This presentation will suggest next steps and future issues that confront sexual minorities on a daily basis, even in "enlightened" places like the San Francisco. Such issues to be discussed include child custody for S&M practitioners, protection of partners in polyamorous relationships, the creation of venues to practice their behavior, access to education, access to health care, and more.

*Speaker:* **Charles Moser** (Professor, Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality)

**US Human Rights:** *Telegraph Hill*

Colleagues will meet together to talk about our human rights grantmaking. This will include a discussion of the findings of the US Human Rights Fund's recent and valuable field assessment on capacity needs of domestic civil and human rights organizations. Supported by The Atlantic Philanthropies, the assessment examines how funders can support domestic civil and human rights work particularly in the areas of communications, policy advocacy, human rights framing, and self evaluation.

**10:00-12:00pm NETWORKING WORKSHOP** *The Savoy*

After an introduction to migration, immigration, and refugee rights grantmaking, we will split into two groups, one focused on international and the other on domestic issues. **Daraneé Petsod** from Grantmakers Concerned About Immigrant Rights