

Debate on patterns of work and collaboration in the HRC

Program

6 October 2009, Geneva, World Council of Churches, Salle II & III

9:00- 9:30 am Welcome by Christina Papazoglou (WCC, Human Rights Desk)
Introduction by Türkan Karakurt (FES) and Theodor Rathgeber (FMR)
Self-presentation of the participants

PART I: CRITICAL REVIEW

Moderation: Türkan Karakurt (FES)

9:30- 10:00 am Critical review of crucial decision making processes from the viewpoint of none-state actors
Input by Mr. Wolfgang Heinz, German Institute on Human Rights, Expert of the Advisory Committee
Comments by Ambassador Christian Strohal (Austria) (tbc) and Julie de Rivero (HRW)

10:00 – 11:00 am Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 am **Coffee / Tea Break**

PART II: BEST PRACTICES

Moderation: Christina Papazoglou (WCC)

11:30 – 12:00 am Good practice of communication and cooperation among members of different regional groups; e.g. trafficking, transnational companies, climate change

Input by Anke Konrad (Germany) and Philippines: Trafficking

Further inputs, e.g. by Argentine / India / Belgium, Maldives, Norway

Comments by NGOs

12:00 – 1:00 pm Discussion

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Lunch Break

PART III: CHALLENGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

Moderation: Maria-Francisca Ize-Charrin

2:00 – 4:00 pm Selected themes and informal discussion in relation to expectations for improvements on dialogues among members of different regional groups

Comment by Ibrahim Salama: Overcoming thinking in regional blocks – reflections on Durban and the Right to Development

Comments by Cynthia Gervais (R&D): Manifestation of regionally motivated behaviour in the UPR

Inputs on migration, racism, right to development, freedom of expression, freedom of belief, humanitarian crisis

4:00 – 4:30 pm

Coffee / Tea Break

4:30 – 5:30 pm

Wrapping up

Moderation: Theodor Rathgeber (FMR)

Major outcome of the workshop; was it a useful exercise? Was the format appropriate? Does a follow-up make sense?

**Preparatory NGO meeting on 5 October, 1:45 pm – 4:45 pm, Salle II
World Council of Churches, 150 route de Ferney, Geneva**