



GLION HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE

Glion Human Rights Dialogue 2016 (Glion III, May 2016)

Human rights implementation and compliance: turning international norms into local reality

Programme

On 3rd and 4th May 2016, the Governments of Norway and Switzerland, supported by the Universal Rights Group, will host a two-day retreat in Vevey, Switzerland, designed to provide an open platform for dialogue and fresh thinking on the future of the international human rights system.

The title of the 2016 Glion Human Rights Dialogue ('Glion III') is:

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The Glion Human Rights Dialogue provides a platform for representatives of key parts of the international human rights system such as States, OHCHR, Special Procedure mandate-holders and members of Treaty Bodies, and NGOs, to brainstorm in an informal setting about the key challenges facing the system and how best to overcome them. The main focus of Glion III will be to take a 'bottom-up' look at implementation. The meeting will aim to identify and replicate emerging good practice, at domestic level, in turning international human rights recommendations into local realities. It will also seek to identify barriers to progress and how the international community can help States overcome those barriers. Finally, Glion III will also address the issue of 'prevention:' what is it, and how can the Council turn the principle into practice? The outcome of Glion III will represent a contribution to wider consideration of these issues.

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The Glion Human Rights Dialogue is a retreat-style event bringing together around 65 human rights practitioners and thinkers. It is designed to provide an optimal atmosphere for honest and frank exchange, and new and innovative thinking. The meeting is held under the 'Chatham House rule.'

The Dialogue will take place at the *Hotel Trois Couronnes* in Vevey.

Monday 2nd May

Afternoon-

Evening: First arrival of participants

Evening: Dinner at the *Hotel Trois Couronnes*

(There is no organised formal dinner on the 2nd May. Participants can eat in the normal hotel restaurant at their convenience)



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Tuesday 3rd May

08h30-09h30: Registration of participants

09h30-13h00: Plenary I (*Camille Saint-Saens*)

09h30-09h45: ***Welcome and introductory remarks***

H.E. Mr. Yves Rossier, State Secretary of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

H.E. Ambassador Steffen Kongstad, Permanent Representative of Norway

09h45-10h15: ***Keynote addresses***

The Human Rights Implementation Agenda

H.E. Mr Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, High Commissioner for Human Rights

H.E. Mr Choi Kyonglim, President of the Human Rights Council

10h15-13h00: ***Opening panel debate (including short coffee break)***

What is 'prevention' and are the Council and the wider UN system ready to meet the challenge?

Ms Maryam Al-Khawaja, Co-Director, Gulf Center for Human Rights

H.E. Ms Yvette Stevens, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone

Mr Ben Majekodunmi, Senior Officer, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, UN

Mr Ian Martin, Executive Director, Security Council Report

Moderator: Mr Tim Sebastian, broadcaster and journalist

Open discussion

13h00-14h30 Buffet lunch (hotel restaurant, free seating)



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15h00-18h00 Parallel breakout groups (*including short coffee break*)

Participants will divide into three parallel breakout groups for more in-depth discussion. Each will start with a short presentation of some of the key themes covered by and ideas generated by the four informal policy dialogues convened by the Permanent Missions of Thailand, Turkey, Mexico and Morocco.

The three parallel breakout groups are:

I. Implementation 1: The experience of States with implementation – identifying and replicating domestic good practice on implementation, coordination and reporting

Key issues:

1. Identifying and replicating good practice in the establishment of ‘standing national implementation, coordination and reporting structures’ (SNICRS)
2. Strengthening the role of parliaments (implementation and oversight).
3. Domestic monitoring and measurement for independent reporting: the crucial role of NHRIs and local civil society.

Room: *Salon des Dames*

Facilitator-rapporteur: Ms Catarina de Albuquerque, member of the Board of Trustees, Universal Rights Group

Short summary of main conclusions and proposed actions from the 15th April policy dialogue hosted by the Mission of Morocco, by the facilitator-rapporteur

Key discussants:

After lunch

H.E. Ms Marta Mauras Peres, Permanent Representative of Chile

Mr Simon Walker, Chief, Section One, Human Rights Treaties Branch, OHCHR

After coffee

Hon. Augustinho Neto Oyugi, Convener, Kenya Parliamentary Human Rights Association

Mr Phil Lynch, Director, International Service for Human Rights

Dr Sima Samar, Chairperson of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission





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II. **Implementation 2: International community support for domestic implementation – from item 10 to the undg Human Rights Working Group**

Key issues:

1. International support for implementation – the role of the UN (especially OHCHR and UNDP)
2. International support for implementation – the role of bilateral development partners.
3. Critical analysis of item 10 – how can the Council and its mechanisms better deliver effective capacity building and technical support for local implementation?

Room: Debussy room

Facilitator-rapporteur: Ms Barbara Fontana, Permanent Mission of Switzerland

Short summary of main conclusions and proposed actions from the 17th February policy dialogue hosted by the Mission of Thailand, by the facilitator-rapporteur

Key discussants:

After lunch

Mr Adam Abdelmoula, Director, Human Rights Council and Treaties Division, OHCHR

Ms Louisa Vinton, UN Resident Coordinator in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

H.E. Mr Julian Braithwaite, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom

After coffee

H.E. Ms Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Permanent Representative of Ecuador

H.E. Mr Triyono Wibowo, Permanent Representative of Indonesia



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III. **Effective prevention by the Human Rights Council: what is it? Does the Council possess the tools to do the job? How to make it work in practice?**

Key issues:

1. What, practically speaking, does prevention mean at the Human Rights Council?
2. Early warning: have lessons been learnt?
3. Early response: does the Council possess the necessary systems to digest early warning information, and objectively move towards responsive action?
4. Tools: Are the Council's existing tools and mechanisms designed for prevention? Can they be adapted for the purpose? Or are new approaches, practical tools and mechanisms needed?

Room: Paderewski room

Facilitator-rapporteur: Mr Ivan Simonovic, UN Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights

Short summary of main conclusions and proposed actions from the 12th April policy dialogue hosted by the Mission of Mexico, by the facilitator-rapporteur

Key discussants:

Before coffee

H.E. Mr Ebenezer Appreku, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ghana

Mr Eric Tistounet, Chief, Human Rights Council Branch, Human Rights Council and Treaties Division, OHCHR

After coffee

Ms Savita Pawnday, Deputy Executive Director, Global Centre for R2P

Mr Ruki Fernando, INFORM

Each breakout group will include around 20 participants. Each of the 3 roundtable discussions will be chaired by a facilitator-rapporteur.

Each breakout group will be tasked with producing a one-page summary of key conclusions together and specific, precise and achievable proposals/recommendations. The summaries will be presented during Plenary II (morning of Wednesday 4th May) by the 3 three facilitator-rapporteurs.



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19h15 **Reception for participants (hotel lobby)**

20h00 **Dinner for participants in hotel restaurant**

Wednesday 4th May

09h00-12h30: **Plenary II (*Camille Saint-Saens*) – reporting back, conclusions and recommendations**

Chair: H.E. Mr Steffen Kongstad, Permanent Representative of Norway

09h00-09h10: Welcome by the Chair

09h10-10h30: Presentations by the first two facilitator-rapporteurs (15 minutes each)

Discussion

10h30-11h00: Coffee break

11h00-12h00: **Plenary II (cont.)**

Presentation by the third facilitator-rapporteur (15 minutes)

Discussion (cont.)

12h00-12h30: **Wrap-up**

H.E. Mr Alexandre Fasel, Permanent Representative of Switzerland

12h30: **End of Glion Human Rights Dialogue**

12h30-14h00: **Departure of participants**