



5th CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS, CONFLICT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Organized by ICIP in collaboration with DCAF

GENEVA, 17th November 2016

Venue: WMO

7 bis Avenue de la Paix
1211 Geneva

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

The **Network on Business Conflict and Human Rights** (BCHR) aims to facilitate reflection upon the causes, dynamics and consequences of business involvement in conflicts, as well as advancing existing or potential responses to it from a transdisciplinary perspective. The network seeks to strengthen the ties between researchers working on these issues from a variety of disciplines, as well as between civil society organisations and practitioners world-wide.

This fifth international conference will take place in Geneva on the 17th of November 2017. It is based on the four previous conferences organised by the **International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP)** in Barcelona, London and Geneva, which gathered a wide range of academics and NGOs and other practitioners particularly concerned with business, human rights and conflict. The fifth conference takes place in cooperation with **DCAF**.

Thursday 17th November 2016

9:00 - 09:15 h Welcome and Opening Remarks

Maria Prandi, Member of the Advisory Board and Conference Coordinator; Director at BHR

09:15 - 10:00h Keynote speakers - Continuing the conversation with:

Surya Deva, Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights and Associate Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, China

Sarah Joseph, Director, Castan Center for Human Rights Law, Monash University, Australia

10:00 - 11:00 Discussion Panel: Corporate Accountability

- *Commerce, Crime and Human Rights: Closing the Prosecution Gaps.* **Mark Taylor**, Research Director, FAFO, Norway
- *Corporations, Conflict and the Proposed African Criminal Court.* **Joanna Kyriakakis**, Deputy Director, Castan Center for Human Rights Law, Monash University, Australia
- **Egbert Wesselink**, Pax The Netherlands

Moderator: Andrew Clapham, Professor of Public International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland

11:00 - 11:30 - Coffee-break

11:30 – 12:45 - Discussion panel: Latest Developments in the Field

- *Facts on the Ground: Israel's Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources in Palestine.* **Aseil Abu-Baker**, Legal Research and Advocacy Officer, **El Haq**, Palestine
- *The Environmental Justice Atlas, ENVJustice.* **Grettel Navas**, Researcher of the ICTA-UAB EnvJustice project, Spain
- *The Privatization of Warfare and Its Impact on Human Rights. Case Studies of Colombia, Iraq and Palestine.* **Felipe Daza**, coDirector of NOVACT and coordinator of the project Shock Monitor, Spain
- *Tackling conflict related human rights abuses through transparency in the supply chain,* **Olga Martin-Ortega**, Reader in Public International Law, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom

Moderator: Gaudence Nyirabikali, Senior Researcher, SIPRI, Sweden

13:00 – 14:00 - Networking lunch

14:00- 14:15 - The DCAF-ICRC project

Lucía Hernández, Project Coordinator in DCAF's Operations IV Division, DCAF, Switzerland

14:15 - 15:45 - Working Groups meeting and parallel panels

- Brief up-date of the current agenda around each thematic area
- Exploring collaborations (in each WG)

- **Private Military and Security Companies (PMSCs)**
Sorcha MacLeod, Free University Berlin, Germany
Andrés Zaragoza, ICoCA, Switzerland
- **Land Rights and Social Conflict**
Susana Borrás, CEDAT, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain
- **Business and Peace-Building**
Juan Andrés Cano, co-founder, Peacestartup Foundation, Colombia

Moderator: Sarah Mcgrath, Legal and Policy Coordinator of the Remedies Program, ICAR (t.b.c.)

15:45-16:00 - Break

16:00-16:30 Network General Assembly

Olga Martin-Ortega, Member of the Advisory Board - Reader in Public International Law, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom

Antoni Pigrau, Member of the Advisory Board - ICIP and Director of CEDAT, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain

Maria Prandi, Member of the Advisory Board - Conference Coordinator; Director at BHR

Pablo Aguiar, ICIP