

FINAL PROGRAM AVAILABLE: Oxfam Australia, ICRtoP and APCR2P Conference on Early Warning for Protection: Technologies and Practices for the Prevention of Mass Atrocity Crimes

Event Details:

3-4 November, 8.45am–5.30pm
Crystal Ballroom, Phnom Penh Hotel
53 Monivong Boulevard, Phnom Penh
Cambodia

Event Information

This conference will bring together both technology and early-warning specialists, and members of the international humanitarian community concerned with the protection of vulnerable populations and the prevention of mass atrocity crimes. These will include specialists from the UN and regional organisations, non-government organisations, scholars, government representatives and affected communities.

The conference will explore a number of issues:

What is the role of new technologies in conflict early warning and how do they interact with more traditional monitoring systems?

How can we harness, coordinate, and utilise the sometimes overwhelming amount of information available?

What systems and mechanisms need to be put in place to ensure effective early-warning is given?

How does the humanitarian sector work effectively with communities at risk once early-warning has been sounded?

How can a change in attitude and behaviour at a policy level be brought about in a way that forestalls a descent to violence?

Conference Programme as at 19 October 2010 (Please note that this programme is subject to change).

Day 1

On Day 1, the Conference will explore more traditional early warning mechanisms, methodologies and systems as well as the influence and opportunities presented by new

technologies. The focus of this day will be on understanding work that is currently being undertaken in the Asia-Pacific Region, learn from colleagues in Africa, and to better grasp the potential that new technologies such as computer and telecommunications can offer in the prevention of atrocity crimes.

Introduction and welcome to participants

Ms Alexia Huxley, Director International Programs, Oxfam Australia

Official Welcome to Cambodia and opening remarks

HE Dr. Nhim Vanda, Senior Minister and First Vice President, National Committee for Disaster Management

Session 1: Grounding in R2P

Dr Edward Luck, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General: R2P and the United Nations: Early warning and the development of a norm

Doris Mpoumou, Director, International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect: R2P and the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect

Noel Morada, Director, Asia Pacific Centre for Responsibility to Protect: R2P in the Asia Pacific

Session II: Mechanisms for Early Warning

Speakers:

Mr Francis Deng, UN Special Advisor to the Secretary General on the Prevention of Genocide
Panelists:

Lawrence Woocher, Senior Program Officer, Center for Conflict Analysis and Prevention US Institute of Peace

Maria Marillia Da Costa, Program Manager for EWER Program in BELUN: The Role of Belun and Columbia University's Center for International Conflict Resolution's 'Early Warning Early Response' system, in ensuring effective warning and response to conflict risks in Timor-Leste

Malinda Braland, Pacific Disaster Center: DisasterAWARE – Decision Support Application for Disaster Early Warning and Response

Lindora Howard-Diawara, West African Network for Peacebuilding: Early Warning Early Response (EWER) and WARN

Dr Stefanie Elies, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Office for Regional Cooperation in Asia and Ratna Mathai Luke, Project Officer, Asia-Europe Foundation: A Framework Document on Early Warning in Minority Conflicts

Session III: New Technologies for Early Warning

Speakers:

Patrick Meier, Director of Crisis Mapping Ushahidi: Exploring the Potential of New Technologies in Conflict Early Warning

Panelists:

Ambassador Daniel Stauffacher, Chairman, ICT4Peace: Human and Organisational Factors in ICTs for Crisis Information Management

Anahi Ayala Iacucci, New Media Consultant, Crisis Mappers: New technologies and early warning systems in non-permissive environments

Day Two

Brilliant early warning mechanisms are of no assistance in the prevention of atrocity crimes if there is no clear understanding of what can be done when warning is sounded. The second day of this conference will concentrate on what civil society can do, actively, to prevent, or mitigate the effect of atrocity crimes and violence. This may involve preparing at-risk communities for the inevitability of violence, or it may involve effective advocacy, communication and influencing decision-makers.

Session IV: Community Preparedness and Protection

Speakers:

Casey Barrs, The Cuny Center: Working with Communities and Preparing for Violence

Panelists:

Louise Searle, Senior Advisor for Humanitarian Protection for World Vision Australia: Strengthening protection for individuals and communities at risk of, or experiencing atrocity crimes and violations: Humanitarian Protection action in DRC and reflections on the relevance and utility of applying the R2P concept in practice.

Dr Daniel Franks, Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining, Sustainable Minerals Institute, the University of Queensland: Extractive resources and mass atrocity crimes: Is there a link?

Amina Rasul, Director, Philippine Council on Islam and Democracy

Session V: Breakout - informal conversations

This session will provide conference participants with the opportunity to participate in smaller groups of particular interest. These groups will focus on the key areas of the conference and enable a wider participation and sharing of experiences. Participants are encouraged to think of their own experiences, work and how the conference may apply. While each group will have a facilitator who will report back to the plenary following the conversations it is anticipated that these conversations remain as informal and informative as possible.

Session VI: The Role of Advocacy in the Prevention of Atrocity Crimes

Panelists:

Anna Macdonald, Head of Control Arms Campaign, Oxfam International: Humanitarian Advocacy and Campaigning

Matt Abud, Media and Communications Consultant: Lessons from Communicating in Disasters: Learning to Listen

Gus Miclat, Executive Director, Initiatives for International Dialogue: Humanitarian Communications and Lessons in Monitoring and Protection

Session VII: Conference wrap up and closing remarks

Dr Edward Luck, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General on R2P

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