

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

This agenda is subject to change.

OBJECTIVES:

- To gain an understanding of the UN system and the 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 with European human rights donor counterparts

CO-FACILITATORS:

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

MONDAY, 3 MAY

18:00	Meet for dinner with fellow Learning Visit participants <i>(at own expense)</i>
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TUESDAY, 4 MAY (Venue: Villa Moynier, Geneva Academy, in Mon Répos Park)

9:00-10:00	Welcome and Orientation
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
14:00-15:30	The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Human Rights Council, and the Universal Periodic Review: Challenges and Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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 Ebrito Maneira, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Portugal • Nicholas Lusiani, Program Officer, ESCR-Net
17:15-18:00	Review and reflection of the day
19:00	Dinner on own

WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY

8:30-9:30 International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)	Breakfast Briefing: Human Rights Funding Perspectives from Europe
9:30-9:45	Break
9:45-11:15 ISHR	Migrant Workers: The Human Rights of 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
11:15-12:00	Travel to and Security Clearance at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
12:00-13:00 OHCHR (Palais Wilson)	Dialogue with High Commissioner for Human Rights Navanethem Pillay
13:00-15:00 UN Palais des Nations	Travel to and Security Clearance at the UN Lunch (<i>at own expense</i>)
15:00-18:00 UN Palais des Nations OHCHR (Palais Wilson) OHCHR (Palais Wilson)	<i>Participants will have the option of observing the following sessions:</i> 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>)
19:30-21:30 Café Papon, Old City	Dinner-Dialogue with U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Betty King

THURSDAY, 6 MAY (Venue: International Service for Human Rights)

9:00-10:00	Review and Reflection of the day before
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:45	The War on Terror and Protecting Human Rights <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, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations
11:45-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:30	Cooperation between the UN and Regional Bodies for the Promotion of Human Rights Panelists will include a representative from a regional human rights forum
14:30-14:45	Break
14:45-15:30	Review and Reflection, Evaluation, and Closing
Evening	Dinner on own or depart