**Vienna+20: Advancing the Protection of Human Rights**

*Achievements, Challenges and Perspectives 20 Years after the World Conference*

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**Draft Programme**

**Wednesday, 26 June 2013**

18:00 PREVIEW of the documentary film “Everyday Rebellion” by Arash and Arman T. Riahi about non-violent resistance movements around the world. Followed by panel discussion and reception.

**Thursday, 27 June 2013**

10:00 – 11:00 HIGH LEVEL OPENING “20 Years after Vienna: Achievements, Challenges and Perspectives”

Chair:
- Michael Spindelegger, Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for European and International Affairs, Republic of Austria

Panellists:
- Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Salil Shetty, Secretary General of Amnesty International
- Desmond Tutu, Anti-Apartheid activist and Nobel Peace Laureate (tbc)
- Tawakkol Karman, Yemeni journalist, women’s rights activist, Nobel Peace Laureate (tbc)

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK
11:30 – 12:30 HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION
“The Legacy of the Vienna World Conference”

Chair:
- Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Panellists:
- Louise Arbour, President, International Crisis Group, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (tbc)
- Adama Dieng, UNSG Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide (Secretary General, Int. Commission of Jurists at the World Conference 1993)
- Mark Thomson, Secretary General, Association for the Prevention of Torture (NGO Representative at the World Conference 1993)
- Zdzislaw Kedzia, Professor of Human Rights, Adam Michiewicz University (General Rapporteur of the World Conference 1993)

12:30 – 13:15 EXPERT PANEL
“20 Years after Vienna: The Way Forward”

- Presentation of recommendations resulting from the NGO Forum “Vienna+20: Implementing the Primacy of Human Rights” (Vienna, 25/26 June 2013)
- Presentation of results of the COST Action Research Programme “The Role of the EU in UN Human Rights Reform”
- Presentation of key issues for the Working Groups:
  - Working Group 1: Strengthening the Rule of Law: The Right to an Effective Remedy for Victims of Human Rights Violations
  - Working Group 2: Realising Human Rights of Women Universally: Tackling the Implementation Gap

13:15 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 18:00 PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS

18:30 RECEPTION

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9:00 – 11:00 PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS (continued)

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 CONCLUDING PLENARY DISCUSSION
“20 Years after Vienna: The Way Ahead”

- Presentation of Working Group Recommendations and Chair’s Summary

13:00 CONCLUSION