

**FUNDERS' LEARNING VISIT
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND
4-6 MAY 2010**

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- To gain an understanding of the UN system and Geneva-based UN human rights mechanisms
- To gain applied knowledge of ways to engage the UN system that allow international and national activists to achieve important human rights objectives
- To forge relationships among peer grantmakers based in North America, Europe, and other regions of the globe

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- How can the United Nations human rights system help solve pressing human rights issues?
- How can grantmakers work most strategically to advance this aim?

CONFERENCE CO-FACILITATORS

- Mark Thomson, Secretary General, Association for the Prevention of Torture
- Monette Zard, Human Rights Program Officer, Ford Foundation

MONDAY, 3 MAY

17:30 Lobby of Hotel Mon Répos	Meet for dinner with fellow Learning Visit participants <i>(at own expense)</i> <i>Restaurant recommendations will be provided</i>
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TUESDAY, 4 MAY
Venue: Villa Moynier

120b, Rue de Lausanne (between Mon Repos and Moynier Parks)

Starting at 7:00	Breakfast <i>(Available at Hotel Mon Répos from 7:00 am for Sfr.18.00)</i>
8:15 Lobby, Hotel Mon Répos	Meet in hotel lobby if you would like to travel together to Villa Moynier, 120b, Rue de Lausanne
9:00-10:00	Welcome and Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael J. Hirschhorn, President, Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation; Executive Director, IHRFG • Mark Thomson, Secretary General, Association for the Prevention of Torture • Monette Zard, Human Rights Program Officer, Ford Foundation

TUESDAY, 4 MAY (continued)

Venue: Villa Moynier

120b, Rue de Lausanne (between Mon Repos and Moynier Parks)

10:00-12:30	Introduction to the UN and Its Human Rights Mechanisms <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrew Clapham, Director, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
12:30-14:00	Lunch <i>Lunch will be provided</i>
14:00-15:30	The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Human Rights Council, and the Universal Periodic Review: Challenges and Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador Carlos Portales, Permanent Mission of Chile• Juliette de Rivero, Advocacy Director, Human Rights Watch• Lucia Nader, Foreign Policy and Human Rights Project Coordinator, Conectas <i>Direitos Humanos</i> (Brazil)• Eric Tistounet, Chief, Human Rights Council Branch of the OHCHR Session Facilitator: Michael J. Hirschhorn, President, Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation; Executive Director, IHRFG
15:30-15:45	Break
15:45-17:15	Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Essential for Human Dignity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christian Courtis, Program Officer, OHCHR• Ana e Brito Maneira, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Portugal• Nicholas Lusiani, Program Officer, ESCR-Net Session Facilitator: Lourdes Rivera, Program Officer, Ford Foundation
17:15-18:00	Review and reflection on the day
Evening	Dinner on own or with fellow Learning Visit participants (<i>at own expense</i>) <i>Restaurant recommendations will be provided</i>

WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY

7:45 Lobby, Hotel Mon Repos	Meet in hotel lobby if you would like to travel together to ISHR, 1, Rue Varembe
8:30-9:30 International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)	Breakfast Briefing: Human Rights Funding Perspectives from Europe <i>Breakfast will be provided; please arrive a few minutes early</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrian Arena, Board Member, Ariadne-European Human Rights Funders Network; Director, International Human Rights Programme, Oak Foundation
9:30-9:45 ISHR	Break
9:45-11:15 ISHR	Migrant Workers: The Human Rights to Movement and Labor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Taran, Senior Migration Specialist, International Labour Organization • Michele LeVoy, Director, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) • Genevieve Gencianos, Coordinator, International Migration and Women Health and Social Workers Programme, Public Services International <p>Session Facilitator: Julie Broome, Programme Officer, Sigrid Rausing Trust</p>
11:15-12:00	Travel to and security clearance at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Palais Wilson
12:00-13:00 OHCHR (Palais Wilson)	Dialogue with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navanethem Pillay Session Facilitator: Andrew Park, Program Director, Wellspring Advisors
13:00-15:00 UN Palais des Nations	Travel to and security clearance at the United Nations Lunch at the UN Cafeteria (<i>at own expense, CASH IN SWISS FRANCS ONLY</i>)
15:00-18:00 UN Palais des Nations OHCHR (Palais Wilson) OHCHR (Palais Wilson)	Participants will have the option of observing the following sessions: Session of the Universal Periodic Review Review of Lesotho (<i>subject to change</i>) OR Session of the Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights Review of Algeria (<i>subject to change</i>) OR Session of the Committee Against Torture Review of Liechtenstein (<i>subject to change</i>)
18:45 Lobby, Hotel Mon Repos	Meet in hotel lobby if you would like to travel together to Café Papon, 1, Rue Henry Fazy, in the Old Town
19:30-21:30 Café Papon, Old Town Rue Henry Fazy 1	Dinner-Dialogue with U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Betty King

THURSDAY, 6 MAY
Venue: International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)
1, Rue Varembé

7:00	Breakfast <i>(Available at Hotel Mon Répos from 7:00 am for Sfr.18.00)</i>
8:15	Meet in hotel lobby if you would like to travel together to ISHR, 1, Rue Varembé
9:00-10:00	Review and Reflection on the day before
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:45	<p>The War on Terror and Protecting Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Scheinin, Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights While Countering Terrorism • Gerald Staberock, Global Security Program Director, International Commission of Jurists • Salvador Tinajero, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Mexico <p>Session Facilitator: Felice Gaer, Director, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights; Independent Expert, UN Committee Against Torture</p>
11:45-13:00	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Lunch will be provided</i></p>
13:00-14:30	<p>The UN and Regional Mechanisms: Cooperating for the Promotion of Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gastón Chillier, Executive Director, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (Argentina) • Gianni Magazzeni, National Institutions and Regional Human Rights Mechanisms Section, OHCHR (invited) • Margaret Sekaggye, former Chairperson, Uganda Human Rights Commission; Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders (invited) <p>Session Facilitator: Kica Matos, Program Executive, U.S. Reconciliation and Human Rights Program, The Atlantic Philanthropies</p>
14:30-14:45	Break
14:45-15:30	Review and Reflection, Evaluation, and Closing
Evening	Dinner on own or depart