

Civil Society Perspectives:

Reflections on the Role of Regional and Sub-Regional Organizations in Implementing the Responsibility to Protect (RtoP)

11 July 2011

9:30-13:15

Church Center, 2nd floor
UN Plaza, 44th and 1st Avenue

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On 12 July 2011, the UN General Assembly will convene its 3rd annual informal interactive dialogue on RtoP, which will focus on the role of regional and sub-regional organizations in implementing the Responsibility to Protect. The dialogue will be an opportunity to advance the General Assembly's consideration of RtoP, specifically regarding the role that regional organizations play in preventing and halting mass atrocities and how to strengthen regional capacity to protect.

In preparation for the 12 July General Assembly interactive dialogue, the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect, the Stanley Foundation, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, will host a half day panel featuring civil society perspectives on how RtoP has been strengthened and implemented by regional organizations as well as reflections on the application of RtoP in country situations such as Libya, Cote D'Ivoire, Guinea, Sudan, Sri Lanka and Kenya. **Edward Luck, Special Advisor on RtoP will open the event and Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, will provide the keynote address.**

9:30-9:45 **Coffee and light breakfast**

9:45-10:00 **Welcome**
William PACE, Executive Director, WFM-Institute for Global Policy

Opening Remarks
Dr. Edward LUCK, Special Adviser to the Secretary General on the
Responsibility to Protect

10:00–11:30 **The Role of Regional and Sub-Regional Organizations in Implementing
RtoP**

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
Emmanuel BOMBANDE, Executive Director, West Africa Network for
Peacebuilding, Ghana

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Dr. Pranee THIPARAT, Assistant Professor at the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

European Union (EU)

Daniel FIOTT, Research Fellow, Madariaga- College of Europe Foundation, Belgium

Organization of American States (OAS) and Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)

Dr. Andrés SERBIN, Executive Director, Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales (CRIES), Argentina

African Union (AU)

Don DEYA, Executive Director, Pan African Lawyers Union, Tanzania

Chair: Sapna Chhatpar CONSIDINE, Deputy Director, International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 1:15 Reflections on the application of RtoP to country cases

Keynote address: Kenneth ROTH, Human Rights Watch

Dr. Gilles Olakounlé YABI, West Africa Project Director, International Crisis Group, Senegal

Dismas NKUNDA, Co-Director, International Refugee Rights Initiative/Darfur Consortium, Uganda

Dr. James PISCATORI, Professor of International Relations and Head of School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University, United Kingdom

Chair: Dr. Monica SERRANO, Executive Director, Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

Closing Remarks

Dr. Werner PUSCHRA, Executive Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York