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Attendee List

Participants



Samantha Mwesigye



Senior State Attorney Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Uganda

Ms. Mwesigye is a Senior State Attorney in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs' Legal Advisory Services. She is Uganda's representative to the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Regional Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination, as well as the current Chair of the Uganda National Committee for Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Crimes. She has held both of these posts since last year. In her position, Mwesigye is mandated to provide legal advisory services to the government. This mandate is derived from the 1995 Constitution of Uganda, which created the Office of the Attorney General – the Principal Legal Advisor of Government – on whose behalf she and her colleagues work.



Ambassador Juan Avila



Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations

Ambassador Juan Avila, Ph.D. is the High Steward of EUCLID, an intergovernmental institution under United Nations Treaty Series 49006/7. A distinguished academic and diplomat, he holds the rank of Ambassador at the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations since being appointed by President Leonel Fernández in 2004. Based in New York City, Ambassador Avila has spent the past three decades working in a variety of capacities with the United Nations, numerous non-governmental organizations, and the Government of the Dominican Republic.

Since January 2016, he has served as the Vice Chair of the Institute of Global Affairs (IGA). Ambassador Avila is a recognized authority on a wide variety of topics in the field and has participated in international conferences on economic and social reform, human rights, environmental programming, and labor organization. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy from Fordham University.











Khoti Chilomba Kamanga



Associate Professor and Researcher, Center for the Study of Forced Migration, University of Dar Es Salaam

Dr. Khoti Chilomba Kamanga is an Associate Professor at the Department of Public Law, University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM). He holds an LL.M. (with distinction), a Ph.D. in Public International Law from the Patrice Lumumba University (Moscow, Russia) and, an LL.M. in European Union Law from the University of Amsterdam in The Netherlands. He is a co-founder and former Coordinator (1998 – 2012) of the UDSM Centre for the Study of Forced Migration (CSFM). He also acts as a Member of the Tanzania National Committee on the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities, serving as its Resource Person.

Dr. Kamanga has an enduring interest in the issue of genocide and other serious international crimes in large part on account of research and publication in the area of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), International Criminal Law and Human Rights Law. To this end, he is co-founding member of the East Africa IHL Roundtable for Lecturers.











Patrice Mulama



Senior Conflict and Early Warning Analyst, East African Community

Mr. Patrice Mulama, is the Senior Conflict Early Warning Analyst at the Peace and Security Department of the East African Community (EAC). He is responsible for monitoring and detecting potential threats to peace and security in the EAC region through continuous data collection, systematic analysis, and scenario building with a view to providing preventive response options to EAC decision makers.

Before joining the EAC, Mr. Mulama served as Executive Secretary of Rwanda's then Media Licensing and regulatory body, the Media High Council (MHC), an institution he headed for over eight years. Among his key responsibilities was media monitoring to ensure respect of the law and professional ethics including during the genocide commemoration and electoral periods. Mr. Mulama also served as visiting lecturer of International Relations, Diplomacy and Governance at the Independent University of Kigali (ULK) between 2012 and 2013. He holds a Master's of Science degree in Public Policy and Management (MSc PPM) from the School of Oriental and African Studies – University of London and an undergraduate degree in Political Science with a major in International Relations from Makerere University-Kampala, Uganda. Additionally, he is currently enrolled in a master's degree program in Managing Peace and Security at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia.



Anggayasti Ajengpadmitha



Information, Communication and Technology Officer, AIPA Secretariat

Ms. Anggayasti "Ajeng" Ajengpadmitha is a trained Communications Officer at the AIPA Secretariat, the center of communication and information for ASEAN member parliaments. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Political Science in International Relations from Parahyangan Catholic University, Bandung, Indonesia and a Master of Arts in Media and Communication Management from Hochschule Macromedia, University of Applied Sciences in Berlin, Germany. During her bachelor's life, she filled her days by volunteering in several non-organizational projects but nowadays, she is exploring her enthusiasm for food, movies and books.











Millicent Otieno



Chairperson, Local Capacities for Peace International

Ms. Millicent Otieno is a Conflict Sensitive/Do No Harm practitioner with over twenty years experience in training on integrated multidisciplinary participatory approaches and practices; coordination of regional networks/learning groups, management and program development. She offers consultancy on Dialogue, Interfaith Relations (PB), Nonviolent Conflict Transformation, Mediation, Do No Harm, Evaluative Systems Thinking, Resiliency and Community Organization/Building. Other advisory services include and are not limited to motivation speaking on emergent systems and organizational development in refugee/host settings, devolved systems of governance and structures for effective, inclusive service provision. She is actively involved in global, regional, national and international activities focused on aid effectiveness, sexual and gender based violence prevention, advocacy for human rights – research, championing rights of girls and women affected by negative cultural practices as well as structural/violent conflicts, reflecting on effective peace practices, conflict sensitive reporting and peace journalism, media activism and trauma informed as well as mental wellness (individual and collective) interventions.

Ms. Otieno is one of the Founders of the Local Capacities for Peace International (an NGO based in Kenya) (LCPI) www.localcapacities.org, she works nationally and internationally (in Africa, Asia, Europe and USA) on matters related to the impact of humanitarian action on beneficiaries, interfaith dialogues, breaking systemic violence, dignity, identity, trauma and Peacebuilding, development and nonviolent conflict transformation in the context of war and armed conflicts, community security and restorative justice. She currently represents Mediators Beyond Border's (MBB-Arlington USA) in East Africa as the Regional Consultant, she is also a member of the UWIANO Platform for Peace as well as the Conflict Analysis Group under the Directorate of Peacebuilding and Conflict Management (PBCM) in Kenya, member of the Global Conflict Sensitive Hub, Consultant for CDA Learning Projects (Cambridge-USA), trainer for Mediators Beyond Borders International Training Institute (MBBITI) and the trainer on Insider Mediators for the Counties First Ladies Association in Kenya. She is a member of the Kenya National Committee on Prevention and Punishment of Genocide and Crimes of Mass Atrocities (KNC).











Gregory Andrews



Assistant Secretary, International Organisations Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Mr. Andrews manages Australia's strategic relations with the United Nations and other multilateral organizations. Protecting Australia's interests in the global rules based order and reform of the United Nations are key priorities of his team. From 2014 to 2017, Mr. Andrews was Australia's first appointed Threatened Species Commissioner. He raised awareness and support for Australia's fight against extinction and led the implementation of Australia's first Threatened Species Strategy.

Mr. Andrews has previously represented Australia in the United Nations Climate Change Negotiations. He has spent a significant part of his career working on social and Indigenous policy reform and has twice taken leave from the Australian Public Service to work on Indigenous community development where he worked closely with Indigenous peoples in Kakadu, Arnhem Land and Central Australia.

Mr. Andrews began his career as a Graduate with Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 1992 and has been on postings to China and Japan. He speaks Mandarin Chinese and has first class honors degree in Economics (majoring in Econometrics) and a Master's Degree in Foreign Affairs and Trade. He has Aboriginal ancestry from NSW and his personal interests include his family, Australian wildlife and gardening.



Lokuto Bismark Simon Bande



Project Officer, Community Empowerment for Progress Organization

Mr. Lokuto Bismark Simon Bande began work with the Justice and Confidence Centre, a community-based organization, as a Paralegal were he was engaged in monitoring customary courts, client management, and outreach awareness on human rights and the Rule of Law. He then joined with Community Empowerment for Progress (CEPO) in South Sudan as a volunteer in 2010 while a student at University of Juba's College of Community Studies and Rural Development. In 2012, he became a Project Officer managing human rights and the Rule of Law, which resulted into CEPO winning grants from European Union for a Public Hearing on Bill of Rights in the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan 2011.

Currently, he serves as a Civic Engagement Officer, implementing a project on Security Sector Reform that is being supported by Oxfam through a donation from Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has dedicated his life to serving South Sudanese Nationals through civil society with his accumulated experience working with CEPO in various areas like conflict resolution and mitigation, the Rule of Law and human rights dynamics, gender dynamics, community policing and security sector reform, as well as insight into South Sudanese societal settings, political landscape, and socioeconomic development.











Mary-Honor Kloeg



Cluster Coordinator, Department of Multilateral Institutions and Human Rights and International Legal Order, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Currently, Ms. Kloeg is the Cluster Coordinator in the division of Human Rights and International Legal Order in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Netherlands. From 2010-2014, she worked for the Netherlands Permanent Mission to the United Nations focusing primarily on disarmament issues. She was previously based in Pakistan for two years and has also worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague in various divisions. In her early career, prior to joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Kloeg served as a policy officer for the Dutch Liberal Party in Parliament.



Dragana Scepanovic



Head of Division for Human Rights and Legal Issues, Directorate for the United Nations, Directorate General for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro

Ms. Scepanovic began her career within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs serving as the Third Secretary in the General Directorate for Multilateral Affairs and Regional Cooperation. Since then, she moved into her current position as the Head of the Division for Human Rights and Legal Issues in the MOF of Montenegro. She received her Bachelor's degree in Diplomacy and International relations, followed by obtaining a Postgraduate Specialist Degree in Diplomacy and International Relations from the University of Montenegro. In addition to her work, Ms. Scepanovic had participated in trainings on negotiations as well advocacy for peaceful and inclusive societies, accountability in institutions and rule of law.



Tran Thanh Hai



Diplomat, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

Mr. Thanh Hai received his master's degree in International Relations from Seoul National University and Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) in 2003. Before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam (MOFA) in 2006, he held a fellowship at the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies (IPUS), Seoul National University. Mr. Thanh Hai worked at the Vietnamese Embassy in Seoul from 2010- 2012. Prior to joining the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam in 2015, he worked at the Department of Northeast Asia, MOFA. His research focuses on Korean Peninsula Affairs, Northeast Asia Affairs, US-China Relations.











Juliette Lehner



Associate Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect

Prior to joining the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect, Ms. Lehner worked with the International Committee of the Red Cross as an Arabic speaking field delegate in Iraq, where she was responsible for the ICRC's humanitarian assistance in the Erbil Governorate and detention programs both in Erbil and Mosul. She also worked in the DRC as an ICRC Protection Delegate where she was in charge of the Ituri detention program and restoring family links program in the Northern Provinces of the DRC. Previously, Ms. Lehner worked with the Temporary International Presence in Hebron, OPT, as an Arabic speaking Observer. She has also worked with the Middle East North Africa team of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces, which has activities and expertise on the Security Sector Reform. Ms. Lehner has a MA in International Relations from the University of Sussex and a double BA in History and Political Sciences from the Sorbonne. She is fluent in English, French and has a good knowledge of Arabic.



Colonel Chirila Macovei Catrinel



Military Prosecutor's Office, Public Ministry, Romania

Colonel Catrinel currently acts as a military prosecutor at the Public Ministry's Military Prosecutor's Office of Romania. In this position, since January 2000, his duties have included criminal investigations specifically in cases concerning the deaths of military personnel, surveillance of criminal investigations of the police, and military investigations exercising jurisdiction in eight countries. Prior to this position, he served as a civil prosecutor within the same office. In this capacity his duties similarly included criminal investigations, surveillance of police unit investigations and participating in court procedures.



Walter Claudius Rothenburg



Federal Circuit Prosecutor, PFDC, Brazil

Dr. Walter Claudius Rothenburg is a Federal Circuit Prosecutor who works with human rights (including discrimination cases and social rights) and traditional communities such as descendants of slaves ("quilombos") and Roma people. He is also a university professor and academic in human rights, constitutional law and general theory of law. He graduated from the Federal University of Paraná in 1989, finished his PhD in 1998 and joined the Prosecutor's Office in São Paulo in 1995. Mr.Rothenburg was born on February 21, 1966, and is married with two children.











Mohammed Ndifuna



Executive Director, Human Rights Network Uganda

Mr. Mohammed Ndifuna is currently the Executive Director of Human Rights Network Uganda (HURINET-U), a member of the Steering Committee of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, and a member of the National Committee on the Prevention of Genocide and Atrocity Crimes in Uganda and Chairman Board of Directors of the National Coalition for Human Rights Defenders in Uganda (NCHRDU). He received the European Union's Human Rights Defender Award in 2014

Mr. Ndifuna has played a leadership role in the campaign for the domestication of the Rome statute in Uganda. He has addressed the Assembly of State Parties (ASP) and the UN Human Rights Council on a number of occasions to advocate for the cause of justice and human rights in Uganda.



Leah Kaplan



Democracy, Rights, and Governance Officer - Human Rights Advisor DCHA, DRG, Human Rights Division (HR), USAID

Ms. Leah Kaplan is the Division Chief for Human Rights in the Democracy, Rights, and Governance Center of Excellence at USAID where she oversees a portfolio consisting of rights based approaches, countering traffic in persons, atrocity prevention, religious freedom, and support to marginalized groups such as indigenous people and LGBTI communities.

She previously served as the Director of Democracy and Governance Team for USAID Cote d'Ivoire, designing and implementing programs on justice, human rights, legislative strengthening, and peaceful elections. She has also served as a Crisis, Stabilization, and Governance Officer in USAID Rwanda working closely with civil society and supporting large-scale capacity building programs and was stationed in Nuristan, Afghanistan, where she oversaw USAID's infrastructure programs and supported US military development efforts. Ms. Kaplan began her career working on community development in Niger and Liberia. She has Bachelor's in Political Science from Grinnell College and a Master's in International Development from the Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver.











Nicolas Pizarro



Chief of Staff, Under Secretary of Human Rights, Chile

Mr. Nicolas Fernando Alfonso Pizarro Julia is a lawyer, having graduated from the Universidad del Desarrollo with a diploma in Administrative Law from the Catholic University of Chile. He has experience in administrative management, having led teams on important decentralized public services. Early in his career, he worked as a lawyer in a firm in Santiago, later becoming the Legal Director and Municipal Administrator in the Municipality of La Florida for a period of two years. Following this, he was the Municipal Administrator of the Municipality of Maipú. Since March of 2018, he took on a new challenge as the Chief of Staff of the Undersecretary of Human Rights.



Sebastián Schonfeld



Institutional Director, ESMA Memory Site Museum, Argentina

Mr. Sebastián Schonfeld is the Institutional Director at the ESMA Memory Site Museum. He is a cultural manager, a producer and a musician. He studied Arts at the Universidad de Buenos Aires and has built a career in the field of culture and social communication, both in the private and public sector. He specializes on the design and implementation of public policy for cultural sector development and strategic communication. He has taught at the University of Palermo. Over the previous years, he has been Public Relations Manager for the state-run telecommunications company ARSAT and has worked as the Secretary of Cultural Management in Argentina´s Ministry of Culture. He is a member of the Global Diplomacy Lab, the BMW Foundation Responsible Leaders Network, and the Bosch Alumni Network.



Harison Citrawan



Researcher, Ministry of Law and Human Rights, Republic of Indonesia

Mr. Harison Citrawan currently serves as a human rights researcher at the Human Rights Research Center under the Ministry of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia. Over the last seven years of his service, he has conducted several studies covering the issues of human rights situations in prison, transitional justice, and social conflict in Indonesia. As part of the Ministry's structural body, Mr. Citrawan's studies and recommendations are to be submitted to the Minister and other high-level ministry officials who represent the Center's principal beneficiaries. These research outputs contribute to policy and law-making processes, particularly at the ministerial/departmental level.











Braema Mathiaparanam



President, MARUAH (Human Rights NGO), Singapore; Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Penang Institute, Malaysia

Ms. Mathiaparanam has been directly involved in issues related to women, migrant workers, HIV, social protection and human rights. She has led a women's group, AWARE, where the key initiative was The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women; founded a migrant worker's rights group called Transient Workers Count Too, where the work was organizational development and evidence-based research and advocacy; was the Vice-President of Action for Aids, focusing on access to health for women; and also founded and led MARUAH (Singapore Working Group for ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism) whereby played key role on human rights as a civil society organization. She was also the Regional President (Southeast Asia and Pacific) of the International Council of Social Welfare where the work was on social protection.

Ms. Mathi is currently a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at Penang Institute in Malaysia and an Activist-in-Residence with CARE (Centre for Culture-Centred Approach to Research and Evaluation) in the Department of Communications at Massey University in New Zealand. In the latter position, she focuses on advocacy and communications tools that can bring about social change in Southeast Asia and Asia.

She has also worked as a teacher, a journalist, a researcher, programme coordinator on Gender Studies at a think-tank, a Research and Advocacy Director, Head of Corporate Communications in Healthcare, a Programme Director at a regional organization and now works as a consultant. She was a two-term Nominated Member of Parliament and has been on Ministerial Committees on specific issues to be part of the process of putting up recommendations to the Singapore Government. Ms. Mathi has receiving training on many of these issues including the responsibility to protect, business and human rights, migrant workers' rights, human rights, role of parliamentarians and human rights. She has published book chapters, articles and also written reports to and for organisations that include think-tanks in Southeast Asia and related to the United Nations.



Matías Garcia



Member, Direction Management Team, Directorate for Education, Ministry of Education and Culture, Uruguay

Mr. Garcia has worked as an education professor for twenty years and having experience in multiple environments and contexts. He currently serves as a government official in the Direction of Education at the Ministry of Education and Culture. His primary focus, both at work and and within his university setting is is human rights. He also also is a member of various commissions that work in defense of human rights.









Observers



Tony Rodriguez



Senior Program Officer, The Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany

Mr. Tony Rodriguez is a Senior Program Officer in Research, Education and Documentation at the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference). He manages grants for Holocaust-related programs and projects in the United States, South America, Europe and South Africa. He has traveled extensively in his position and represented the Claims Conference at international conferences including the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and the Association of Holocaust Organizations. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies and History from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a Certificate in Polish Language and Culture from the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin in Poland.



Denise Benmosche



Philanthropist and Patron of the Arts

Ms. Denise Benmosche is a noted philanthropist and patron of the arts, committed to the advancement of academic freedom and the protection of threatened scholars around the world. She served on the Board of Trustees of the International Institute of Education, as the Chair of the Scholar Rescue Fund Development Committee (SRF). During that time she established two SRF Endowment Funds, which, combined with other donors' endowments, have made possible the rescue of more than three hundred scholars from Iraq, Iran, and the Middle East.

Ms. Benmosche is also Chair of the 92nd Street Y Committee for the Endowment of the Jewelry Department. Being community minded, Ms. Benmosche, with her family, saved the Lafayette Theater in Suffern, NY from demolition and fully restored it. She previously collaborated with Zeva Oelbaum and Sabine Krayenbühl as Executive Producer of the two documentaries Ahead of Time and Letters from Baghdad.











Mirko Ilic



Founder, Mirko Ilić Corp

Mr. Mirko Ilić was born in Bosnia. In Europe, he drew comics, illustrations, and art-directed posters, books, and record covers. In the US, he was the art director of Time Magazine International Edition and the Op-Ed pages of The New York Times. In 1995, he founded his graphic design studio Mirko Ilić Corp, specializing in editorial, identities, and hospitality design. His work is in collections of many institutions and museums, such as The Smithsonian Institution, MoMA, and SFMOMA.

Mr. Ilic is the co-author of several books with Steve Heller, including Genius Moves: 100 Icons of Graphic Design, Handwritten, The Anatomy of Design, Stop Think Go Do, Lettering Large, Presenting Shakespeare, and Head to Toe: The Nude in Graphic Design. With Milton Glaser he co-wrote The Design of Dissent. He teaches MFA Illustration at the School of Visual Arts.



Annie Bird



Program Officer, Atrocities Prevention and Response Program, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund

Dr. Bird currently serves as a Program Officer in the Atrocities Prevention and Response Program at Wellspring Philanthropic Fund. Before joining Wellspring, she served as Senior Policy Advisor at the State Department's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations at the U.S. State Department, where she developed the Department's strategy on atrocities prevention and oversaw its implementation. Prior to her time there, she worked for the International Center for Transitional Justice, UNICEF, Benetech, and local NGOs in East Timor, Argentina, and Senegal. She has taught courses on international organizations and foreign policy analysis. Her book, US Foreign Policy on Transitional Justice was published by Oxford University Press in 2015. She has also published on the topics of state responsibility for human rights violations and the classification of armed conflicts. She received a B.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies from UC Berkeley, a LL.M. in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex, and a Ph.D. in International Relations from the London School of Economics, where she studied as a Marshall Scholar.









Fellows-in-Residence



Debbie Stothard



Founder, Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma; Secretary-General, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)

Ms. Debbie Stothard is an active promoter of human rights in Burma and the ASEAN region. In 1996, she founded the Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma (Altsean-Burma). During her 32-year career, she has worked as a journalist, community education consultant, governmental advisor and trainer in Malaysia, Australia, and Thailand.

Ms. Stothard has participated in every step of democracy building in Burma, having organized advocacy meetings and campaigns on human rights, both in Burma and in other ASEAN countries since 1987. In the context of Burma, she co-founded the Burma Support Group Sydney in 1989 (which became the precursor to Burma Campaign Australia), as well as Burma Solidarity Group Malaysia in 1996, prior to forming Altsean-Burma the same year. These activities led her to engage with UN and related mechanisms in Geneva and New York, ASEAN, and many national governments in Asia, the Pacific, North America and Europe.

Ms. Stothard became Deputy Secretary-General of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) in November of 2010. She has represented FIDH either on missions or at conferences in Belgium, Brazil, Burma, France, India, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Peru, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States. She was elected Secretary-General of FIDH in May, 2013.



Vahidin Omanovic



Co-Founder and Co-Director, Center for Peacebuilding, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Mr. Omanovic is a professional trainer in nonviolent communication and conflict resolution. Before founding the Center for Peacebuilding in 2004, Mr. Omanovic received a Master's Degree at the School for International Training (SIT) in Brattleboro, Vermont in International Relations with a concentration in Conflict Transformation. Additionally, Mr. Omanovic served as a teaching assistant in SIT's Conflict Transformation Across Cultures Program, where he taught classes on forgiveness and conflict transformation. He has attended peace workshops and trainings throughout the world, including Switzerland, the Philippines, and Nepal, where he helped to found a peacebuilding organization. In 2011, the Threshold Foundation honored Mr. Omanovic with the 5th International Peace Award, naming him the year's "Unknown Peace Worker".











Mevludin Rahmonovic



Co-Founder and Co-Director, Center for Peacebuilding, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Mr. Rahmonovic was born in 1981. In 1992, when he was 11, Mevludin survived ethnic cleansing and the concentration camp Trnopolje in Prijedor. From Trnopolje, Serb forces brought him, his mother, and his sister to Travnik, which was under the control of the Bosnian Army. He then spent 3 years as a refugee in Zenica. After the Dayton Peace Accords, he returned to live in Sanski Most. In 2000, he returned to Prijedor, where he lived before the war.

He is the Co-Founder and the Program Director at the Center for Peacebuilding, where he works on reconciliation among different ethnic and religious groups in Bosnia. Mevludin is an inspiration for the youth in Bosnia, as he exemplifies how forgiveness and working as a peacebuilder is a choice. At the moment, Mr. Rahmonovic is managing a project called "Genocide Prevention in Bosnia" for school-teachers and students. It is a pilot project, which will be taken to higher education and hopefully become a part of the regular curriculum in the Bosnian educational system.



Peter McBride



Group Chief Executive, Inspire

Professor Peter McBride is the Group Chief Executive of Inspire. Peter has overall responsibility for the implementation of Inspire's strategic plan and operational delivery across the Inspire Group. Professor McBride joined Inspire in 2001 as the Managing Director of Carecall and has been Chief Executive since 2010. He has degrees in Science and Divinity and at Masters Level in Social Work, alongside further qualifications and experience in the fields of business management, counselling and the management of psychological trauma.

Professor McBride is a Trustee of the National Charity, BBC Children in Need, in which he chairs the Nomination Committee and the Grants Committee. He is a Trustee of NICVA where he serves as Vice Chair of the Board and Chair of the Resources and Audit Committee. Professor McBride is also a Trustee of The Wheel, NICVA's sister organisation in the republic of Ireland. He also chairs the "Being Open" group of the Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-Related Deaths (IHRD) on behalf of the NI Department of Health. Professor McBride has also been involved for over 20 years in the Victims and Survivors Sector in Northern Ireland and has played a leading role in the development of leadership within civil society and its response to political and social progress in Northern Ireland. He is a Visiting Professor at the University of Ulster Bamford Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing.











Noel Morada





Director of Regional Diplomacy and Capacity Building, Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

Dr Noel M. Morada is former Professor of Political Science at the University of the Philippines Diliman and was a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington DC. In 2005, he was commissioned by the Canadian Embassy in Manila to undertake research on responses to R2P in Southeast Asia from which a R2P Roadmap in the region was published and has served as a guide to the work of the Centre. He has developed a template for R2P plan of action in directing the Philippines programme of the Centre and has conducted lectures and seminars on R2P for government officials, civil society groups, and academia in the Philippines and Southeast Asia. He is an advocate of a bottom-up approach in building awareness and constituency around R2P in the region.

Apart from his research and advocacy on R2P, he is also involved in regional security research and dialogue specifically dealing with terrorism, maritime security, and non-traditional security issues in Southeast Asia. He has also done research and publication on ASEAN external relations, the ASEAN Regional Forum and cooperative security in the Asia Pacific, as well as human security and human development in the region.



Mariana Salazar



Professor, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico

Ms. Mariana Salazar Albornoz has a degree in law from the Ibero-american University in Mexico City and a Master's Degree in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. She practiced law at a private law firm in Mexico City (1997-2005) and, from 2005 until November of 2018, she has worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, where she was Director for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2005-2010), Director for International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Criminal Law (2010-2016) and Coordinator of Public International Law (2016-2018). She was the Technical Secretary of Mexico's National Committee on IHL (2010-2016), Mexico's Focal Point of Mexico for the Latin American Network on the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities (2012-2018) and Mexico's Focal Point for the Global Network of Focal Points on the Responsibility to Protect (2018).

Ms. Salazar is an elected member of the Interamerican Juridical Committee of the Organization of American States for the period 2019-2022. She is a Professor of International Criminal Law and International Humanitarian Law at the Ibero-american University in Mexico City, a member of the Mexican Branch of the International Law Association, and author of various articles on the subject. Since 2013, she has collaborated with the AIPR as an instructor at the Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention, and other trainings.









Evaluator



Caitlin Mahoney



Independent Evaluator

Dr. Mahoney received her B.A. in psychology from Siena College and her Ph.D. in Social, Evolutionary and Cultural Psychology from Clark University, with a concentration in societal peace and conflict.

She is Associate Professor of Psychology at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, MN, where she teaches classes in group dynamics, positive psychology, & peace and conflict studies. Dr. Mahoney also serves on the Executive Board of the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence (a division of the American Psychological Association), as Co-Director of Metropolitan State's Peace and Social Justice Work Group, and as Program Director of Metropolitan State's Master of Arts in Psychology.

Dr. Mahoney has researched and written on emotions, responses to suffering, human security, and peaceful norms. In particular, she is interested in how empathy and emotion shape, and are shaped by, our capacity to attend to suffering and to effectively work towards its relief.









Staff & Instructors



Tibi Galis





Executive Director, the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR)

Dr. Galis has been the Executive Director of AIPR since 2006. Born and raised in Romania, he earned his B.A. in Law and Political Science from Babes-Bolyai University, in Cluj-Napoca. He received his M.A. in International Politics and Political Development from the University of Manchester, and earned his Ph.D. from the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University, with a focus on transitional justice. Previously, Galis worked as an Associate Researcher for the UK Parliament, helping develop the UK's position on the UN Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, and as rapporteur for the Swedish government at the 2004 Stockholm International Forum on the Prevention of Genocide.



James Waller



Director of Academic Programs, AIPR; Cohen Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College, USA

Dr. James Waller joined the Auschwitz Institute staff in July 2012 as Director of Academic Programs. From 2008 to 2012, he held the position of AIPR Affiliated Scholar, as well as Curriculum Coordinator for the Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention. He continues to serve as an instructor at the Lemkin Seminar series, as he has dating back to the inaugural seminar in 2008. In March 2010, Dr. Waller was named Cohen Professor for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College in New Hampshire. His award-winning book on perpetrators of genocide, Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing (Oxford University Press, 2002), was released in a revised and updated second edition in 2007. Dr. Waller recently published Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide in the summer of 2016. In 2017, he was the recipient of the Engaged Scholarship Prize from the International Association of Genocide Scholars in recognition of his exemplary engagement in advancing genocide awareness and prevention.











Piotr Setkiewicz



Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

Dr. Setkiewicz studied History at Jagiellonian University in Krakow and earned his doctorate at the Silesian University in 1999 for a dissertation on IG Farben-Werk Auschwitz, 1941-1945. He began working for the Research Department at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in 1988. Dr. Setkiewicz was the head of the archives from 2001-2007, and later became head of the research department in 2008. His interests include the employment of prisoners in German industry and the history of the Auschwitz sub-camps.



Alicja Bialecka



Plenipotentiary for the New Main Exhibition, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

Dr. Alicja Bialecka is a museum curator and a researcher specializing in the memory of Auschwitz and its representations in literature, as well as in the educational dimension of memorial sites in the context of European identity. She has published several articles devoted to these issues, among them educational programs and papers on the symbolism of Auschwitz, methods of teaching at memorial sites, and their role in historical education. Dr. Bialecka is a co-author of the guidelines for youth trips to memorial sites published by the International Task Force on Holocaust Education, Commemoration and Research, and since 2012, is the official representative of the Polish delegation to the Museum and Memorial Working group of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. In the years 2006-2012, she was the Head of Educational Programs Section at the International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust, and since 2013, has been appointed the Representative for the New Main Exhibition at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum.

Dr. Bialecka received her Master's Degree in English Philology and Linguistics at the Modern Language and Literature Department of the Silesian University and earned a Ph.D. in Literature at the Department of Anthropology of Literature and Cultural Studies, the Faculty of Polish Studies of Jagiellonian University.











Claudia Diaz



Human Rights Officer, UN Office of the Special Advisers on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect

Ms. Claudia Diaz is a Human Rights Officer at the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (OSAPG). Prior to this position, she spent 10 years working on United Nations field missions and offices in different conflict and post-conflict countries, including Timor-Leste, Nepal, Sudan (Darfur), Guatemala and Venezuela. She has also worked with national human rights institutions in Afghanistan and Timor-Leste. Ms. Diaz studied law and her work has been focused on issues related to international human rights law, humanitarian law and transitional justice.



Samantha Capicotto



Director of Policy and Planning; Program Director for the Global Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention, AIPR

Originally from Buffalo, New York, Ms. Capicotto has been with the Auschwitz Institute since 2010 as the Program Director of the Global Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention. This is the flagship educational program of the organization, bringing 25 government officials together at the former Nazi concentration camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau each year to undergo an intensive course on genocide prevention policy development and implementation. She has also taken on the role of the Director of Policy and Planning in 2014, assisting the Executive Director in the overall programmatic development of the organization. Ms. Capicotto graduated from St. John's University School of Law magna cum laude. She is admitted to practice law in New York State and is a member of the American Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. She graduated valedictorian from her undergraduate studies at the University of Buffalo, with a B.A. in Political Science and a B.A. in Philosophy.



Gosia Waligora



Officer for Polish Affairs, AIPR

Ms. Waligora assists the Auschwitz Institute in planning and executing the Lemkin Seminar in Poland. While Gosia officially joined AIPR in 2014, she had previously worked with AIPR since 2009 as a consultant. Ms. Waligora is also the Manager of the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer in Oświęcim. She received a B.A. in Public Administration from the College of Administration in Bielsko-Biala, Poland, in 2002, as well as an M.A. in Public Administration from Krakow University in 2011.











Kerry Whigham



Academic Programs Officer, Online Education, AIPR

Dr. Kerry Whigham received a Ph.D. in Performance Studies from New York University. He has published articles in Genocide Studies and Prevention, The Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies, Tourist Studies, Material Culture, and Museum and Society, and has written chapters for several edited volumes, including Reconstructing Atrocity Prevention (Cambridge University Press, 2015). Currently, he is a Postdoctoral Research and Teaching Fellow at Binghamton University's Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention. Dr. Whigham is also the Communications Officer and a member of the executive board for the International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS). His research focuses on the way post-atrocity societies remember and engage with the past, along with how that violent past impacts the present and future.



Fr. Jan Nowak



Director, Centre for Dialogue and Prayer, Oświęcim, Poland

Father Jan Nowak was appointed as a Priest in the Arch Diocese of Kraków in 1983. While continuing his priesthood in the Arch Diocese, Father Jan also became the Director of the Center for Dialogue and Prayer in Oświećim, Poland in 2001. He also became the Vice Chairman of the Board of the Kraków Foundation Centre for Information, Meetings, Dialogue, Education and Prayer in 2008. In 2010, Father Jan was appointed as part of the Ministry Consultative Team for Holocaust Education by the Polish Minister of Education. And, in 2012, he was appointed to the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Council by the Minister of Culture and National Heritage.

For the many positions he continues to hold to the present day, Father Jan was awarded the "Silver Cross of Merity" by Polish President Aleksander Kwaśniewski in December of 2005. In June 2010, Father Jan was honored by the Jewish National Fund with a tree planted in the hills of Jerusalem in honor of his work in Holocaust education.











Dr. Ashad Sentongo



Director of Africa Programs, AIPR

A citizen of Uganda, Dr. Ashad Sentongo joined AIPR in 2013. He earned a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University, an M.A in Coexistence and Conflict from Brandeis University, and a postgraduate Management Diploma from Damelin School of Management (South Africa). As a Drucie French Cumbie Fellow, his research work focused on power-sharing and ethnic conflict in Africa. He previously worked with the Genocide Prevention Program at GMU as a Program Officer on the Prevention of Genocide attached to the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), and has helped to establish the Regional and National Committees in Member States. His publications focus on managing ethnic conflicts, conflict transformation, and traditional approaches to conflict resolution in Africa.



Laila Igitego



Programs Assistant - Africa Programs, AIPR

Ms. Laila Igitego joined AIPR in December 2016 as Programs Assistant to the Auschwitz Institute's Africa Programs. She holds a Bachelor's Degree and Diploma from Makerere University in management, procurement and administration. As Programs Assistant, she coordinates research, training, and other activities for AIPR's Africa Programs. Ms. Igitego's experience involves NGO work with communities in Uganda composed of those from Rwanda, DRC, and South Sudan who have fled war, genocide, and other mass atrocity conditions, helping to publicize their situation to the international community. Having worked with Police Services on research and publication as well as on other NGO community liaison projects, she has built a network of focal points working on similar issues in the region and is widely knowledgeable about social and political events that influence conflicts in the Great Lakes Region and in the Africa Union.











Joanna Oko





Assistant to the Director of Policy and Planning, AIPR

Ms. Oko initially joined the Auschwitz Institute in September of 2015 as an intern assisting the Program Director of the Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention. She graduated from Keene State College with a B.A. in Humanitarian Studies focused on Genocide Studies, Sociology and Political Science. She now serves as the Assistant to the Director of Policy and Planning while completing her MS in Sociology at Southern Connecticut State University with a concentration in conflict transformation and mass atrocity prevention.



Susan Braden



Strategic Development Manager, AIPR

Ms. Susan Braden joined AIPR in March 2018 as the Strategic Development Manager. Prior to this, she spent two years at the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights. Susan has a Joint-European M.A. in Human Rights and Genocide Studies, from Kingston University in London and Universita degli Studi di Siena. She is also the current Managing Editor of Genocide Studies and Prevention. Ms. Braden previously spent time in Kampala, Uganda, assisting the work of the Uganda National Committee, as well as working with resettled refugees in the U.S. at various organizations. Additionally, she completed an internship with the Human Rights Program at The Carter Center in Atlanta, where she focused on African Union charter ratification project and coordinated a South-South learning exchange in Pretoria.



Brittany O'Neill



Director of Development and Board Relations, AIPR

Ms. Brittany O'Neill joined AIPR in 2017 to lead fundraising at both the organization and individual program levels. With a background in non-profit management and fundraising, she earned her M.F.A. in Theater Management from Columbia University in 2005. As Director of Development and Board Relations, she works closely with the Executive Director to grow the resources of AIPR through board engagement, donor cultivation, and integrated program opportunities.







