

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights sixty years on: achievements and challenges

Seminar for members of parliamentary human rights bodies organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

GENEVA, IPU HEADQUARTERS, 3 - 5 NOVEMBER 2008



PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

- 8 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. Registration of participants and distribution of documents
- 9.30 a.m. - 10.15 a.m. **Inaugural session**
Ms. Elissavet Papademetriou, Vice-President of the Hellenic Parliament, Vice-President of the IPU Executive Committee
Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, Human Rights Council and Treaties Division, OHCHR
- PART I
- ▶ **Mechanisms and norms: the creation of an extensive international human rights system**
- 10.15 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Major international human rights treaties and supervisory bodies
Mr. Ibrahim Salama, Chief of Treaties and Council Branch, OHCHR
- 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m. - The work of the United Nations Human Rights Council and its Universal Periodical Review process,
Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba, Ambassador of Mexico to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations based in Geneva, former President of the United Nations Human Rights Council
- 4 p.m. - 4.15 p.m. *Coffee break*
- PART II
- ▶ **Implementation: The challenge of dignity and justice for all of us**
- 4.15 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Liberty versus security: human rights-compatible solutions in the fight against crime and terrorism
Mr. William Schulz, Senior Fellow in human rights policy at the Center for American Progress, former Executive Director of Amnesty International USA
Mr. Gerald Staberock, Director Global Security and the Rule of Law Programme, International Commission of Jurists
- 6 p.m. - Reception (IPU Headquarters)

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER

- 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. - Bridging the implementation gap, respecting human rights on the ground
Mr. Oumar Mariko, member of the National Assembly, Mali, former President of the Foreign Affairs Committee
Ms. Fauzia Wahab, member of the National Assembly, Pakistan
Mr. Daniel Bolomey, Secretary general, Amnesty International-Switzerland
- 11.15 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. *Coffee break*
- 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - The effective functioning of an international criminal justice system
Mr. Reed Brody, Press Director and Counsel, Human Rights Watch
- 2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. - Discrimination: a global social epidemic
Ms. Maria Regina Tavares da Silva, member of United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Mr. Linos-Alexander Sicilianos, member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 3.30 p.m. - 3.45 p.m. *Coffee break*
- 3.45 p.m. - 6 p.m. - continued



WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

► **Part II (continued)**

- 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Implementing economic, social and cultural rights in a globalised world
Mr. Nicolas Espejo, Director, Public Interest Foundation, Chile
Mr. Bruce Porter, Executive Director, Social Advocacy Center, Canada
Mr. Claude Cahn, Head of Advocacy Unit, Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, Geneva
- 11 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. *Coffee break*
- 11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m. - continued
- 2.30 p.m. - 3.45 p.m. - Ensuring respect for human rights by non-state actors, including private enterprise
Ms. Shanta Martin, former Mining Ombudsman, Oxfam, Australia
Mr. Sylvain Vité, Legal Advisor, Legal Division, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- 3.45 p.m. - 4 p.m. *Coffee break*
- 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Evaluation by participants and conclusions by the Rapporteur ■
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