

AGENDA

Global parliamentarians: The role of the legislative branch in building national mechanisms for atrocity prevention

April 13–14, 2017
The Hague Institute for Global Justice
The Hague, Netherlands

Overall Meeting Objectives

1. Organizers and MPs review how parliamentarians can contribute to mass atrocity prevention, specifically through the creation of national mechanisms for atrocity crimes prevention¹
2. Organizers and MPs share experiences related to legislative action for atrocity prevention.
3. Both organizers and MPs leave the meeting with strong awareness of the best practices and legislative roles for creating a national mechanisms and taking action to prevent atrocities, the roles and expertise required for each in doing so, and a clear path forward for follow up and closer work together in the future to advocate, train, and sensitize lawmakers to develop national mechanisms and take action to prevent mass atrocities.

Wednesday, April 12	
All day	Airport arrival and transfer to hotel
19:00	Informal Welcome Dinner (Optional) – Blue Room, Hilton Den Haag The dinner is a drop-in style buffet. You can eat at your own convenience any time between 19:00 and 21:00.
Thursday, April 13	
	Speaker/Moderator
Keynote Address and Welcome Remarks	
9:00 - 10:30	Opening Address: Dr. Jennifer Welsh , Professor and Chair in International Relations at the European University Institute and former UN Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect Introductions: Organizers, legislators, advisers, and observers

¹ Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation – Booklet on National Mechanisms for Atrocity Crimes Prevention, 2015 Edition.

The Legislative Branch and Atrocity Prevention		
10:30 - 11:30	Foundations of Atrocity Prevention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Core atrocity prevention principles ● The roles of parliamentarians in atrocity prevention ● Tools for prevention 	Ambassador Stephen Rapp The Stanley Foundation
11:45 - 13:00	Best Practices: Lessons Learned from Parliamentary Action and Inaction Presentation of informative research and case studies that cover past specific efforts of parliamentarians to address prevention of or ongoing atrocities and circumstances where stronger parliamentary action could have made a difference for prevention.	Savita Pawnday, The Global Centre for R2P
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
Pathways for Legislative Action		
14:00 – 14:30	Holding Government Accountable and Supervising Spending	Ivan Šimonović, Special Adviser on R2P, United Nations
14:30 - 15:30	Advocating for Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP Christoph Strässer, Germany: The role of parliamentary sub-committees in prevention. • All Party Groups for Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MP Ali Ehsassi, Canada: Canadian All-Party Group ○ Former MP John Denham, United Kingdom: All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Hazara (HAPPG) • MP Paulo Teixeira, Brazil: Building and strengthening institutions for mass atrocity prevention at home. 	Chair: Former MP Paul Dewar, Canada

National Mechanisms for Atrocity Prevention		
15:30 - 16:30	<p>Establishing National Mechanisms for Atrocity Prevention</p> <p>Introduction and discussion of the process by which Members of Parliament can create national mechanisms, at home and by providing support to others.</p> <p>Case Studies: National Mechanisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MP Ken Okoth, Kenya: The Kenyan National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination ● Dr. Eamon Aloyo, The Hague Institute for Global Justice: The US Atrocities Prevention Board 	Tibi Galis, The Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation
16:30-17:30	End of Day Wrap up and Discussion	
17:30	Formal Reception	
19:30	Dinner – Governor Room, Carlton Ambassador	
Friday, April 14		
8:30 - 9:30	<p>Connecting the Legislative and Executive Branches</p> <p>Discussion on the role of the executive powers in the design and implementation of atrocity prevention at home and abroad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elke Koning, Acting Head of the Political-Legal UN Team, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands ● Ambassador Pou Sothirak, Executive Director, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace 	
9:30 - 10:15	<p>Connecting the Legislative Branch with Regional and Global Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary-General of Parliamentarians for Global Action ● MP Ana Gomes, European Union ● Benjamin Abtan, Founder of the Elie Wiesel Network ● Ismail Wolff, Executive Director of ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights 	Chaired by the Stanley Foundation

10:30 - 12:00	Regional Prevention Workshop Identifying strategic opportunities for parliamentary engagement in atrocity prevention.
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 14:00	Wrap up and Closing Open discussion and closing by organizers.