



**UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**



**Expert meeting on Gender and Witness and Victim Protection  
(26-27 May 2011, Geneva)  
Venue: Palais des Nations, Room XXII**

**Draft Programme**

**Day 1  
26 May 2011 (Thursday)**

- 09:30 Security & Registration (Palais des Nations, Pregny Gate)
- 10:00-11:00 **Opening Session**  
Moderator: Mona Rishmawi, Chief, Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, OHCHR - TBC
- Welcome & Introductory Remarks by Marcia V.J. Kran, Director, Research and Right to Development Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Introductory statements by Violet Awori, CEDAW member, and Gabriela Knaul, Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers
- 11:00–11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15–13:00 **Session 1: Identification of challenges in developing gender-sensitive proceedings and programmes related to witness and victim protection**
- 11:15-12:15 Speakers
- Françoise Ngendahyo Kayiramirwa, former Commissioner of the International Commission of Inquiry on Guinea, former Gender Expert, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
  - Elizabeth Abi-Mershed, Deputy Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (OAS)
  - Leanne MacMillan, Director of Policy and External Affairs, Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture, UK
- 12:15-13:00 Open discussion and preliminary comments

13:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00- 18:00 **Session 1, continued**

Moderator: Jyoti Sanghera, Representative a.i., Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Nepal

15:00-15:50 Speakers:

- An Michels, Psychologist, Trauma Expert, Victims and Witnesses Unit, International Criminal Court (ICC)
- Sara Hossain, Commissioner, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)
- Florence Nakazibwe, Legal Officer, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights- Uganda

16:00-17:15 Group discussions

- Group I: Investigations & Court proceedings (Moderator: Sera Attika, Witnesses and Victims Support Section, UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda)
- Group II: Protection programmes (Moderator: Wendy Lobwein, Coordinator - Witnesses/ Experts Support Unit, UN Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials)

17:15–18:00 Presentation of group discussions and comments

**Day 2**  
**27 May 2011 (Friday)**

10:00-13:00 **Session 2: Identification of positive developments and good practices**

Moderator: Nathalie Prouvez, Chief, Rule of Law Section, Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, OHCHR

10:00–11:00 Speakers:

- Brigid Inder, Executive Director, Women’s Initiative for Gender Justice
- Karen Kramer, Senior Expert, Implementation Support Section, Division for Treaty Affairs, UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Norberto Liwski, President of “Comité para la Defensa de la Salud, la Ética y los Derechos Humanos” (CODESDH), Argentina

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-13:00 Open discussion and comments

13:00-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00-18:00 **Session 3: The way forward**

Moderator: Cecile Aptel, Independent Consultant (Senior Fellow with the International Center for Transitional Justice)

15:15-16:30 Group discussions

- Group I: Investigations & Court proceedings (Moderator: Reem Abu Hassan, Victims of Violence Protection Association, Lebanon)
- Group II: Protection programmes (Moderator: Sophie Arena, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights-MONUSCO, Democratic Republic of the Congo)

16:30-17:45 Group presentations and open discussion

17:45-18:00 Conclusion & Wrap-up

Full Address of the Venue

Palais des Nations (Room XXII)

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