

“Fifteen Years after Vienna: Achievements and Challenges since the World Conference on Human Rights”

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Thursday, 28 August 2008

- 10.00 – 11.30 **HIGH LEVEL PANEL** „15 Years after Vienna: Achievements and Challenges“.
- Panellists:
- Ursula Plassnik, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs
 - High Commissioner for Human Rights (to be appointed)
 - Louise Arbour, High Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Kofi Annan, former UN-Secretary General
 - Samantha Power, Professor at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard University
 - Juan Mendez, President, International Center for Transitional Justice
 - Alaa Al-Aswani, Egyptian writer
- 11.30 – 12.00 COFFEE BREAK
- 12.00 – 13.00 **INTRODUCTION TO WORKING GROUPS:**
- Working Group 1: Challenges to national implementation of international human rights standards
 - Working Group 2: „Human Rights for all – how to spread the message“
 - Working Group 3: The role of OHCHR and UN human rights mechanisms in the promotion and protection of human rights
- 13.00 – 14.30 LUNCH
- 14.30 – 18.30 **WORKING GROUPS**
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- 9.00 – 13.00 **WORKING GROUPS**
- 13.00 – 14.30 **LUNCH**
- 14.30 – 16.00 **ROUND TABLE** «UN High Commissioner for Human Rights: the first
15 years»
- Participants:
- High Commissioner for Human Rights (to be appointed)
 - Louise Arbour, HCHR 2004-08
 - Bertrand Ramcharan, Acting HCHR 2003-2004
 - Mary Robinson, HCHR 1997-2002
 - José Ayala-Lasso, HCHR 1994-1997
- 16.00 – 16.30 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 16.30 – 18.00 **REPORTS OF WORKINGS GROUPS; CONCLUSION AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**
- 18.00 **END OF THE CONFERENCE**