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UIA BAR LEADERS' BRIEFING

**Is the Rule of Law
a Necessity for Keeping
the Peace?**

**The Responsibility
of Lawyers and
Bar Associations
Towards Refugees**

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PROGRAMME

Office of the United Nations, Geneva

Building E, room no. XVIII

Entrance: Pregny Gate, 14 avenue de la Paix, Geneva



WELCOME

9.00 am: Distribution of the badges upon presentation of ID and of the UN QR code or e-ticket to be obtained after creating your profile on the UN Website, no later than May 26, 2017 (See the Registration section on the Information page).

PROGRAMME

Moderator

Bâtonnier Francis Gervais, President of the IJA International Bar Leaders' Senate

10.00 am

Welcome from Laurence Bory, President of the IJA

10.10 am

Introduction by Michael Möller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva

10.30 am - Geneva, the breeding ground for Peace and the Rule of Law

François Longchamp, President of the Conseil d'État de la République et Canton de Genève

10.50 am - Questions

11.20 am - Rule of Law and Protection of Refugees

Volker Türk, UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner for Protection (The UN Refugee Agency)

11.40 am - Supporting women's access to justice on the road to peace

Amanda Rawls, Director of the Africa Division of the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative

12.00 pm - Discussion and Summary

12.30 pm Lunch at Le Serpent Bar

Moderator

Bâtonnier Pascal Maurer, Director-General of the IJA Institute for the Rule of Law (IJA-IROL)

2.30 pm - Migration: Issues, Challenges and Responses of the ICRC

Yves Daccord, Director-General of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

2.50 pm - Questions

3.05 pm - The consequences of sex discrimination in the transmission of nationality to children

Jacqui Hunt, Director of the Europe Office of Equality Now

3.30 pm

A representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (name to be confirmed)

3.50 pm - Questions

4.10 pm

Pierre Krähenbühl, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) (to be confirmed)

4.30 pm - Questions

4.50 pm - Lawyers in the International Rule of Law Context: Experiences and Challenges

Andrea Chmielinski-Bigazzi, The Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights

5.10 pm - Questions and Summary

5.30 pm - End of the Briefing

INFORMATION

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ATTENDANCE

The UIA Bar Leaders' Briefing is usually reserved for the collective members of the Union Internationale des Avocats. Due to the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the UIA this year, the 2017 Briefing is exceptionally open to individual members.

Attending the Briefing is free of charge. Only lunch is charged at the price of €63 per person (billed at cost). An invoice will be sent automatically upon receipt of your registration. Your registration for the Briefing will only be approved after receipt of the corresponding payment.

REGISTRATION

Deadline for registration: May 26, 2017

After that date, the UN will no longer take into account any additional registrations. Only members of the UIA who have registered on the UN Website and whose registration has been approved will be admitted to the Bar Leaders' Briefing. No exceptions can be made.

Register in 4 steps:

1 ● Create an account in the INDICO registration system, which is dedicated to attendance at meetings held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, by copying or clicking on the following link:

<https://reg.unog.ch/user/register>

To help you in the registration process, please refer to the tutorial on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/MK2yizBgZVs>

Once your account is created, you will receive an email from the UN to activate your account.

2 ● Copy or click on the following link:

<https://reg.unog.ch/event/18901/>

to register for the UIA Bar Leaders' Briefing.

3 ● Complete the registration form. Please note that you will be asked to upload your photo. You will receive an email from the UN, confirming the receipt of your registration, for which approval will be pending, as well as an invoice corresponding to the amount of the lunch.

4 ● After the payment of the invoice, you will receive an email, from the UN, confirming your registration. This email will include a QR code or an e-ticket which you must present at the entrance of the United Nations on the day of the event with your ID.

ACCESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

All attendees must carry their ID and the QR code that they obtained when registering online and arrive at 9.00 am sharp at the United Nations Office - Building E - Room XIII - Entrance by the Pregny Gate, 14 avenue de la Paix, to be escorted through security and to the UN building in order to obtain their UN pass.

Each attendee should carry his/her ID and his/her UN pass at all times while on UN premises and for re-entry.

Please note that nobody can be admitted after 9.30 am, in order to allow for security clearance and registration. The sessions will start promptly at 10.00 am.

GALA DINNER

As part of the 90th anniversary of the UIA, a gala dinner will be held on June 2 at 7.30 pm at the Grand Hotel Kempinski Geneva. All attendees at the Bar Leaders' Briefing are invited to this dinner.

Attendance at this dinner costs €190. Registration for the dinner is made simultaneously with your registration for the Briefing. The invoice corresponding to your attendance will be sent upon receipt of your registration.

All the funds raised during this dinner will be allocated to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for the benefit of its action in favor of refugees.

TRANSLATION

The meeting will be facilitated by simultaneous translation into English, French and Spanish.

VISAS

Please check the entry formalities for Switzerland with the Swiss Embassy in your country (visa required or not, passport validity date, etc.).

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FORMALITIES

It is the responsibility of participants to ensure compliance with police, customs and health formalities for their journey. Participants who are unable to take part in the Briefing because of their inability to take a flight or any other means of transportation due to being unable to provide the documents required (passport, visa, vaccination certificate, etc.) cannot claim any reimbursement.

FORCE MAJEURE

"Force majeure" means any events that are external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature, that prevent either the participants, or service providers involved in organising the UIA Bar Leaders' Briefing, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, such will be the case in the event of a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers, an insurrection, a riot or any prohibition whatever decreed by Governmental or public authorities.

It is expressly agreed that for the parties, a case of force majeure would suspend the execution of their reciprocal obligations. At the same time, each of the parties shall bear the burden of all the expenses incumbent upon them, resulting from the case of force majeure.

HEALTH

The organisers decline any responsibility in case of any health problems existing prior to the UIA Bar Leaders' Briefing that may lead to complications or be aggravated during the entire period of the stay: pregnancy, cardio-vascular problems, any allergies, special diets, any disorders under treatment and not yet consolidated on the day the UIA Bar Leaders' Briefing starts, psychic or mental or depressive illness, etc. (non-exhaustive list).

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