



Seminar on the Prevention of Genocide

Geneva, 21 January 2009

Conference Room. XII, Palais des Nations

Agenda

Opening Session

09:00-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:45 Opening Statements by

Ms. Navi Pillay (Chair)
High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr. Francis Deng
Special Advisor of the Secretary General on the Prevention of Genocide

Ambassador Erlinda Basilio
Vice-President, the Human Rights Council

Thematic Session - 1

10:45-12:00 **Legal & judicial systems and the prevention and punishment of genocide: Where are we today?**

Chair: **Ms. Navi Pillay**
High Commissioner for Human Rights

Speakers:

Professor Georges Abi-Saab
Former Judge of the Appeals Chamber,
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) &
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)

Professor Nicolas Michel
Former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs,
Legal Counsel of the United Nations

Professor Vera Gowlland-Debbas
Professor of International Law,
Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies, Geneva

Professor Paola Gaeta
Professor of International Criminal Law,
Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

12:00-13:00 Discussion

Thematic Session-2

15:00-16:30 **Human Rights Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures and the Prevention of Genocide: Is there a gap?**

Chair: Ms. Kyung-wha Kang
Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

Part 1: Role of Human Rights Treaty Bodies

Ms. Zonke Zanele Majodina
Member, Human Rights Committee

Mr. Chris Maina Peter
Member, Working Group on Early-Warning Procedure, CERD Committee

Ms. Virginia Bonoan-Dandan
Member, UN Committee on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights

Part 2: Role of Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council

Mr. Githu Muigai
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Ms. Yakin Ertürk
Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Mr. Leandro Despouy
Special Rapporteur on Independence of Judges and Lawyers

Mr. Aslan Abashidze
Member, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

16:30-17:30 Discussion

Concluding Session

17:30 Closing Remarks by

Ms. Navi Pillay
High Commissioner for Human Rights