

Building Enabling Environments for Human Rights Defenders

PBI UK Conference – 17 June 2016

Venue:

Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London SW1Y 5BJ, 08:30-17:30.

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Schedule:

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	
8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome: Representative, Canadian High Commission (tbc) Introduction : Susi Bascon , PBI UK Director
9:15 - 9:30	Keynote Speaker: Michel Forst , UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of HRDs "Ensuring enabling environments for HRDs: challenges, deficiencies and good practices"
RULE OF LAW	
9:30 - 10:55	Panel 1: <u>Rule of Law: Uses and Abuses of the Law in relation to Human Rights Defenders</u> Chair: Sir Henry Brooke , PBI UK patron Panellists: 1. Eleanor Openshaw , International Service for Human Rights "Legal frameworks that restrict the civic space of HRDs - the role of protection laws and mechanisms in enhancing the work of HRDs" 2. Stephen Mwangi , Mathare Social Justice Centre "Criminalization of HRDs and challenges involved in delivering justice - a perspective from the slums of Nairobi"

	<p>3. Steve Fisher, Deputy Head of Human Rights & Democracy Department, FCO</p> <p>“The role of the UK government in upholding the Rule of Law and enhancing the protection of HRDs through the EU guidelines and other international instruments”</p> <p>4. Luis Guillermo Perez, President of the lawyers collective CCAJAR, Colombia</p> <p>“Challenging the impunity of violations against HRDs: delivering justice through the Inter-American System”</p> <p>5. Gwen Burnyeat, ex PBI field volunteer in Colombia</p> <p>“ Ensuring enforcement of legal judgements: The case of San Jose de Apartado Peace Community”</p> <p>15 mins Q&A</p>
10:55 – 11:10	COFFEE BREAK
11:10-12:35	<p>Panel 2: <u>Access to Justice: HRDs' fight for justice</u></p> <p>Chair: Sara Chandler, Chair of Caravana UK/Trustee, Law Society Charity</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>1. Susan Lee, Former head of Latin America at AI currently PBI UK Advisor</p> <p>“INGOs’ support and protection strategies to enable the environment of HRDs”</p> <p>2. Edgar Perez, <i>Bufete Jurídico de Derechos Humanos</i>, Guatemala</p> <p>“Transitional justice in Guatemala; Working with victims to overcome impunity.”</p> <p>3. Mandira Sharma, Human rights lawyer, Nepal</p> <p>“Enforcement of Judicial orders as an obstacle to delivering justice- the role of Universal Jurisdiction in strengthening the Rule of Law”</p>

	<p>4. Jean-Louis Ville, European Commission, EuropeAid, Head of Governance, Democracy, Gender and Human Rights Unit (tbc)</p> <p>“EU’s role in protecting HRDs”</p> <p>5. Iva Dobichina, OSF</p> <p>“The role of funders in enabling environments in supporting HRDs”</p> <p>15 mins Q&A</p>
12.35-13.25	LUNCH
BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS	
13:25 – 13:45	<p>Chair: Mark Stephens, Chair of Global Witness</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights (tbc)</p> <p>“Promoting and developing best practice for the protection of LERDs”</p>
13:45 – 15:15	<p>Panel 3: <u>Business and Human Rights – Challenges and Developments</u></p> <p>1. Billy Kyte, Global Witness</p> <p>“Trends in repression for LERDS – the case of the Lenca community/Berta Caceres, Honduras”</p> <p>2. Film: Land of Corn The plight of environmental defenders in Latin America</p> <p>3. Peter Frankental, Amnesty International UK</p> <p>“5 years after the adoption of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights – progress and challenges”</p> <p>4. Stephen Lowe, Head of Business and Human Rights and Freedom of Expression Teams, FCO</p> <p>“The role of National Action Plans in enabling environments”</p>

	<p>5. Representative Human Rights and Indigenous Affairs Policy, Global Affairs Canada (tbc)</p> <p>6. Mauricio Lazala, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre</p> <p>“Tools, resources and strategies available to HRDs to confront breaches of international law by Corporations; Consultation, non-judicial remedies, OECD Guidelines, UN Guiding Principles etc ”</p> <p>25 mins Q&A</p>
15:15 - 15:30	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
15:30 – 16:40	<p>Panel 4: <u>Strategies for confronting repressive environments for LERDs</u></p> <p>Chair: Dr. Julian Burger, Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study</p> <p>1. Adam Lunn, PBI UK Advocacy Officer</p> <p>“PBI’s protection of LERDs and their own strategies for confronting repression.” (I think therefore I resist)</p> <p>2. The Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado (tbc) and Gabbi Loedolff, Lush</p> <p>“The role of corporations in protecting and supporting HRDs and communities”</p> <p>3. Monica Feria-Tinta, 20 Essex St Chambers and member of PBI UK’s Lawyers Advisory Committee</p> <p>"Onsite expert missions as a form of intervention in the context of business and human rights conflict: The case of the Chorti community, Guatemala"</p> <p>15 mins Q&A</p>
PLENARY PANEL (Q & A SESSION)	
16:40 – 17:30	<p>Chair: Julian Burger Panelists: Keynote speakers, HRDs and PBI</p> <p>Closing remarks</p>