



NATIONAL WAR VICTIMS' CONFERENCE

DRAFT PROGRAMME^{*}

27 – 31 MAY 2014

IMPERIAL ROYAL HOTEL, KAMPALA

^{*} The final programme will be communicated to the invitees within the third week of May.

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	COMMENTS
27 May 2014 (Arrival)			
	Arrival of participants to Uganda/Kampala, check-in to hotel	AYINET team, hotel	
28 May 2014 (1st Day of the Conference)			
07:30 – 08:00 AM	Arrival of participants to the venue and registration	AYINET team	
Morning Session (Moderator: Joseph Manoba Akwenyu)			
08:00 – 08:05 AM	Begin of Morning Session	Moderator	
08:05 – 08:10 AM	National anthem	Victim, all participants	
08:10 – 08:15 AM	Prayer		
08:15 – 08:25 AM	Introduction of participants	Moderator	
08:25 – 08:45 AM	Welcome and introduction	AYINET Director Victor Ochen	The Director will welcome the participants and acknowledge the principal donors TrustAfrica and the Center for Global Health and Peacebuilding.
08:45 – 09:15 AM	Official Opening of the Conference	Hon. Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Kahinda Otafiire (invited)	The Conference will be officially opened by the Minister whose Ministry is in charge of Transitional Justice in Uganda.
09:15 – 09:30 AM	Victims' welcome address	Victims' representative [NAME]	The speaker will present the expectations that the victims have in relation to the Conference.
09:30 – 10:00 AM	Presentation of the National Transitional Justice Policy	JLOS Secretariat (Uganda Law Reform Commission)	The speaker will give an overview of the National Transitional Justice Policy and give an update on the latest developments.
10:00 – 10:10 AM	Tea break	Hotel	
10:10 – 10:25 AM	Implementation strategies of the National Transitional Justice Policy	International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)	The speaker will discuss practicalities of the implementation of Transitional Justice mechanisms, in particular the participation of the different stakeholders (government, victims, CSOs, etc.) and their contributions to success.
10:25 – 10:45 AM	Victims' views on their involvement	Victims' representatives	The speaker will present victims' thoughts about their

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	in Transitional Justice processes	[NAMES]	involvement in Transitional Justice mechanisms and outline what they expect from the Government and the CSOs.
10:45 – 11:05 AM	Role of CSOs in Transitional Justice mechanisms	NGO Board Chairman Amb. Gabriel William Kangwagye (confirmed)	The speaker will present possible avenues for successful cooperation between the Government and the CSOs in implementing the Transitional Justice mechanisms.
11:05 – 11:35 AM	Government's commitment to peace and security	Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs Aronda Nyakairima (confirmed)	The speaker will convey the Government's commitment to peace and security and assurances of non-repetition of past injustices. He will motivate victims to actively participate in the upcoming Transitional Justice processes.
11:35 – 12:00 PM	Dialogue	Moderator	The dialogue will include observations and questions from the participants and responses from the NGO Board Chairman and the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs.
12:00 – 01:00 PM	Lunch	Hotel	
Afternoon Session (Moderator: Professor of Law, University of South Africa., Jeremy Sarkin)			
01:00 – 01:20 PM	Presentation of AYINET's work in the area of health	AYINET	The speaker will give a presentation on how AYINET got involved in providing surgeries and counselling to victims of war and outline opportunities for cooperation with the State and CSOs.
01:20 – 01:40 PM	Victims' perspectives on pressing medical needs	Two victims [NAMES]	A victim, which has already benefited from a surgery, and a victim, which still needs it, will give observations on injury and recovery.
01:40 – 02:00 PM	Research on war affected communities	Feinstein International Center of Tufts University	The speaker will give an overview of the number of people who have been wounded and who are still in need of various treatments. S/he will conclude with presenting the number of people who are missing.
02:00 – 02:30 PM	Presentation on missing people and international law with focus on Uganda (eg. abductions by the LRA)	Member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances Prof. Jeremy Sarkin (confirmed)	The speaker will present the topic of missing people in the context of public international law and conclude with comments on the effects of missing people on the emotional wellbeing of their relatives and friends and how a pursuit of the truth aids their recovery.
02:30 – 02:45 PM	Observations on missing a relative	Victims' representative ([NAME], speaker) and other victims who have missing relatives	The speaker, whose [RELATIVE] is missing, will talk about the emotional experience of living with uncertainty.

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02:45 – 02:55 PM	Tea break	Hotel	
02:55 – 03:25 PM	Dialogue on disappearance	Moderator	The dialogue will focus on the topic of missing people.
03:25 – 03:55 PM	The Government's policy in relation to health needs of war victims	Hon. Minister of Health Dr. Ruahakana Rugunda (invited)	The speaker will explain how the State is planning to guarantee that it will be able to meet the pressing demand for various forms of medical assistance by all the war-wounded individuals, families and communities.
03:55 – 04:10 PM	Invitation to dinner	Donor community (host)	The donor community will invite the participants for dinner.
Evening Session			
07:00 – 09:00 PM	Dinner	Donor community	The dinner will be hosted by [ORGANISATION]. The venue will be at [LOCATION].
29 May 2014 (2nd Day of the Conference)			
07:30 – 08:00 AM	Arrival of participants to the venue	AYINET team	
Morning Session (Moderator: Joyce Freda Apio)			
08:00 – 08:40 AM	1. A human rights perspective on Transitional Justice mechanisms: the rights to peace, security, development, reparations, etc. 2. The potential of Transitional Justice mechanisms to bring about peace and prosperity	Chairman of the Uganda Human Rights Commission Med S. K. Kaggwa (invited), victims	The speaker will discuss the State's obligations under national and international law in fulfilling its citizens rights to peace, security, development and reparations. He will also assess the potential of a timely and responsible implementation of the proposed Transitional Justice mechanisms to bring about a better future for Uganda. The presentation will be accompanied by views of two victims highlighting fears, concerns and confusions of the victims' community.
08:40 – 09:10 AM	Dialogue	Moderator	The dialogue will follow up on the topics and questions presented by the UHRC Chairman and the victims.
09:10 – 10:00 AM	Inspirational speech on Uganda's challenges and potentials	Former Chair of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission His Grace Archbishop Desmond Tutu	His Grace will share the South African experience and give his observations on challenges and potentials of Transitional Justice.
10:00 – 10:20 AM	Reflections on the speech by His Grace Archbishop Desmond Tutu	Moderator	The reflections will focus on the moral values that need to be embraced and respected if a country is to overcome its violent history.

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10:20 – 10:30 AM	Tea break	Hotel	
10:30 – 10:50 AM	Presentation of amnesty legislation in Uganda	Amnesty Commission	The speaker will give an overview of the latest developments in relation to amnesties and on their interaction, if any, with earlier amnesty legislation. Amnesties will also be discussed from a Transitional Justice and a victims' perspective and the speaker will answer how possible future amnesties will not compromise the victims' right to justice.
10:50 – 11:10 AM	Questions and reflections on the future amnesty legislation	Moderator	The participants will have the opportunity to clarify any confusion they have in relation to the latest developments.
11:10 – 11:30 AM	Reply on the future amnesty legislation	Amnesty Commission	The speaker will reply to observations and questions by the participants.
11:30 – 12:00 AM	Building victims' groups and networks in order to keep open effective channels of communication on developing topics (eg. amnesties) between the victims, the victims and the State and the victims and CSOs	Nate Haken (Senior Associate at the Fund for Peace)	The speaker will present how victims can effectively connect and organise in order to stay involved in the Transitional Justice mechanisms.
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Dialogue on building victims' networks	Moderator, Nate Haken	The dialogue will give victims an opportunity to begin thinking about how to effectively start organising and how to sustain the momentum that the Conference has created.
12:15 – 01:00 PM	Lunch	Hotel	
Afternoon Session (Moderator: Carla Ferstman)			
01:00 – 01:30 PM	International commitment to bring perpetrators of atrocities to justice	H.E. Ambassador of the United States of America Scott H. DeLisi (invited)	The speaker will talk about the international commitment to end impunity and to deliver justice to victims through arresting perpetrators of atrocities, in particular members of the Lord's Resistance Army.
01:30 – 02:00 PM	National commitment to bring justice to the victims: latest developments at the International Crimes Division of the High Court	Judge or Prosecutor from the International Crimes Division of the High Court	The speaker will present the latest developments at the International Crimes Division of the High Court. Particular focus will be paid to how upcoming legislation (eg. Witness Protection Bill) and the newly developed rules of procedure address psychological support of witnesses, security of witnesses, compensation and outreach programmes.
02:00 – 02:20 PM	Dialogue	Moderator	The participants will have the opportunity to ask both

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			speakers about topics raised in their two respective speeches.
02:20 – 02:30 PM	Victims' views on how criminal justice contributes to their recovery: is the justice we seek the justice victims desire?	Victims' representatives [NAMES]	The two speakers will present the victims' community view on how the criminal justice procedures help them heal and come to terms with their losses and realities.
02:30 – 03:00 PM	Justice beyond the courtroom	REDRESS Director Carla Ferstman and UVF Coordinator Christ Ongom	The speakers will present what justice means from a victims' perspective, addressing mechanisms ranging from criminal proceedings to reparations.
03:00 – 03:10 PM	Tea break	Hotel	
03:10 – 03:30 PM	Reparations as envisaged by the Government	JLOS Secretariat (Uganda Law Reform Commission) Jane Frances Adongo (invited)	The speaker will present the latest developments on the Government's ongoing work in relation to reparations, in particular: the form that the reparations are going to take, the process of determining beneficiaries and the timeframe for the provision of reparations. Attention will also be paid to reparation programmes that can commence immediately.
03:30 – 04:00 PM	Collection of views on the desired form and determination of beneficiaries of reparations	Moderator	The participants will be given a platform to share their views on priorities with the Uganda Law Reform Commission.
04:00 – 04:40 PM	National reconciliation as a precondition for sustainable peace and development	Alliance for Peacebuilding President (Former President of US Peace Corps Association) Chic Dambach	The speaker will give an inspirational speech on building blocks for sustainable peace: national reconciliation, culture of democracy and human rights, faith in the rule of law, breaking cycles of mistrust between generations, regions and ethnicities.
04:40 – 04:50 PM	Invitation to dinner by the Parliament of Uganda	Joyce Freda Apio on behalf of the host	The dinner will be hosted by the Parliamentarians for Global Action Uganda, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee of Uganda's Parliament and the Parliament of Uganda.
Evening Session			
07:00 – 07:15 PM	Welcome note	Speaker of Parliament Hon. Rebecca Kadaga (invited)	
07:15 – 09:00 PM	Dinner	Parliament of Uganda (confirmed)	Speech by The Right Hon. Speaker of Uganda's Parliament

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30 May 2014 (3 rd Day of the Conference)			
07:30 – 08:00 AM	Arrival of participants to the venue	AYINET team	
Morning Session (Moderator: Prof. Binaifer Nowrojee)			
08:00 – 08:30 AM	1. How is Uganda’s post-independence history taught in schools? Does the content stress the importance of peace? 2. What are the obstacles to access to education for war affected generations (eg. specific psychological needs, quality of education in post-conflict communities, equal opportunity to access higher education)?	Hon. Minister of Education and Sports Jessica Alupo (invited)	1. The speaker will discuss whether and how peace education is incorporated into the school curriculum at all levels. She will explain how the Government is using the potential of the educational system to promote a culture of peace and to teach practical mechanisms to achieve and preserve it. 2. The speaker will highlight whether and how the Government is helping war-affected communities catching up with the rest of the country (eg. how it is addressing the disproportionately low levels of Northern students in Uganda’s public universities).
08:30 – 09:00 AM	Dialogue	Moderator	The participants will be able to give observations and recommendations in relation to the Minister’s presentation.
09:00 – 09:20 AM	Commemoration and remembrance as an aspect of Transitional Justice	AYINET	The speaker will present collected victims’ views on the importance of commemoration and remembrance mechanisms, eg. monuments and museums, National Victims’ Day, commemoration ceremonies.
09:20 – 09:40 AM	Victims’ views on remembrance	Moderator	The victims will be able to share how they commemorate the violence and losses and what commemorations mean to them and their communities.
09:40 – 10:10 AM	How is a culture of conflict inherited from one generation to another?	Head of Open Society Initiative for East Africa Prof. Binaifer Nowrojee (invited)	The speaker will talk about why and how a culture of conflict and resentment is transferred from one generation to the next and pay particular focus to the problems of unaddressed victimhood and angry young generations lacking opportunities. She will also explore mechanisms that can be employed to divert people’s focus away from conflict to development and peace.
10:10 – 10:30 AM	Dialogue	Moderator	The victims will be able to give observations on their attempts to break the chains of resentment and anger.
10:30 – 10:40 AM	Tea break	Hotel	

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10:40 – 11:10 AM	An Irish lesson: how to achieve national reconciliation and not slide back into conflict?	UN Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region (Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Former President of the Republic of Ireland) H.E. Mary Robinson (invited)	The speaker will share the experience of conflict and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. She will outline what Uganda, embarking on its Transitional Justice processes, can learn from the Northern Irish experience.
11:10 – 11:40 AM	From peace to accountability to reconciliation: prospects for a revived Uganda and justice for the victims	Chairman of The Judicial Service Commission and Transitional Justice Working Group (Former Principal Judge) Justice James Ogola (invited)	The speaker will present his view on the steps that Uganda and its people need to take in order to maintain peace, achieve accountability and reconcile.
11:40 – 12:10 PM	Dialogue	Moderator, H.E. Robinson, Justice Ogola	H.E. Robinson and Justice Ogola will engage with the participants on the questions presented in their two respective speeches.
12:10 – 01:00 PM	Lunch	Hotel	
Afternoon Session (Moderator: Joseph Manoba Akwenyu)			
01:00 – 01:20 PM	United Nations in Uganda	United Nations Resident Coordinator Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie	The speaker will give an overview of UN's involvement in Uganda and share the observations of the international community on Uganda's Transitional Justice process.
01:20 – 01:25 PM	Arrival of H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and National anthem	Moderator	
01:25 – 01:40 PM	Update for H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and appeals	Victims' representatives [NAMES]	The speakers will update H.E. President Y.K. Museveni on the activities that took place during the Conference and present appeals.
01:40 – 01:50 PM	Message of solidarity	Victims' representatives [NAMES]	The victims will present a message of solidarity with the victims and survivors of Rwanda to H.E. Paul Kagame as Rwanda commemorates the 20 th anniversary of the genocide.
01:50 – 02:05 PM	Welcome note to H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni	AYINET Director Victor Ochen	The speaker will give closing remarks on behalf of AYINET and welcome H.E. President Y.K. Museveni.
02:05 – 03:30 PM	Official Closing of the Conference: speech by H.E. President Yoweri	H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni	

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	Kaguta Museveni		
03:30 – 03:35 PM	Invitation to dinner	H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni	The participants will be invited to the dinner hosted by H.E. President Y.K. Museveni and the First Lady Hon. Janet Museveni.
Evening Session			
06:00 – 09:00 PM	Dinner for participants of the National War Victims' Conference	H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and First Lady Hon. Janet Museveni	
31 May 2014 (Departure)			
07:00 – 10:00 AM	Departure of participants		

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