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Early warning, conflict prevention and re-establishment of peaceful societies: the role of NHRIs

Wednesday, 8 March 2017
International Women’s Day
10:30 to 18:00
Room XVII | Palais des Nations | Geneva

High-level official opening
10:30 - 11:00
Prof. Dr. Beate Rudolf, Chairperson, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions
H.E. Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
H.E. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli, President, Human Rights Council
Mr. Rastislav Vrbensky, Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Regional Director of UNDP’s Regional
Bureau for Europe and CIS, United Nations Development Programme

Morning session: Early indications of a potential or emerging crisis
11:00 - 12:00
PART 1: ELECTION-RELATED AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE
Speakers:
Maina Kiai, United Nations SR on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
Mykhailo Chaplyga, Representative of the Commissioner for public relations, NHRI of Ukraine
Sangare Namizata, Chairperson, NHRI of Ivory Coast

12.00 - 13:00
PART 2: FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO A CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE
Speakers:
Magali Lafourcade, Secretary General, NHRI of France
Bongani Majola, Chairperson, NHRI of South Africa
Luis Raúl González Pérez, President, NHRI of Mexico
Sima Samar, Chairperson, NHRI of Afghanistan

Afternoon Session: Strengthening human rights actors
15.00 - 16:00
PART 3: EARLY WARNING MECHANISMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS
Speakers:
Anastasia Crickey, Chairperson, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Jasminka Dzumhur, Ombudswoman, NHRI of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Kagwiria Mbogori, Chairperson, NHRI of Kenya
Jose Luis Martin C. Gascon, Chairperson, NHRI of Philippines

16.00 - 17:00
PART 4: PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE INDEPENDENCE OF NHRIS
Speakers:
Michel Forst, United Nations SR on the situation of human rights defenders
Les Allamby, Chief Commissioner, NHRI of Northern Ireland
Ali bin Samikh Al Marri, Chairperson, NHRI of Qatar
Oti Ovrawah, Acting Executive Secretary, NHRI of Nigeria

17:00 - 18:00
Adoption of the Conference Statement & Closing Ceremony

Simultaneous interpretation in English, Spanish, French and Arabic provided | Contact: info@ganhri.org
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