

# **Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Crimes (GAAMAC): Community of Commitment, Community of Practice**

## **Second International GAAMAC Meeting**

### ***Preventing atrocities:***

### ***How to strengthen national atrocity prevention architectures***

2 - 4 February 2016  
Manila, Philippines

- Draft Agenda -

We are pleased to welcome you to the Second International Meeting of the “Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Crimes” (GAAMAC II) on ‘*Preventing atrocities: How to strengthen national atrocity prevention architectures*’. GAAMAC ([www.gaamac.org](http://www.gaamac.org)) is an inclusive, state-led network created in 2013 by states and NGOs joining together to engage in atrocity prevention. GAAMAC provides a platform for exchange, dialogue, and the dissemination of learning and good practice in prevention. It supports states to build their capacities to prevent mass atrocity crimes (war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, ethnic cleansing) as well as to develop and implement national preventive strategies and serves as a space for exchange and sharing among different communities of practice and stakeholders.

The first international meeting of GAAMAC was held in San José, Costa Rica, from 4-6 March 2014 with the aim convening governments interested in genocide prevention to discuss good practices, share learning and explore ways of strengthening their commitment at the national level. There were 127 participants, including representatives from 52 states, the United Nations, regional organizations, international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and experts in the prevention of mass atrocity crimes.

**The objective of GAAMAC’s second international meeting in Manila** is to convene interested representatives of governments, international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, and relevant UN offices to identify their current needs and challenges in atrocity prevention and, through peer-to-peer exchange and learning, to strengthen their capacities in this field. This meeting is organized jointly by the Governments of the Philippines and Switzerland, current chair of GAAMAC, as mandated by the GAAMAC Steering Group\*.

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\* GAAMAC’s Steering Group is comprised of States (Argentina, Costa Rica, Denmark, Switzerland and Tanzania) and representatives of non-governmental organizations (Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, Global Centre for R2P, International Coalition for RtoP, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University, School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University, and the Stanley Foundation) with the participation of the UN Office of the Special Advisers on the Prevention of Genocide and R2P.

**DAY I: Tuesday, 2 February 2016**

**08:30-09:00 REGISTRATION**

**09:00-09:20 WELCOME – OPENING SESSION**

Plenary

Introduction by GAAMAC Chair

Welcome message by Ministers from Philippines and Switzerland

Keynote message by Mr. Jose Ramos-Horta, Former President of Timor Leste and Nobel Prize Laureate

**09:20-10:30 SESSION I**

Plenary

**Atrocity prevention: what exists, what have we learned, what do we need?**

Mr. Adama Dieng, Under Secretary-General/Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, United Nations

Prof. Vitit Muntarbhorn, former UN Special Rapporteur DPRK and Commissioner on Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria

Ms. Loretta Rosales, Former Chairperson, Commission of Human Rights, Philippines

**Brief introduction of three main themes of the conference:**

- **Defining and strengthening national architectures, policies and mechanisms**
- **From early detection and understanding to early action: developing capacities and mechanisms at the national level**
- **Building synergies and strengthening relationships between national and regional engagement**

**10:30-11:00 Break**

**11:00-12:00 SESSION II**

Plenary

**Building synergies and strengthening relationships between national and regional engagement**

- International Conference on the Great Lakes Region - ICGLR  
Ms. Liberata Mulamula, Tanzania
- Latin America  
Ms. Eugenia Carbone, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation Technical Secretariat
- Middle East and North Africa  
Ms. Elham Al Shejani-League of Arab States, Director, Human Rights (TBC)

**12:00-13:30 Lunch**

**13:30-15:00**

**SESSION III**

Simultaneous workshops

**Workshop 1: Asia and Latin America - successes, challenges and dilemmas, lessons learned, needs and next steps**

Latin America

Ms. Luciana Peres, Secretariat of Human Rights & National R2P Focal Point, Brazil

Mr. Andrei Serbin Pont, Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales - CRIES

## Asia

Mr. Dicky Komar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia  
Prof. Alex Bellamy, Asia-Pacific Centre for R2P

## **Workshop 2: Africa, Europe, MENA region - successes, challenges and dilemmas, lessons learned, needs and next steps**

### Africa

Ms. Lina Zedriga, Uganda's National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination

Mr. Don Deya-Pan African Lawyers Union

### Europe

Mr. Istvan Lakatos, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary (TBC)

Mr. Martin Mennecke, University of Southern Denmark and Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

### Middle East and North Africa

Mr. Fadi Abi Allam, Lebanon, Permanent Peace Movement

Ms. Elham Al Shejani, League of Arab States (TBC)

Ms. Sihem Ben Sedrine (Tunisia), President of the Truth Commission (TBC)

## **Workshop 3: Overview of early warning assessment tools and the UN Framework for Risk Analysis – what it is and how to apply it in practice**

Representative of the Office of the Special Advisers on Prevention of Genocide and the R2P

Ms. Naomi Kikoler, US Holocaust Museum (TBC)

Dr. Jennifer Leaning, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University

## **Workshop 4: How sub-regional initiatives can support national architectures – sharing of good experiences**

Dr. Ashad Sentongo, Uganda, GAPS Centre for Governance, Peace, and Security

Mr. Charles Santiago, Member of the Malaysian parliament and ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (TBC)

Ms. Megan Schmidt-International Coalition for RtoP

## **GAAMAC Community in Practice**

## **Workshop 5: Strengthening the GAAMAC Community & Next Steps Founding Document – overview of main elements and aims**

Steering Group members share their vision

Protocol for joining GAAMAC as a state and as a CSO.

Facilitated discussion with GAAMAC Steering Group members

**15:00-15:30 Break**

**15:30-17:00 SESSION IV**

Simultaneous workshops

## **Workshop 6: Atrocity prevention and post-conflict recovery: the link between transitional justice and sustainable peace**

Mr. Pablo de Greiff, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence

Mr. Andrea Bartoli, Seton Hall University, Community of Sant'Egidio

## **Workshop 7: National and international justice and accountability mechanisms as keys to prevention**

Representative of the Office of the Special Advisers on Prevention of Genocide and the R2P

Representative of the International Criminal Court

Mr. Don Deya, Pan-African Lawyers Union

Ms. Rebecca Lozada, Philippine Coalition for the International

Criminal Court (TBC)

**Workshop 8: The potential (positive and negative) of social media and new technologies to inhibit and prevent atrocities**

Mr. Antoine Nouvet, SecDev Foundation

Mr. Chris Tuckwood, Sentinel Project on technology for prevention

Ms. Nida Mushtaq, Ushahidi, Innovation Engagement Officer/Asia

**Workshop 9: Youth and education as engines of prevention**

Mr. Youk Chhang, Cambodia, Sleuk Rith Institute

Ms. Rohaniza Sumndad-Usman, Philippines, Build Peace Teach Peace

Dr. Kathrin Meyer, International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (TBC)

**Workshop 10: How national engagement can motivate regional action - a showcase of local experiences and their interaction with regional structures**

Rev. Thomas Godda, Tanzania, Inter-religious Council for Peace

Mr. P.O. Ram, Secretary General of the ASEAN Interparliamentary Assembly

Mr. Tomas Konigsfelt, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

Ms. Savita Pawnday, Global Centre for the R2P

**19:00-21:00 Social Event, Cocktail reception and dinner**

Courtesy of the host

## DAY II: Wednesday, 3 February 2016

**09:00-09:30 INTRODUCTION** Plenary  
**Report back from Day 1 with feedback from the workshops**

**09:30-11:00 SESSION V** Plenary  
**Strengthening national architectures of atrocity prevention: what are the main building blocks of national mechanisms?**

Prof. Alex Bellamy, Asia-Pacific Centre for R2P

Mr. Pou Sovachana, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace

Dr. Kathrin Meyer, International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (TBC)

Hon. Mujiv Hataman, Philippines, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao ARMM (TBC)

Mr. Federico Villegás Beltran, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina (TBC)

**11:00-11:30 Break**

**11:30-13:00 SESSION VI** Simultaneous workshops

**Workshop 11: Building capacity in the security sector to prevent atrocity crimes**

Representative of the Office of the Special Advisers on Prevention of Genocide and the R2P

Ltn Gen (ret) Marc Caron, International Security Sector Advisory Team, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces ISSAT/DCAF

Mr. Jaime Godoy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile (TBC)

Mr. Sonny Tutanang, Philippines Armed Forces (TBC)

**Workshop 12: The potential of private sector engagement in preventing atrocities**

Mr. Sailil Tripathi, Institute for Human Rights and Business (TBC)

Ms. Alexandra Guaqueta, Colombia, Ministry for Post-conflict, Human

Rights and Security & former member of the UN Working Group on Business and HR (TBC)

**Workshop 13: Combating incitement of hate speech & the role of local dialogue in atrocity prevention as key inhibitors of atrocity crimes**

Ms. Rita Iszak, UN Special Rapporteur on Minorities

Mr. James Waller, Cohen Chair, Keene State University (TBC)

Mr. Gus Micalat, Philippines, Initiatives for International Dialogue (TBC)

**Workshop 14: The challenge of armed non-state actors in the prevention/commission of atrocities and how national/regional actors can engage**

Mr. Chris Rush, Geneva Call – Protecting civilians in armed conflict

Mr. Abdullahi Boru Halakhe, Security and policy analyst on the Horn of Africa and Great Lakes regions (TBC)

**13:00-14:30 Lunch**

**14:30-15:30 SESSION VII**

Plenary

**Developing early detection, understanding and early action prevention capacity (early warning/early action, risk analysis, how to do evidenced based policy, data gathering)**

Representative of the Office of the Special Advisers on Prevention of Genocide and the R2P

Dr. Simon Adams, Global Centre for the R2P

Dr. Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, Representative of Malaysia to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (TBC)

Dr. Jennifer Leaning, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University

**15:30-16:00 Break**

**16:00-17:30 SESSION VIII**

Simultaneous workshops

**Workshop 15: Atrocity prevention in special circumstances, i.e. political transitions, elections, natural disasters, etc.**

Ms. Christen Broecker, Jacob Blaustein Institute

Ms. Alexandra Guaqueta, Colombia, Ministry for Post-conflict, Human Rights and Security & former member of the UN Working Group on Business and HR (TBC)

Mr. Shwe Maung, Member of Parliament from Myanmar-Rakhine State, ASEAN Parliamentarians for HR (TBC)

Mr. Abdullahi Boru Halakhe, Security and policy analyst on the Horn of Africa and Great Lakes regions (TBC)

Ms. Wilma Cabrera, Philippines, IDP and natural disaster specialist (TBC)

**Workshop 16: Atrocity prevention through anti-discrimination laws and constructive policies for minorities and indigenous people.**

Ms. Rita Iszak, UN Special Rapporteur on Minorities on global norms and standards

Mr. Luciano Mariz Maia, Brazil, Public Prosecutors Office (TBC)

Mr. Chris Chapman, Minorities Rights International (TBC)

**Workshop 17: How atrocity crimes affect women and serve as indicators for early action? How to insure the inclusion of women and protection of their rights as full and equal actors?**

Ms. Bineta Diop, Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security of the African Union (TBC)

Ms. Sara Davies, The ARC Discovery Project, Preventing Mass Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Asia Pacific (TBC)

Mr. Nelwan Harahap, Coordinating Ministry of Human Development and Culture, Indonesia

## GAAMAC Community in Practice

### **Workshop 18: Forging conclusions and recommendations**

Synthesis discussion on workshops topics under each theme and consolidation of discussions into targeted recommendations.

## DAY III: Thursday, 4 February 2016

09:00-10:30

### SESSION IX

Plenary

#### **Building national architectures of atrocity prevention - how can States work in an inclusive and participatory manner towards national strategies and action plans**

Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith, Deputy Foreign Minister on de-mining and small arms control of Laos (TBC)

Mr. Bill Pace, Director, International Coalition on the RtoP

Ms. Andie Lambe – International Refugee Rights Initiative

10:30-11:00

### *Break*

11:00-13:00

### SESSION X

Plenary

#### **SUMMARY OUTCOMES AND GAAMAC COMMUNITY IN PRACTICE**

##### **Presentation of final outcomes of the workshops**

##### **GAAMAC Community in Practice**

Brief introduction and report back from workshops followed by a discussion on anticipated future directions of GAAMAC derived from the recommendations

Closing message – Mr. Adama Dieng, Under Secretary-General/Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, United Nations

13:00

### *Closing Lunch*