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1775 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036

Thursday, March 11, 2010

8:15-9:00  Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:30  Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Strobe Talbott, President, The Brookings Institution
- Mark S. Wrighton, Chancellor, Washington University in Saint Louis
- Presentation of the Global Philanthropy Award to Steven Cash Nickerson
9:30-10:00  
**Opening Address**

- **Introduction:** William A. Schabas, Director, The Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway
- **Speaker:** Mary Werntz, Head of Delegation, Regional Delegation for the United States and Canada, International Committee of the Red Cross

10:00-11:00  
**Plenary Session:** Introduction to the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative and Presentation of the Draft Convention

- **Leila Nadya Sadat,** Washington University School of Law, Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law; Director, Harris World Law Institute
- **Remarks of Whitney R. Harris**
- **M. Cherif Bassiouni,** DePaul University College of Law; President Emeritus of the International Human Rights Law Institute

11:00-11:15  
**Break**

11:15-12:45  
**Panel 1:** Crimes Against Humanity and Gender Justice

- **Chair:** Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert, International Criminal Court
- **Elizabeth Abi-Mershed,** Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- **Evelyn A. Ankumah,** Africa Legal Aid
- **David M. Crane,** Syracuse University; former Chief Prosecutor, Special Court for Sierra Leone
- **Patricia Viseur Sellers,** former Legal Advisor for Gender-Related Crimes, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
- **Judge Inéz Mónica Weinberg de Roca,** U.N. Appeal Tribunal

12:45-2:00  
**Lunch**  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
1779 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Root Room

- **Introduction:** Leila Nadya Sadat, Washington University School of Law, Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law; Director, Harris World Law Institute
- **Speaker:** Ambassador Stephen J. Rapp, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues
2:00-3:30  **Panel 2: Peace and Justice Dilemmas**

- **Chair:** Justice Richard J. Goldstone, Georgetown University Law Center; former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda
- **Richard Dicker**, Human Rights Watch
- **Elizabeth Ferris**, The Brookings Institution
- **Jerry Fowler**, The Save Darfur Coalition
- **Max du Plessis**, University of KwaZulu-Natal

3:30-3:45  **Break**

3:45-5:15  **Panel 3: Filling the Gaps: Facilitating Effective Interstate Cooperation in the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity**

- **Chair:** Hans Corell, former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations
- **Serge Brammertz**, Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
- **Robert Cryer**, Birmingham Law School
- **Laura Olson**, The Constitution Project
- **Darryl Robinson**, Queen’s University

6:00  **Reception**  The Dupont Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Ave. NW

7:00  **Dinner**  The Dupont Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Ave. NW

- **Introduction:** Kent D. Syverud, Washington University School of Law, Dean and Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor
- **Award Ceremony honoring the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative Steering Committee**
- **Presentation of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute World Peace Through Law Award to M. Cherif Bassiouni**
Friday, March 12, 2010

10:00-11:30  Panel 4: Crimes Against Humanity and U.S. Policy

- **Chair:** Andrew Solomon, The Brookings Institution
- **Elizabeth Andersen,** American Society of International Law
- **Larry D. Johnson,** Columbia Law School, former U.N. Assistant-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs
- **Michael P. Scharf,** Case Western Reserve University School of Law
- **Clint Williamson,** former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues
- **Joseph R. Zogby,** Chief Counsel to U.S. Senator Richard Durbin

11:30-12:45  Lunch

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
1779 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Choate Foyer

- **Introduction:** Justice Richard J. Goldstone, Georgetown University Law Center; former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda
- **Speaker:** Ambassador Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the U.N.; President, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

12:45-2:15  Panel 5: Crimes Against Humanity and State Responsibility to Prevent

- **Chair:** William A. Schabas, Director, The Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway
- **Payam Akhavan,** McGill University
- **Edward C. Luck,** International Peace Institute
- **Judge Daniel David Ntanda Nsereko,** International Criminal Court
- **Dinah L. Shelton,** George Washington University Law School
- **David J. Scheffer,** Northwestern University; former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues

2:15-2:30  Break
Panel 6: Universal Jurisdiction, Complementarity, and State Capacity Building

- **Chair:** Juan E. Méndez, Visiting Professor, Washington College of Law, American University
- **Gilbert Bitti,** International Criminal Court
- **Yoram Dinstein,** Tel Aviv University
- **Francesca Varda,** Coalition for the International Criminal Court
- **Mohamed El Zeidy,** International Criminal Court

Plenary Session: Closing Ceremony and Presentation of the Conference Outcome Document

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Reception  The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium