

Human Rights Defenders Policy Forum
A project of The Carter Center and Human Rights First
Presents:

Beyond Elections: Defending Human Rights in the Age of Democratization
The Carter Center, Atlanta, May 22-24, 2006

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006 (PRE-CONFERENCE PLANNING DAY) ***

- 8:30 a.m. **BUFFET BREAKFAST**
Location: Chapel Lobby
- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome**
 Karin Ryan – purpose of overall conference
 Neil Hicks – purpose of Monday’s sessions
 1. to analyze democratization efforts in each region
 from a human rights perspective
 2. to identify key conclusions and develop
 recommendations to policy makers
 3. to strategize on effective joint action
- 9:50 a.m. **Regional Presentations (2 country presentations followed by
comments from other countries of the region)**
 CIS (Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Belarus)

Discussion: Moderated by Archi Pyati
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Break**
- 11:15 – 12:30 a.m. **Regional Presentations (1 -2 country presentation from each region
followed by comments from other countries of the region)**

 Middle East (Tunisia, Egypt, Iran)
 Asia (Afghanistan, Thailand, Indonesia)

Discussion: Moderated by Matt Easton
- 12:30 p.m. **BUFFET LUNCH**
 Working Lunch: Carter Center Programs
 • Access to Information Project
 • Observing Elections: standards and practice
 • Campaign Finance and Media Mapping in Peru
 Discussion, moderated by Karin Ryan
Location: Chapel (bring lunch to your seat)

- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Regional Presentations (2 country presentations followed by comments from other countries of the region)
- Americas** (Haiti, Peru, Bolivia, Guatemala, Colombia)
- Discussion: Moderated by Neil Hicks*
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Regional Presentations (2 country presentations followed by comments from other countries of the region)
- Africa** (Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, DRC, Chad)
- Discussion: Moderated by Karin Ryan*
- 4:00-4:15 p.m. Break
- 4:15-6:00 p.m. Brief Remarks by **Hina Jilani**, UN Special Representative for Human Rights Defenders
- Concluding Discussion**
- Discuss Recommendations/Conclusions Document and Incorporate Regional Presentations
 - Plans for Effective Joint Action
- 6:00 p.m. BUFFET DINNER
- Location: Rotunda*
- 7:00 p.m. Screening: **“State of Fear”**
- Location: Cyprus Room*
- Community Discussion, led by Filmmakers and Sofia Macher, Peru, Neil Hicks (Human Rights First), Shelley McConnell (Carter Center)
- 9:30 p.m. BUSES DEPART from Carter Center Chapel
- TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006 (BEGINNING OF FORMAL CONFERENCE)**
- 8:00 a.m. BUSES DEPART from lobby of Hotel
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. BUFFET BREAKFAST
- Location: Chapel Lobby*
- 9:00-9:55 a.m. ** Welcome and Introduction of President Carter: Karin Ryan
- Musical Presentation: *Corneille* presents “Reposez en Paix”
- OPENING REMARKS by President Carter

President Carter introduction of Louise Arbour
OPENING REMARKS by Louise Arbour
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Opening remarks by Maureen Byrnes, Human Rights First

9:55-10:00 a.m.** Conference Purposes and Themes Overview: Karin Ryan
Introduction of Featured Speakers:

10:00-10:40 a.m. **Defending Human Rights, the Values of Democracy**

Featured presenters:
Dr. Saad Ibrahim, Egypt
Dr. Sima Samar, Afghanistan
Betty Murungi, Kenya
Gabriela Contreras, Guatemala

10:40-11:10 a.m.*** Discussion, moderated by Karin Ryan

Quickly to Group Photo.

11:15-11:30 a.m. GROUP PHOTO
Location: Steps outside Pod A

11:35-11:45 a.m. BREAK
Location: Chapel Lobby

11:50 -12:45 p.m.** **Retreat from Human Rights Standards**
Introduction of Featured presenters: Neil Hicks
Yuri Dzhibladze, Russia
Leyla Yunusova, Azerbaijan

Featured Presenter: Hina Jilani, Special Representative to the
Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders

Discussion, moderated by Neil Hicks***

12:50-1:50 p.m. BUFFET LUNCH
Location: Chapel Lobby

2:00-3:15 p.m.** **Addressing Economic, Social and Political Exclusion:
A Growing Human Rights Imperative**

Featured Presenters:
Delphine Djiraibe, Chad
Guillermo Vilela, Bolivia
Clement Nwankwo, Nigeria

Featured Presenter:

Representative of the World Bank (TBD)*

Discussion, Moderated by Maureen Byrnes***

3:15-3:30 p.m.

BREAK

Location: Chapel Lobby

3:30-5:00 p.m.***

Wrap-Up Discussion

Moderated by President Carter and Louise Arbour

5:10-5:30 p.m.

RECEPTION

Location: Cyprus Foyer

5:30-6:45 p.m.

SEATED DINNER

Location: Cyprus Room

7:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

"Seventh Symphony: Infinitude" The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

PERFORMANCE by Composer Lee Johnson and String Quartet

Introduced by Laura Emiko Soltis

Location: Chapel

7:45 p.m.

BUSES DEPART from Carter Center Executive Offices Entrance

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006

7:30 a.m.

BUSES DEPART from lobby of Hotel

8:00-8:30 a.m.

BUFFET BREAKFAST

Location: Chapel Lobby

8:30-10:30 a.m.**

Human Rights Policymaking: Protecting and Engaging with Human Rights Defenders

In the United Nations: U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights
Louise Arbour

In the United States:

- Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Barry Lowenkron
- Senator Joseph Biden, Senate Foreign Relations Committee*

At the World Bank: TBD

In the European Union: Johann Sattler

In the Organization of American States: Santiago Canton

In the African Union: Ms. Reine Alapini-Gansou, Special
Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa

Discussion Moderated by President Carter***

10:30-10:45 a.m.

BREAK

Location: Chapel Lobby

10:45-12:30 p.m.

CLOSING DISCUSSION and Recommendations***

1:00-2:20 p.m.

BUFFET LUNCH

Location: Chapel Lobby

Break

3:00-3:45 p.m.**

PRESS CONFERENCE

Location: Cyprus Room

4:15 p.m.

BUSES DEPART from Carter Center Chapel to hotel and airport

*INVITED

**SESSION ON THE RECORD

***SESSION OFF THE RECORD (BACKGROUND ONLY, FOR PRESS)