Permanent Mission of Thailand

Glion Human Rights Dialogue 2018 (Glion V)

The place of human rights in a reformed United Nations

Policy Dialogue on: ‘Delivering on-the-ground impact, and communicating success and relevance’

Draft agenda

09.00h-13.00h (followed by a buffet lunch) on Tuesday 1st May 2018
Permanent Mission of Thailand, rue Gustave Moynier 5, 1202 Genève

09:00h          Arrival

                          Tea, coffee, croissants

09:30h          Introduction by the chair, H.E. Mr Sek Wannamethee, Permanent
Representative of Thailand

09:40h          Where has the human rights pillar (Human Rights Council and its
mechanisms, Treaty Bodies, OHCHR) had a positive impact on the
enjoyment of human rights on the ground, and also, by extension, on peace and security and sustainable development?
The case of Tunisia
*H.E. Mr Walid Doudech, Permanent Representative of Tunisia*

The case of Colombia
*H.E. Ms Beatriz Londono Soto, Permanent Representative of Colombia*

The case of Sri Lanka
*Mr Iniyan Ilango, Forum Asia*

10.15h Facilitated discussion on lessons that might be learnt from these and other positive impact case studies. What works and why?

11.15h Coffee break

11:30h What lessons can we glean from such positive impact case studies in terms of how the international community can improve the human rights pillar’s ability to generate more impact, more of the time? Does the UN human rights pillar suffer from an ‘image problem’? If so, how can we better communicate relevance, value and success?

What lessons can we draw from these are other positive examples of UN human rights impact? What are the key steps that the UN needs to take to strengthen the ‘delivery’ of human rights on the ground? How can we better communicate success and relevance?

*Georgette Gagnon, Director of the Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division, OHCHR*
The Secretary-General’s proposed reforms of the development pillar and its implications for delivering human rights on the ground

Ms Sara Sekkenes, UNDP, Geneva

Does the Human Rights Council suffer from an ‘image problem’? What can be done to better communicate its work, relevance and impact – both internationally and locally?

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

12.00h Facilitated discussion

13.00h Thai buffet lunch