



Sustaining Peace Through the Strengthening of Human Rights in International Law
72nd General Assembly, High-Level side event

22 September 2017, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York

All participants are requested to be at their seats by 2:55 PM. The event will start at 3 PM sharp.

Speakers are reminded that their statements will be strictly limited to two minutes.

Programme

Chair: H.E. Mr. Samura M. W. Kamara, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone

		Official time allotted
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<p><u>Opening</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone • H.E. Mrs. Ana Helena Chacón Echeverría, Vice President of Costa Rica • H.E. Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, Vice-President of the International Court of Justice 	10 min each speaker
3:30 PM – 3:50 PM	<p><u>Intervention by Member States</u> Strengthening implementation of human rights for sustaining peace</p> <p>Possible key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What strategies can Member States apply to strengthen implementation of their human rights obligations in striving towards a world at peace? - How can respect for international law in general and human rights law in particular contribute to achieving a world at peace? - What are the lessons learned from resolution of past conflicts? - What changes are needed to enable the overall UN system to support Member States in advancing human rights as a central element to sustaining peace? 	2 min each speaker

<p>3:50 PM – 4:55 PM</p>	<p><u>Panel discussion</u></p> <p><i>Format: Moderated panel discussion between Member States and expert contributors</i></p> <p>Possible key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can we ensure the human rights framework is used effectively to create and promote peace and security in the world? - What are the major obstacles to implementation human rights obligations? - How are human rights integrated into peace processes as key elements to creating sustainable peace? - Who are the key players that can contribute to the meaningful use of international human rights law to achieve peace? - What kind of support can non-state actors – civil society, national human rights and -ombuds institutions, the private sector, the United Nations and other international organizations – provide to Governments to strengthen implementation? <p>Moderator: OHCHR</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr. Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, High Commissioner for Human Rights - H.E. Mr. Alexandre Zouev, Assistant Secretary General of the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (TBC) - H.E. Mr. Bert Koenders, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands - H.E. Mr. Hanns Heinrich Schumacher, Special Envoy of Germany - Dr. Charles Jollah, International Law Commission <p>Contributions from Member States encouraged. Initial contribution from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Name, title, state</i> 	<p>2 min introduction</p> <p>7 min each panelist</p> <p>1 min each statement</p>
<p>4:55 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Closing Remarks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Samura M. W. Kamara, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone 	<p>5 min</p>