



## SEMINAR ON GOOD GOVERNANCE PRACTICES FOR THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

### Agenda

*Wednesday 15 September*

**Morning: 08:30 – 12:00**

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration** of participants and distribution of documents

09:00 – 10:45 **Opening session:**

- Opening remarks by the chairperson *Mr. Lee Sun-jin* (Republic of Korea), Deputy Minister for Policy Planning and International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Welcome addresses by:
  - *Mr. Ban Ki-moon*, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Republic of Korea
  - *Ms. Louise Arbour*, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
  - *Ms. Anne-Isabelle Degryse-Blateau*, United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative in the Republic of Korea
- Key-note speech by *Mr. Surin Pitsuwan*, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand: Good governance and the promotion and protection of human rights,

10:45– 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 **Panel 1: Promotion of the rule of law**

The practices discussed under this Panel will highlight the role of national human rights institutions in ensuring universal implementation of international human rights norms. They will also highlight the importance of legislation and other measures aimed at the reparation of human rights violations. Two examples will be presented under this panel from Latin America and Asia.

*Panelist 1: Mr. Choi Young-jin* (Republic of Korea), Special Adviser at the Policy Bureau, National Human Rights Commission of Korea: Ensuring implementation of international human rights norms

*Panelist 2: Mr. Cristián Correa Montt* (Chile), Secretary Lawyer of the National Commission on Political Imprisonment and Torture: Reparation for human rights violations

*Expert: Mr. Abdul Koroma* (Sierra Leone), Judge at the International Court of Justice: will comment on the practice presented and expand on the relationship between good governance for human rights and the rule of law.

*Moderator: Justice Michael Kirby* (Australia), Justice at the High Court of Australia

12:00 – 14:00 **Lunch** Hosted by the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Korea

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#### **Afternoon: 14:00 – 18:30**

14:00 – 15:15 **Panel 1:** Continued

15:15 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:45 **Panel 2: Strengthening the delivery of services contributing to the realization of human rights**

The practices discussed under this panel will highlight the importance of adequate social expenditures for strengthening the delivery of services that contribute to the realization of human rights, as well as the need for public scrutiny and participation in the budgetary process. They will also highlight the need for innovative and efficient social programmes to reach the most vulnerable and excluded. Two examples will be presented under this panel from Latin America and Africa.

*Panelist 1: Mr. Iván Fernández* (Ecuador), Secretario Técnico del Frente Social: Increasing transparency and social spending in public budgets

*Panelist 2: H.E. Ms. Namirembe Bitamazire* (Uganda), Minister for Primary Education: Universal primary education through alternative basic education for minorities

*Expert: Ms. Solita Collas-Monsod* (Philippines), Professor of Development Economics: will comment on the practices presented and expand on the relationship between good governance for human rights and strengthening the delivery of services which contribute to the realization of human rights.

*Moderator: Ms. Rosslyn Noonan* (New Zealand), Chairperson of the New Zealand Human Rights Commission

17:45 – 18:30 Sum-up of day 1

Reception Hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea

### ***Thursday 16 September***

#### **Morning: 9:00 – 12:00**

09:00 – 10:00 **Panel 3: Strengthening democratic institutions and participation**

Practices presented under this panel will highlight the important role of democratic institutions, and particularly parliaments, for the realization of human rights. They will also highlight some innovative and effective measures undertaken to go beyond formal democracy and ensure the participation in the democratic systems of those marginalized and excluded, such as women and indigenous groups. Two practices will be presented under this panel from Western Europe and Middle East.

*Panelist 1: Ms. Eva Josefsen* (Norway), Researcher and former Member of the Sámi Parliament: Inclusion of indigenous people in democratic institutions

*Panelist 2: Ms. Rose Shomali* (Palestine), Director, Women's Affairs Technical Committee: Empowering women through participation and legislation

*Expert: H.E. Mr. Manuel Rodríguez Cuadros* (Peru), Minister of Foreign Affairs: will comment on the practices and expand on the linkages between strengthening of democratic institutions and human rights.

*Moderator: Mr. Jody Kollapen* (South Africa), Chairperson of the South African Human Rights Commission

- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:30 **Panel 3:** Continued
- 11:30 – 12:00 Sum-up of panel 3
- 12:00 – 14:00 **Lunch** Hosted by the President of the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea

**Afternoon: 14:00 – 18:00**

- 14:00 – 16:15 **Panel 4: Combating corruption in the public and private sectors**
- Practices presented under this panel will show the importance of establishing cooperative relationships with civil society to effectively increase transparency and accountability and reduce corruption in the public sector. They will also focus on recent initiatives undertaken to combat corruption in the judiciary. Two practices will be presented under this panel from Asia and Africa.
- Panelist 1: Mr. Vijay Nagaraj* (India), Political activist working with the NGO MKSS: Preventing corruption: Transparency and accountability through the right to information
- Panelist 2: Justice E.O. O’Kubasu* (Kenya), Court of Appeal, Kenya: Reforms to eliminate corruption in the judiciary
- Expert: Mr. Peter Rooke* (UK) Regional Director for Asia-Pacific in Transparency International: will comment on the practices presented and expand on the relationship between combating corruption and the realization of human rights.
- Moderator: Mr. Marek Ostrowski* (Poland), Head of the Foreign Affairs Division of the weekly news magazine “Polityka” (Poland)
- 16:15 – 16:30 Break
- 16:30 – 17:00 Sum-up of panel 4
- 17:00 – 17:45 Actions for the future
- Moderator: Mr. Park Kyung-seo* (Republic of Korea)
- 17:45 – 18:30 **Conclusions** and closing remarks