



Programme

Preventing sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations

Monday 12 – Wednesday 14 November 2012 | WP1199

The British Government has announced a new initiative aimed at preventing sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations. As part of that initiative, the UK will use its G8 Presidency in 2013 to increase awareness and seek greater international commitment.

Participants at this high-profile Wilton Park meeting will be invited to help shape and develop this important initiative and its international implementation. The meeting will aim to:

- Gather together leading international experts in sexual and gender based violence, international justice, peace-building and women's rights
- Recommend how best to galvanise concerted, effective international action and global leadership on this issue
- Discuss what international mechanisms and legal frameworks would help increase protection and ensure accountability
- Consider practical and institutional changes needed to establish a new culture of deterrence and to bolster UN and NGO efforts

In association with:

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Monday 12 November

1300-1430 Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

1445-1500 **Welcome to Wilton Park**

Julia Purcell

Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

Introduction to the conference

Emma Hopkins

Lead, Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, Conflict Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1500-1515

Grbavica

Jasmila Zbanic

Film Director, Deblokada, Sarajevo

Excerpt of film about the consequences of sex violence during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina which initiated changes of legislation.

1515-1645

1. Tackling sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations: setting the international agenda

Building on lessons learned and drawing on existing international human rights frameworks, how to ensure a robust system to tackle sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations? What needs to change and how to challenge current attitudes? How to improve coordination on an international, regional and national level?

What are the key initiatives and milestones to date in tackling sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations? What's worked and what are the main obstacles? How to maximise opportunities to develop and promote a forward looking action plan to combat sexual violence?

Zainab Hawa Bangura

Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, United Nations Office of the Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, New York

Gry Larsen

State Secretary, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo

Julia Duncan-Cassell

Minister of Gender and Development, Ministry of Gender and Development, Monrovia

1645-1730

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1730-1900

2. Challenging a culture of impunity

How can the international community support capacity building of national security institutions? Building on lessons learned and good practice experience, how to apply existing international protocols? What methods can be employed to train and sensitise the military, police and peacekeepers? How to hold perpetrators to account and establish a culture of deterrence? In what ways can community attitudes to sexual violence be challenged? How to effect a shift in perceptions?

Session Chair: Margot Wallström

Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Conflict Related Sexual Violence, United Nations ; Chairperson, Lund University, Lund

Christine Chinkin

Professor of International Law, London School of Economics and Political Science; Member, Matrix Chambers, London

Patrick Nyamvumba

Lieutenant General; Force Commander, African Union/United Nations Hybrid operation in Darfur (UNAMID), Darfur

Leila Zerrougui

Under-Secretary-General; Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, United Nations, New York

1930

Reception drinks

Welcome remarks

Lynne Featherstone

Parliamentary Under Secretary, Department for International Development (DFID); UK Ministerial Champion for Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Overseas, London

2000

Dinner

Hosted by: Richard Burge

Chief Executive, Wilton Park, Steyning

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0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1045

3. Early warning indicators: practical steps to predict and prevent sexual violence

What steps can be taken to engage communities in signalling 'red flag' situations, monitoring and relaying incidents of sexual violence? How can sexual violence mapping be utilised to bolster prevention efforts? How to harness communication between communities, civil society organisations and international programmes for rapid response?

Session Chair: Madeleine Rees

Secretary General, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Geneva

Florence Iheme

Acting Director, Early Warning Directorate, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Abuja

Andrew Mack

Director, Human Security Report Project, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver

Lauren Wolfe

Director, Women's Media Center's Women Under Siege, New York

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

4. How to ensure successful investigations: sharing best practice

How can the international community support national investigations? What mechanisms can be put in place for the collection and protection of good evidence? How to minimise duplication of efforts and increase information sharing? Building trust and responsible engagement - who should train police investigators and legal representatives? How to make transparency central to investigations? What safeguards are needed to provide protection for survivors and witnesses? How to manage survivors' expectations?

Andras Vamos-Goldman

Executive Director, Justice Rapid Response (JRR), Geneva

Sabiha Husić

Director, Association Medica Zenica, Zenica

Lakshmi Puri

Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations; Deputy Executive Director, UN Women, New York

1300-1500

Lunch

1350-1445

Optional tour of Wiston House Gardens led by:

Robert Mitchell, Kew Dip

Head Gardener, Wiston House, Steyning

1500-1630

5. Delivering justice: how to ensure successful prosecutions- including lessons learned from the Balkans

What are the key obstacles to securing prosecutions? What does justice mean for survivors? Which contexts call for reparations and which require punishment? How can the international community engage with different judicial models? (eg. Mobile Courts, Truth and Reconciliation Commissions) What mechanisms need to be put in place to ensure successful prosecutions at a local, national and international level? How to support and strengthen national and local justice systems? What safeguards are needed for survivors and witnesses in court?

Serge Brammertz

Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The Hague

Pearl Brown Bull

Senior Counsel, Association of Female Lawyers of Liberia; Former Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Monrovia

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1830

6. Working groups

Five parallel working groups to focus on challenging attitudes, lessons learned, building good practice and identifying ways forward in conflict and post-conflict situations.

A. Guiding principles: what kind of framework is needed for sexual violence investigations?

Facilitator: Michelle Jarvis

Senior Legal Adviser to the Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The Hague

B. A survivor centred approach: practical ways of building confidence amongst survivors to speak out.

Facilitator: Gloria Atiba-Davies

Head, Gender and Children Unit; Victims Expert, International Criminal Court, The Hague

C. How to build on and measure the effectiveness of international efforts?

Facilitator: Kate Allen

Director, Amnesty International UK, London

D. Empowering survivors: how to mobilise and coordinate a wide range of services to overcome sexual violence during conflict and post-conflict.

Facilitator: Susannah Sirkin

Deputy Director, Physicians for Human Rights, Cambridge

E. Security and protection: concepts and strategies in the context of armed conflict and post-conflict situations.

Facilitator: Brigid Inder

Special Gender Adviser, International Criminal Court; Executive Director, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice, The Hague

1900

Reception followed by Conference Dinner

After dinner: Showing of film "Grbavica" in the Conference Room

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0800-0845 Breakfast

0900-0930 **7. Feedback from working groups**

0930-1045 **8. Messaging and communication: changing perceptions**

Raising awareness and public information campaigns – what works and what doesn't? Training and mentoring – who is best placed to do it and how to cascade? How to ensure messages are tailored for different audiences? Who are the messengers and via which medium? How to mobilise broad constituencies and ensure 'gatekeepers' mainstream dialogue on sexual violence? What strategies can be employed to encourage men to champion the initiative? How can the collective power of youth act as leverage within communities? What can the international community do to support youth activists and develop networks? Sharing best practice - where has youth engagement made a tangible difference?

Rob Williams

Chief Executive, War Child, London

Will Storr

Journalist; Author, London

1045-1115 Tea/coffee

1115-1215 **9. The way forward: chaired panel discussion**

Session Chair: Emma Hopkins

Lead, Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, Conflict Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1215-1300 **10. Keynote speech**

The Right Honourable William Hague

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1300-1400 Lunch

1400 Participants depart

This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.

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