

World Federation of United Nations Associations holds Symposium on RtoP United Nations Information Centre in Nairobi

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(...) On Tuesday 7 June 2011, the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) in partnership with the Swedish Embassy to Kenya and the [United Nations Information Centre, Nairobi](#), organized a day long symposium on “the Responsibility to Protect” at the [United Nations Office at Nairobi](#).

The symposium, which was in commemoration of the life and passing of Dag Hammarskjöld, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, brought together 75 participants from the United Nations Associations of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania as well as a number of Civil Society Organizations . (...) (...) Participants proceeded to discuss the role and responsibility of the government to protect its citizens vis a vis that of the civil society and the international community.

As a way forward, the Associations were tasked to identify practical and viable activities in their different countries, to engage in as their contribution to the Responsibility to Protect initiative. WFUNA pledged its support to such activities which should impact on communities and be cost-effective. (...) (...) The panelists sought to answer the question “What would Dag Hammarskjöld think of the UN’s emerging norm “The Responsibility to Protect?” They explored different aspects of the Responsibility to Protect ranging from education to healthcare and the role of the international community in advancing the norm. The audience, which included the UN Resident Coordinator and a number of Ambassadors, was then invited to engage the panel in a question and answer discussion. (...) See full [article](#) .