

Event Agenda Day One – 17 December 2012

9:30-10:00 Welcome address: Mr. Fadi Abi-Allam, Executive Director, Permanent Peace Movement, Beirut, Lebanon; Ms. Sapna Chhatpar Considine, Deputy-Director, International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect (ICRtoP); Dr. Toufic Jaber, Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Fadi Achaia, President of the department of Traditional Weapons, League of Arab States

Session One: Understanding the Responsibility to Protect

Chaired by: Sameera Al Qinaei, Kuwait Society for Human rights

10:00-11:00 Background to the Responsibility to Protect; What is RtoP?
Megan Schmidt, Outreach Officer, ICRtoP

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:15 Seven Years after the Summit: Operationalizing RtoP
Laura Spano, RtoP Program Officer, World Federation of United Nations Associations

12:15-1:00 Discussion

1:00-2:00 Lunch to be served at conference location

Session Two: Preventing Mass Atrocities: Actors, Tools and Engendering RtoP

Chaired by: Hakima Al Chawi, Education center on Human rights of Women

2:00-2:45 RtoP and related agendas: Protection of Civilians, Engendering the Norm, Disarmament
Engendering the norm: Fawziya Al Hani, Forum of Gulf Dialogue
Protection of Civilians and RtoP: Dr. Toufic Jaber, Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Disarmament and RtoP: Dr. Raouf Sayah; Former General in the Lebanese armed forces

2:45-3:15 Discussion

3:15-3:30 Coffee Break

3:30-3:45 National actors and the promotion of RtoP
Ghassan Mokhayber; Member of the Lebanese Parliament and the Parliament's Human Rights committee

3:45-4:00 Assessing regional organizations' capacities to protect populations
Fadi Abi Allam; President of the Permanent Peace Movement

4:00-4:30 Discussion

4:30-5:00 Day one wrap up by chairs.

Day Two – 18 December 2012

Session One: Understanding the norm: Legal Analysis of the Four Crimes; Responsibility to Protect in the Middle East and North Africa; Chaired by: Nounou Meeti; IANSA

- 10:00-11:00 Crimes under the RtoP Framework: The Work of the Joint Office of the Special Advisers & a Legal Analysis of the Four Crimes
Eli Smette, Political Affairs Officer, Focal Point for Middle East and North Africa, Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect
- 11:00-11:45 Case studies: Yemen, Egypt, Bahrain
Yemen: Ezzedine Al Asbahi, President, Human Rights Information and Training Center
Egypt: Mohamed Zarea
Bahrain: Issa Al Ghayeb, Bahrain Human Rights Society
- 11:45-12:00 Coffee Break
- 12:00-12:45 Case studies: Libya, Syria, and Occupied Palestinian territories
Libya: Abed El Menaam Al Hurr, Arab Organization for Human Rights
Syria: (table discussion)
Occupied Palestinian territories: Dr. Iyad Al Barghouti, Rahmallah Center for Human Rights Studies
- 12:45-1:15 Discussion
- 1:15-2:15 Lunch to be served at conference location.

*Session Two: Group strategizing on the enhancement of RtoP in the region
Chaired by: Fadi Abi Allam, PPM*

- 2:15-2:30 Recap of previous sessions
- 2:30-2:45 Introduction by chair to small group break out session
Key Questions for discussion:
1. What are the challenges of promoting and advocating RtoP in the region and how can we overcome these challenges?
2. What role can MENA governments and civil society have in supporting the application of RtoP regionally and globally?
3. How can your organization incorporate RtoP principles in its work?
- 2:45-3:30 Small group discussions
- 3:30-3:45 Coffee break
- 3:45-5:00 Reconvene in large group for presentations and discussion on promoting RtoP work amongst civil society in the region and to discuss action points
- 5:00-5:30 Concluding remarks by chair