

## *Speakers Biographies*

### Opening Session and Welcoming Remarks



**Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Jeffrey Feltman**

Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force

Executive Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre

Jeffrey Feltman of the United States assumed the post of Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs on 2 July 2012. He was appointed by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. As Under-Secretary-General and head of the Department of Political Affairs, Mr. Feltman advises the Secretary-General on peace and security issues globally, while overseeing “good offices” initiatives and field-based political missions carrying out peacemaking, preventive diplomacy and peace-building activities in Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. He also oversees the United Nations electoral assistance provided to dozens of its member states each year. Before joining the United Nations, Mr. Feltman served for nearly thirty years in the United States Foreign Service, focused especially on the Middle East and North Africa. His last position was as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, from which he retired at the rank of Career Minister. Mr. Feltman served previously as United States Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, and held earlier diplomatic postings in Baghdad, Erbil, Jerusalem, Tunis, Tel Aviv, Budapest, and Port-au-Prince, as well as with responsibility for coordinating US assistance to countries of Eastern and Central Europe. Mr. Feltman speaks Arabic, French and Hungarian. He received his Bachelor’s degree in history and fine arts from Ball State University and his Master’s degree in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.



**Ambassador Román Oyarzun Marchesi**

Ambassador & Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations

Ambassador Oyarzun Marchesi is Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations since 2013. Previously, he has held Ambassadorial positions in Argentina (2012-2013) and as Deputy Permanent Representative of Spain to the UN from 2008-2012. In 2006, Ambassador Oyarzun Marchesi was Deputy General Director for Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in Madrid and previously held a number of positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including Chief of Cabinet of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for International Cooperation and Latin America (1996) and Deputy General Director for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (1994). Ambassador Oyarzun Marchesi’s diplomatic postings have also covered New York (2001), Argentina (1998), Belgium (1991), Uruguay (1987), and Syria (1985). He has a Law Degree from Deusto University and a Masters in International Relations from the Diplomatic School. Ambassador Oyarzun Marchesi is highly decorated receiving amongst others, the Award of the Decoration of the Civil Merit, and the Award of the Decoration of the Order of Isabella the Catholic.



**Ambassador Mohamed Ali Alhakim**

Ambassador & Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations

Since 2013, Ambassador Mohamed Ali Alhakim has been the UN Permanent Representative and Ambassador for Iraq. He has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2006 at Ambassadorial level working on the Gulf and European regions and with the Arab League Organization. From 2010 to 2013, Ambassador Alhakim was Ambassador of Iraq to the UN in Geneva. Previously, in 2005, he was elected to the first Iraqi National Assembly and was a member of the Foreign Relations committee and constitution sub-committee. In June 2004, the Ambassador was Minister of Communications, and acting Minister of Finance. Between 2004 and 2005, he chaired the Arab Ministers of Communication and Information forum. The Ambassador was appointed Deputy Secretary General of the Iraq Governing Council in July 2003 where he was also nominated as assistant to the Secretary-General of the Arab League. Ambassador Alhakim holds a BA in Economics and Statistics, an MS in Science and a Doctorate in Management.



**Mr. Ben Emmerson**

Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism

The Special Rapporteur, took up his functions on 1 August 2011. As a practicing barrister in London, he has more than 25 years of experience in domestic and international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law. Mr. Emmerson has litigated extensively in domestic courts, the European Court of Human Rights, the International Court of Justice, and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, including on domestic and international terrorism cases. He was Special Adviser to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and Special Adviser to the Appeals Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (the Khmer Rouge tribunal). Ben Emmerson has published and lectured widely on international law, particularly international human rights and humanitarian law, and is the editor and co-author of a number of practitioners' manuals on criminal and human rights law.

## **Session I: The legal obligation on public authorities to use reasonable care in preventing and responding to acts of terrorism**



**Ms. Susan (Sue) O'Sullivan [chair]**

Federal Ombudsman

Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime, Canada

Throughout her career, Sue O'Sullivan has been an advocate for safe and healthy communities and for increased services to victims. Ms. O'Sullivan began her distinguished career in policing in 1981, holding numerous leadership positions throughout her 30 years of service until retiring as Deputy Chief of Police (Ottawa). Continuing forward with her work, and drawing on her background and interest in assisting those affected by crime, Ms. O'Sullivan began an appointed term as Canada's Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime on August 16, 2010. She was renewed for a second three-year mandate in July 2013.

During her time as Ombudsman, Ms. O'Sullivan has continually placed a strong emphasis on ensuring that victims' voices are heard at the federal level and has pushed for positive change for victims of crime in Canada, including making recommendations to the Government of Canada on legislative and policy amendments. Sue has a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Sociology with a subtitle in Criminology and Corrections (Carleton University) and is a graduate of the Police Leadership Program (OACP and the University of Toronto) and the Leadership in Counter Terrorism Program.



**Mr. Andrew Brian Clapham**

Professor of International Law - Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Andrew Clapham is a Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and served as the first Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights from 2006-2014. He is a Commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists. He worked as the academic advisor on international humanitarian law

to the late Sergio Vieira de Mello, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Iraq in 2003, and he was the special advisor on business and human rights to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson. He is an Associate of Matrix Chambers in London. His publications include Brierly's Law of Nations: An Introduction to the Role of International Law in International Relations (7<sup>th</sup> edn) (2012), The Oxford Handbook on International Law in Armed Conflict, co-edited with Paola Gaeta, Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction 2nd edn (2015), and most recently he co-edited with Paola Gaeta and Marco Sassòli, a Commentary to the 1949 Geneva Conventions (2015).



**Ms. Hamsatu Alhaji Nashe Allamin**

Founder, Voices of the Voiceless People

Mrs. Hamsatu Allamin is an educator by profession, with 32 years' experience in teaching, public and educational administration, as well as in project management. She is a pioneer gender activist, advocate and human rights defender, who has provided leadership to African women and youth. Mrs. Allamin initiated the creation of the Network of CSOs for Peace and the Women Peace and Security (WPS) Network in Borno and Yobe states (two North Eastern States that are the epicenter of the JAS insurgency), as Voices of the Voiceless people. She is highly respected in Nigeria. A few of her recent functions include: Country Representative (Nigeria), Network of Women Activists Against Violent Extremism, a regional ICAN initiative; Regional Coordinator, Consultant and Conflict Analyst to DFID/British Council program on peace building initiatives in North East Nigeria (a position she still holds); and Lead Resource person/Adviser of the WPS Network. Mrs. Allamin speaks and teaches internationally, presenting scores of well researched papers on conflict and gender issues in national and international events and consults for a number of international civil society organizations working in Africa. Ms. Allamin is also the Zonal Coordinator of the Federation of Muslim Women in Nigeria and the NGO Working Group on Joint Humanitarian Actions on Protection in the North East. She has initiated and participated in several dialogue initiatives and is an advocate of alternative approaches to the Boko Haram insurgency



**Ms. Mary Fetchet**

Founding Director, Voices of September 11<sup>th</sup>

Mary Fetchet co-founded Voices of September 11th in 2001 following the death of her 24 year old son Brad at the World Trade Center. Ms. Fetchet's 20 years of experience as a clinical social worker has influenced VOICES' innovative approach to creating a new paradigm in providing long-term support services. Using social work practices, she guided the development of programs that provide continuity of care and promote resiliency in the lives of victims' families, responders and survivors. Under her leadership, VOICES launched the 9/11 Living Memorial Project, an extensive digital archive of over 70,000 photographs and personal mementos documenting the nearly 3,000 lives lost. The collection is located on VOICES website and is a key component of the *In Memoriam* exhibit at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City. Ms. Fetchet is also helping communities heal after other traumatic events through VOICES Center of Excellence for Community Resilience, launched in 2014. The VOICES Center of Excellence is establishing public-private partnerships, educational initiatives, training and research projects to document best practices and help communities effectively plan for the long-term needs of those impacted. A strong advocate for victims' families and survivors and public policy reforms to make the country safer, Ms. Fetchet testified before the 9/11 Commission and US Congress on five occasions. Her work has received national recognition, including the 'Connecticut Hero' award by Senator Joseph Lieberman, ABC News Person of the Year, and NBC News Making a Difference. Ms. Fetchet was also inducted into the Hall of Fame at Columbia University School of Social Work.

## Session II: The rights of victims of terrorism within the criminal justice process



**Ms. Rianne Monique Letschert** [chair]

Professor International Law and Victimology, Director INTERVICT

Dr. Rianne Letschert is professor in international law and victimology at Tilburg Law School and Director of the International Victimology Institute. Furthermore, she works as an Expert Consultant for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon advising the Legal Representative for Victims Unit. Dr. Letschert co-edited the book 'Assistance to Victims of Terrorism; Towards a European Standard'. She is currently working on a large scale research project assessing the impact of the right to reparation for victims of international crimes and gross human rights violations with case studies in Congo, Suriname, Cambodia and Cyprus.



**Mr. Abdul Haris Semendawai**

Head - Witness and Victim Protection Agency, Indonesia

Mr. Semendawai finished his studies at the Faculty of Law from the Indonesia Islamic University (UII) Yogyakarta (1991) and his Master of Law in Northwestern University School of Law (20014), Chicago, United States of America. After finishing his studies at UII, Mr. Semendawai joined the Research Institute of People Rights (Lekhat) in Yogyakarta from 1991 – 1993. From 1994 – 1998 he worked as a practicing lawyer in Yogyakarta. In 1998 he moved to Jakarta and joined the Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy (ELSAM) as a lawyer subsequently becoming

deputy director in one of their field offices. Mr. Semendawai was also a coordinator of the Capacity Building Division of TAPAL Jakarta from 2000 – 2003. From 2008-2014 he was the coordinator of the Observatory Body of Sawit Watch Bogor. From 2006 – 2008 he was the Head of the National Committee for revision advocacy of KUHP, and was part of a team formed by General Director at the Ministry of Law and Human Rights that helped draft legislation. Since 2008, Mr. Semendawai has been selected as one of the members of the Indonesian Witness and Victim Protection Agency and was subsequently appointed as its Head, a position he continues to hold.



**Mr. Javier Argomaniz**

Lecturer - Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (University of St Andrews), United Kingdom

Javier Argomaniz is a lecturer at the University of Saint Andrews Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (HCSTPV), where he has published widely on the subject of state, non-state and civilian responses to political violence. His work has been published in *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, *Cooperation and Conflict*, *Intelligence and National Security* and a number of other peer-reviewed journals. He has co-directed two separate international and multi-disciplinary projects funded by the EU on the needs of victims of terrorism and the role of victims in the prevention of conflict. Mr. Argomaniz is the author of *Post-9/11 European Union counter-terrorism: Politics, Polity and Policies* (Routledge, 2011), co-editor and contributor to *Victims of Terrorism: A comparative and Interdisciplinary Study* (Routledge, 2015) and *International Perspectives on Terrorism Victimization: An Interdisciplinary Approach* (Palgrave, 2015).



**Mr. Philip Divett**

Program Officer - United Nations Office on Drug and Crime

Mr. Divett is a Programme Officer with the Terrorism Prevention Branch, UNODC/HQ Vienna, where his responsibilities include the delivery of technical assistance and the development of specialized resources to assist Member States better support victims of terrorism within the criminal justice framework. Prior to joining UNODC, Mr Divett practiced extensively in New Zealand as a criminal trial and appellate advocate, and held management positions with New Zealand's Ministry of Justice (Manager, Criminal and International law) and New Zealand Police (National Policy Manager) with the responsibility for leading the provision of advice to Ministers, Cabinet Parliamentary Committees on a wide range of criminal justice issues, including counter terrorism, terrorist financing, anti-money laundering, extradition and mutual legal assistance, anti-corruption and trans-national organized crime.

### Session III: Reparation for acts of terrorism



**Ms. Sonia Ramos** [Chair]

**Director, Support for Victims of Terrorism, Ministry of Interior, Spain**

Ms. Sonia Ramos is the Director of Support for Victims of Terrorism since January 2012. This includes establishing programmes with victims and their families as well as with victims organisations in order to implement measures to ensure the rights of victims and their families. These programmes includes providing advice and promoting employment for victims in the Public Administration, providing psychological programmes by developing a network to improve the psychological health for victims and their families, legal measures to provide free legal advice, using the testimony of victims to raise awareness in public ceremonies and schools in order to prevent violent radicalization from occurring, fostering social programmes with victims associations through subsidies and technical support, and developing a letter of rights to victims of terrorism in the EU. From 2004 to 2011, Ms. Ramos was Assistant Director of Aid for Victims of Terrorism, overseeing the support and compensation for victims and their families of 11 March attack and coordinating public policies for victims associations. Prior to that Ms. Ramos was Assistant Director of Local Administration from 2000 to 2004 and has been a senior civil servant in the Spanish Government since 1997. Ms. Ramos holds a degree in Law from the Universidad Pontificia Comillas.



**Ms. Paula Gaviria**

**Director - Unit for Attention and Reparation of Victims, Colombia**

Ms. Gaviria has coordinated, since 2012, the implementation of the Colombian public policy for victims under the Victims and Land Restitution Law. Ms. Gaviria also worked at the Fundación Social as Director of the Asesoría de Derechos Humanos y Paz (Advisory Office for Human Rights and Peace), was the communication chief at the Constitutional Court, and was also responsible for the National Direction for the Promotion and Outreach of Human Rights in the Ombudsperson's Office. She is a lawyer and has graduate studies in communications.



**Mr. Eliud Mulama**

**Acting Director - Victims of Terrorism Organization, Kenya (VOTK)**

VOTK is a Non-Governmental Organization that brings together victims of terrorism from numerous terrorist attacks across Kenya. Mr. Mulama is responsible for the design, direction and co-ordination of all the projects and activities of VOTK. His mandate includes liaising with the Government, regional, international and other institutions and organizations for terror disaster intervention and assistance, working together in the promotion of dignity in the lives of the Survivors of the terror acts. He is currently overseeing the process of compilation of a database of all the terrorism victims and survivors for the proper designing of comprehensive assistance intervention that includes formulation of policy for rehabilitation and reparations. He has represented the Organization on international platforms and is the immediate former Chairman – Board of Governors Friends Secondary School Dandora. At the time of the 1998 American Embassy Bombing in Nairobi, of which he survived, he was the

Coordinator of AFC Leopards Sports Club one of East Africa's popular clubs, enabling it to become national champions, a feat they are yet to repeat.



**Ms. Pechdau Tohmeena**

Director of 12th Mental Health Centre (Southern Branch)  
Department of Mental Health, Thailand

Dr. Pechdau Tohmeena is the Director of the Regional 12th Mental Health Center in the Southern Provinces Branch, Department of Mental Health, Ministry of Public Health in Thailand. She has been an advisor and guest lecturer at the medical faculty of the Princess Narathiwat Rachanakarin University, Narathiwat Province; an advisor at the Education Faculty, Department of Psychology and Guidance, Pattani Campus, Prince of Songkla University; and an Advisor to the Civil Society Council of Southernmost Thailand. She previously served on the Committee of the National Reconciliation Council and the Committee on Remedy and Reparation for Victims in Southern Conflict in the Prime Minister's Office from 2005 – 2012. Dr. Tohmeena was also Deputy Secretary of the Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Studying and Following up of Operations of Problem-Solving and Restoring Development Following Cultural Folkways of Southern Border Provinces from 2012 – 2013. She was Project Manager for UNICEF's project on Psychological Support and Network Strengthening for Children Affected by the Unrest Situation in the Southernmost Provinces. Dr. Tohmeena received her MD from University Kebangsaan, Malaysia and her Master's degree in Political Science from Thammasart University, Bangkok. She also has an Advance Certificate in the Promotion of Peaceful Society from King Prajadhipok's Institute and participated in the Peace Mediation Course 2013 by Swiss Peace, Switzerland. Dr. Tohmeena recently became an Expert on Psychological Counselling and Rehabilitation of Victims for the UNCCT in 2015

## Session IV: The role of victims on preventing violent extremism



**Mr. Jehangir Khan** [Chair]

Director - United Nations Counter-Terrorism Task Force and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre

Dr. Jehangir Khan is the Director of the UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) and the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) in the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) in the UN Secretariat. He has served in different capacities at the UN for over 30 years, both as a UN delegate (for 9 years) and as a UN Secretariat official (for over 21 years). Previously he served as Acting Director and Deputy Director of DPA's Middle East and West Asia Division (MEWAD) and, before that, of the Asia and the Pacific Division (APD). Dr. Khan also served as Head of DPA's Iraq Team and Chairman of the UN Iraq Operations Group (IOG) for five years, starting with the 2003 war, and has supported the work of six successive SRSGs and the United Nations Assistance Mission (UNAMI) in Iraq. Prior to this, he served as Deputy Head of Policy Planning in the Department of Political Affairs. Before joining the UN Secretariat in 1992, Dr. Khan served as Chef de Cabinet to the President of the UN General Assembly and previous to that he worked as Political Advisor to the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations. Dr. Khan is a national of Pakistan. He is a graduate of London University and holds a Doctorate in International Law from the Fletcher School of Diplomacy/Harvard Law School.



**Ms. Fatima-Zohra Touil**

President - The National Organization of Victims of Terrorism, Algeria

President of the NOVT since 1995, Ms. Flici's husband, Dr. Flici, an Algerian writer and doctor was a victim of terrorism in 1993. Since then, Ms. Flici has become an expert and activist at the national and international level in the defense of the rights of victims of terrorism. Her humanism and her convictions are her strength and aid in her fight against terrorism. One of her main objectives is to obtain special status for victims of terrorism. She also works to protect the memory and the rights of victims of terrorism, and has called for the establishment of a World Day for Victims of Terrorism. The National Organization of Victims of Terrorism represents, and supports, victims of terrorism in Algeria. Ms. Flici continues to highlight and raise awareness in national and international fora on the protection and promotion of human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, and the rule of law that serve to protect and boost the rights of victims of terrorism.



**Mr. Guillaume Denoix de Saint Marc**

Founder & Executive Director - Association française des Victimes du Terrorisme, France

Mr. Denoix became involved in the support of victims and the fight against violent extremism following the death of his father in a terrorist attack. On the 19th of September 1989, the UTA flight 772 exploded over the Sahara Desert in southern Niger killing all 170 people on board. Following this event, he created "Les Familles de L'Attentat du DC-10 d'UTA", an association of the victims of the attack. He is still the president and spokesman of this association. His work, over a period of six years, was fundamental in obtaining compensation and distributing it to the 1.625 beneficiaries of those who had died in the crash. In 2007, Mr. Denoix de Saint Marc led the creation of a memorial to the UTA flight 772 bombing at the crash site. This memorial is fully visible from the sky and a documentary has been made about its construction. In 2009, Mr. Denoix de Saint Marc created the "Association Française des Victimes du Terrorisme – AfVT.org" and currently serves as its Executive Director. Today, AfVT.org supports more than 2000 victims of terrorism from different terrorist attacks in France and abroad. He also co-leads one of the European Commission's Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) Working Groups called "RAN – Communication & Narratives".





**Ms. Humera Khan**

Executive Director – Muflehun

Humera Khan is the Executive Director of Muflehun, a think tank specializing in preventing radicalization and countering violent extremism (CVE). Ms Khan designs and implements CVE-specific and CVE-relevant programs for prevention, intervention, interdiction and rehabilitation of violent extremism, with a focus on countering the ideology. She contributes in an advisory capacity to governments, multi-laterals and law enforcement agencies in several countries. Ms Khan is the chair of the GCERF IRP & has received the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award for her work. Ms Khan's 16 years of experience in security strategy and knowledge of theology provide unique expertise for the design of counter-narratives. She runs CVE-specific trainings and training-of-trainers for youth, women, communities and religious leaders. Her work includes the design and launch of the Viral Peace program for the US Department of State to train youth leaders on the strategies of using social media to build communities and counter extremism.

Ms Khan holds four degrees from MIT: MS Technology & Policy, MS Nuclear Engineering, BS Art & Design and BS Nuclear Engineering. She also has an MA in Islamic Studies from the School of Islamic and Social Sciences, an affiliate seminary of the Washington Theological Consortium.

## Closing Remarks



**Mr. Ivan Šimonović**

Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights

Ivan Šimonović assumed his functions as Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights on 17 July 2010, to head the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

He held the position of Minister of Justice from 2008 before joining the United Nations. Mr. Šimonović had previously served as Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, where he served as Senior Vice-President and President of the Economic and Social Council from 2001 to 2003.

A Croatian national, Mr. Šimonović worked as a professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Zagreb, where he held several positions, including Head of the Legal Theory Department, Vice-Dean and Vice-Rector for International Cooperation. He has extensive experience and is widely published in the fields of international relations, law, human rights, and development of national institutions. In an expert capacity, Mr. Šimonović served as a member of the Council of Europe's Commission for Democracy through Law (the Venice Commission), at the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), and was the Agent of the Republic of Croatia before the United Nations International Court of Justice (ICJ). Among other NGO activities, he served as the President of the United Nations Association for Croatia.

Mr. Šimonović obtained a graduate degree in law, a Masters degree in public administration and politics and a Ph.D from the University of Zagreb and was a visiting scholar at the Universities of Graz and Yale. Mr. Šimonović was born in 1959 in Zagreb, Croatia. He is married with two children.