

“The UN at 70: Security Council Reform and the Wider UN Reform Agenda”

A Luncheon Discussion with Civil Society

**Wednesday, 29 April 2015, 1:15–2:45 p.m.
Delegates Dining Room 5, UN Headquarters, New York**

The 70th anniversary year of the United Nations provides an opportunity to take stock of the UN and its ability to deliver on its mandate to ensure peace and security, development and human rights. Important review processes have been launched, including on UN peace operations, the UN peacebuilding architecture, and the implementation of Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. Proposals are also being made from member states and civil society regarding the selection process for the next Secretary-General.

In the decades-long discussions on the reform of the Security Council, concrete steps remain elusive. More recently, however, the intergovernmental negotiations process on Security Council reform has gained momentum under the stewardship of the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Sam Kutesa, and the Chairmanship of Jamaican Ambassador Courtenay Rattray. The French government has also given new impetus to the discussion on the veto, proposing a code of conduct for the voluntary restraint by permanent Security Council members in using the veto in cases of mass atrocities.

Against this background, FES New York will host a luncheon discussion with experts from civil society:

Program:

Welcome remarks: **Michèle Auga**, Executive Director, FES New York

Introduction: **Amb. Patricia Flor**, Director-General for International Order, the United Nations and Arms Control, German Federal Foreign Office

Speakers: **Edward C. Luck**, former United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect

Richard Gowan, Associate Director, Crisis Diplomacy and Peace Operations, Center on International Cooperation (CIC), New York University

Moderator: **Ian Martin**, Executive Director, Security Council Report

The discussion will be held under Chatham House Rule