

Learning Lab on Public Procurement and Human Rights

First International Workshop

Agenda

Palais de Nations Room XXII

19 November

Opening Session

0845-0900 Coffee

0900-0915 Welcome and introduction to Learning Lab

Amol Mehra; Dr Claire Methven O'Brien

0915-1000 The State Duty to Protect Human Rights in the context of procurement

Opening Keynote Speaker

Harriet Berg, *Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Reflections from the UN Working Group

Dante Pesce, *Working group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises*

Reflections from Special Mandate Holders

Baskut Tuncak, *UN Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes*

Urmila Bhoola, *video statement, UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences*

Comments from Floor

Moderator: Allan Lerberg Jørgensen, DIHR

Roundtable: Integrating human rights into public procurement

1000-1030 Part I: views from public bodies

Question: How have your institutions factored human rights into procurement? Give one example. What legal or practical hurdles have you faced? Give one example.

- National government
 - Charlotte Bernhard, Netherlands Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment
 - Anna Lipkin, Swedish Procurement Agency
 - Rachel Phillips Rigby, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor

Comments from Floor

1030-1045 Break

1045-1130 Part I: (CONTINUED) views from public bodies

- Local government and Educational Institutions
 - Andy Davies, London Universities Purchasing Consortium
- International
 - Valérie Robert, African Development Bank

Moderator: Dr Claire Methven O'Brien

1130-1300 Part II. Views from stakeholders

Question: Where have there been successes in integrating Human Rights into Public Procurement? What future opportunities to do you see to integrate human rights into procurement? What obstacles exist to doing so?

- Professions – Malcolm Youngson, International Federation of Purchasing and Supply Management (video statement); John Hawkins, Engineers Against Poverty/COST Initiative
- National Human Rights Institutions – Darren Dick, Australian Human Rights Commission
- International Agencies – Irina Uzun, UNEP Sustainable Public Procurement Programme
- Academia – Sarah Labowitz, NYU Stern Center for Business and Human Rights

Comments from floor

Moderator: Dr. Claire Methven O'Brien, DIHR

1300-1400 Lunch break

Mapping Survey of public procurement and human rights

1400-1500 Overview of key findings: Dr Marta Andrecka

Comments from Survey Respondents and stakeholders

Moderator: Amol Mehra

1500- 1545 Innovations in procurement and human rights – good practice in goods

A. Apparel – Professor Bob Stumberg, *Harrison Institute at Georgetown University Law Center*; Judy Gearhart, *International Labor Rights Forum*

B. Electronics – Dr Olga Martin-Ortega, *Greenwich University*; Jim Cranshaw, *Electronics Watch*

Moderator: Dr Anna La Chimia, *University of Nottingham, Public Procurement Research Group*

1545-1600 Break

1600- 1645 Innovations in procurement and human rights – good practice in services

A. Healthcare – Elizabeth Bowles, *UK Equality and Human Rights Commission*, Theo Jaekel, *Swedwatch*

B. Security – Nelleke van Amstel, *DCAF*; Meg Roggensack, *ICAR*

Moderator: Dr Aris Georgeopoulos, *University of Nottingham, Public Procurement Research Group*

Presentation and stakeholder input on Learning Lab

1645-1730 Professor Bob Stumberg

Moderators: Amol Mehra; Dr Claire Methven O'Brien

1730 Close

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