

Defenders'
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2013 Days



**CIVIL
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Empowering Human Rights
Defenders at Risk

Stockholm 2 – 5 April 2013

Welcome!

Welcome to Stockholm and the first Defenders' Days – Empowering Human Rights Defenders at Risk. Starting 2 – 5 April 2013, Civil Rights Defenders will organise this annual event in Stockholm for human rights defenders from some of the world's most repressive countries and regions. We want to start by saying thank you – for being here and for making this remarkable event possible.

This year, we have about 110 human rights defenders from more than 20 countries gathered under one roof. The agenda contains trainings and workshops that we believe might be useful for you, and panel discussions and presentations that are meant to inspire and support you in your work.

Our trainers and panellists are some of the world's foremost experts in their field, we are truly honoured to have you with us. There will be plenty of time and opportunities to network and exchange experiences and we hope that you will all take the chance to connect with fellow human rights defenders, experts in media, security and human rights, and representatives from Swedish and international organisations during your stay.

The Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award

At the open session on 4 April we will present an award to the Civil Rights Defender of the Year. The award is given to a person who, despite the risk to his or her own safety, works tirelessly to defend people's civil and political rights, without using or advocating violence.



For more than two decades **Nataša Kandić**, founder of Humanitarian Law Centre, Serbia, has been a strong spokesperson for fundamental human rights in the Western Balkans. She receives the award for her persistent and fearless work on documenting war crimes and serious human rights abuses in the former Yugoslavia, and for supporting war crimes trials by providing courts with evidence and witnesses. Because of her human rights work, Nataša has been subjected to repeated death threats, but her concern has always been with victims of war crimes and not her own persona.

Accommodation and location for meeting:

Elite Hotel Marina Tower, Stockholm (www.elite.se/eng/marinatower).

Language:

The conference sessions outside the training/workshop schedule will be held in English with Russian interpretation. The languages of the trainings/workshops are noted in the programme.

Tuesday, 2 April – Arriving Day

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| All Day | Arrivals – Transport from Stockholm Arlanda Airport to Elite Hotel Marina Tower
Registration (Hotel Front Desk) |
| 18.00 – 20.00 | Welcome Dinner (Marina Tower Restaurant) |
| 20.15 – 22.00 | Screening of the film “Brother Outsider” with an introduction by Carl Gershman,
President National Endowment for Democracy, followed by Q&A. (Hotel Cinema) |
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Wednesday, 3 April – Trainings & Workshops

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| 08.00 – 09.00 | Registration (Hotel Front Desk) |
| 09.00 – 09.30 | Introduction and welcoming (Room: Gyllene salen)
Robert Hårdh , Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders |
| 09.30 – 10.45 | Panel discussion: “The International Protection of Human Rights Defenders at risk – impacts and challenges”, with:
Andrew Anderson , Deputy Director, Front Line Defenders
Antoine Bernard , CEO, International Federation for Human Rights
Chantal Pasquarello , Deputy Director, Mexico, Freedom House
Margaret Sekaggya , UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights Defenders
Moderated by Marie Månson , Program Director Human Rights Defenders at Risk, Civil Rights Defenders. |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | Coffee Break |

- 11.00 – 13.00** Trainings & Workshops:
- A. Digital Security Part 1, **Eric S. Johnson**, Russian interpretation (Solliden)
 - B. Video Campaigning Part 1, **Chris Michael**, English (Seglora)
 - C. Personal Security Part 1, **Alaksiej Carniajeu**, Russian (Gyllene salen)
 - D. Using Companies for Human Rights Advocacy, **Parul Sharma**, English (Prins Eugens salong)
 - E. Getting Your Message Through, **Ruben Brunsveld**, Russian interpretation (Waldemarsudde)
 - F. Effective Lobbying, **Sophie Richardson**, English (Saltsjöqvarn)
 - G. Be Effective with Social Media Tools, **David Brewer**, English (Skansen)
- 13.00 – 14.00** Lunch (Marina Tower Restaurant)
- 14.00 – 16.00** Trainings & Workshops:
- A. Digital Security Part 2, **Eric S. Johnson**, Russian interpretation (Solliden)
 - B. Video Campaigning Part 2, **Chris Michael**, English (Seglora)
 - C. Personal Security Part 2, **Alaksiej Carniajeu**, Russian (Gyllene salen)
 - D. Using Companies for HR Advocacy, **Parul Sharma**, Russian interpretation (Prins Eugens salong)
 - E. Getting Your Message Through, **Ruben Brunsveld**, English (Waldemarsudde)
 - F. Effective Lobbying, **Sophie Richardson**, English (Saltsjöqvarn)
 - G. Be Effective with Social Media Tools, **David Brewer**, English (Skansen)
- 16.00 – 16.30** Coffee Break
- 16.30 – 17.15** Presentation: How do we stimulate the good Internet of tomorrow?
David Mothander, Nordic Policy Counsel, Google
- 18.00** Boat trip from the hotel to the Stockholm City Hall
- 19.30 – 21.25** Reception at Stockholm City Hall hosted by the City of Stockholm, with **Beatrice Ask**, Minister of Justice, **Ulf Fridebäck**, Vice President of the City Council, and **Madeleine Sjöstedt**, Vice Mayor of Stockholm.
- 21.30** Transport by bus to the hotel
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Thursday, 4 April – Inspiration, Trainings and Human Rights Defenders Day

- 09.00 – 10.00** An inspiring lecture by **Maina Kiai**, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association.
- 10.00 – 10.30** Coffee Break
- 10.30 – 12.30** Trainings & Workshops:
- A. Digital Security Part 3, **Eric S. Johnson**, Russian (Solliden)
 - B. Video Campaigning part 1, **Chris Michael**, Russian interpretation (Seglora)
 - C. Personal Security Part 3, **Alaksiej Carniajeu**, Russian (Gyllene salen)

- D. Strengthening the Protection of Ethnic and Sexual Minorities
Antoine Bernard, English (Waldemarsudde)
- E. Protecting Human Rights Defenders at Risk Together
Chantal Pasquarello, Russian interpretation (Prins Eugens salong)
- F. Trendspotting – New & Recycled Repressive Methods
Maina Kiai, English, (Saltsjöqvarn)
- G. Technology for Human Rights Documentation and Reporting
Dmitri Vitaliev, English (Skansen)

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch (Marina Tower Restaurant)

13.00 – 14.00 Registration to the Open Session, for external guests only (Hotel Front Desk)

Open Session – Gyllene salen

*Open session, presented by **Natasha Jevtic Esbjörnson**, Head of Communications, Civil Rights Defenders*

14.00 – 14.30 Welcome & Introduction

Robert Hårdh, Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders

14.30 – 15.15 Presentation: “The Escape from Camp 14”

Shin Donghyuk, Defector from North Korea

15.15 – 16.30 Panel discussion: “Supporting Human Rights Defenders in repressive societies”, with:

Christine Dang, PEN Canada, Canada

Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy

Margaret Sekaggya, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights Defenders

Mr. Farid Tukhbatullin, President, Turkmen Initiative for Human Rights

Moderated by **Benedicte Berner**, Vice Chair of the Board, Civil Rights Defenders

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 Award ceremony, starts with performance by Swedish artist **Ane Brun**

17.10 – 17.35 The 2013 Civil Rights Defender of the Year is announced, speeches by:

Niclas Kjellström-Matseke, CEO, The Swedish Postcode Lottery

Margaret Sekaggya, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders

Percy Bratt, Chair of the Board, Civil Rights Defenders

17.35 – 17.50 Speech by the recipient of the 2013 Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award

Performance by **Ane Brun**

18.00 – 18.30 Cocktail (Marina Towers Bar)

18.30 – 23.00 Buffet Dinner with performance by Swedish artist **Loreen**

Friday, 5 April – Trainings, Informal meetings and Departures

- 08.00 – 11.00** Breakfast meetings – time for informal get-togethers.
- 09.00 – 10.30** Trainings:
A. Digital Security Part 4, **Eric S. Johnson**, Russian Interpretation (Solliden)
B. Video Campaigning Part 2, **Chris Michael**, Russian interpretation (Seglora)
C. Personal Security Part 4, **Alaksiej Carniajeu**, Russian (Skansen)
D. Protecting Your Web Site from Attacks, **Dmitri Vitaliev**, English (Prins Eugens Salong)
- 10.30 – 11.00** Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 13.00** Trainings:
A. Digital Security Part 4, **Eric S. Johnson**, Russian interpretation (Solliden)
B. Video Campaigning Part 2, **Chris Michael**, Russian interpretation (Seglora)
C. Personal Security Part 4, **Alaksiej Carniajeu**, Russian (Skansen)
D. Protecting Your Web Site from Attacks, **Dmitri Vitaliev**, English (Prins Eugens Salong)
- 13.00** Latest checkout time from the hotel.
- All Day** Departures – Transport from Elite Hotel Marina Tower to Stockholm Arlanda Airport available from 05.00 - (Consult Designated Conference Staff).

Defenders' Days - panellists and trainers

- Andrew Anderson** Andrew Anderson has been the Deputy Director of Front Line Defenders since March 2003, responsible for the growth and development of the organization, including a particular focus on research, and on policies and programs, that respond effectively and practically to the needs of human rights defenders at risk. Previously he worked for thirteen years at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International.
- Antoine Bernard** Antoine Bernard has been the Executive Director of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) since 1996. Previously a consultant with the United Nations, as well as Paris 2 and Paris 10 International Law research centres. Antoine Bernard has been teaching international human rights law and international relations for the past fifteen years. He also lectures at the Paris Institute of political sciences and at the National School of public management.
- Benedicte Berner** Benedicte Berner is a Media analyst and Vice Chair of the Board of Civil Rights Defenders. Benedicte is a consultant who works with a media project in Russia. She also trains journalists in the Middle East and Northern Africa. She formerly worked for the IRC and IOM in Moscow, and she was Director of International Issues at the European Institute for the Media in Düsseldorf, Germany.
- Percy Bratt** Percy Bratt is a Lawyer and Chair of the Board of Civil Rights Defenders. Percy has a Bachelor of Laws degree from Stockholm University. Since 1992, he is a member of the Swedish Bar Association. He is partner as well as one of the founders of Bratt & Feinsilber in Stockholm. Percy specialises in civil lawsuits, damages law, media law and human rights.
- David Brewer** David Brewer is a media strategy consultant and journalism trainer, currently involved in media development work in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, the CIS, the Balkans and the Caucasus. His journalistic career spans newspapers, radio, TV, and online. David was one of the editors responsible for the launch of BBC News Online in 1997. He also set up CNN.com, EMEA, and CNNArabic.com. He was an editorial consultant for the launch of Al Jazeera English in 2006. David set up Media Helping Media (<http://www.mediahelpingmedia.org>) in order to support media in transition and post-conflict countries and areas where the media is still developing.
- Ruben Brunsveld** Ruben Brunsveld is the founder of the Stockholm Institute for Public Speaking (StIPS). Before that he worked as a diplomat for the Netherlands to the European Union, as a legal expert and speechwriter, responsible for advising the Minister on issues such as "Freedom of Speech", "Privacy and Security" and "Integration".
- Alaksiej Carniajeu** Formerly a political activists himself, Alaksiej Carniajeu has been working as a security researcher and trainer for activists in repressive societies since 2004, first with the Assembly of Pro-Democratic NGOs of Belarus and later

with Belarus IT Aid. He has provided security and technology trainings for political and NGO activists from North and East Africa, both sides of Caucasus Mountains, Ukraine as well as in various places across Belarus. In addition, he is a consultant to SuperPeif.com project (e-security for dummies) and a member of Electby.org team, which uses mapping software for citizen monitoring of Belarusian elections.

Christine Dang

Christine Dang is a member of Pen Canada and the Canadian Bar Association. She is a published author and contributor to several community newspapers and monthly magazines in Canada. Christine Dang sits on the Board of various non-profit organizations and works closely with numerous INGO's and NGO's to advocate for freedom of expression and against arbitrary detention in Vietnam. Her legal advocacy and commitment to social justice, and advancement of human rights have earned her the International Commission of Jurists Award (Canada 2011) among others.

Shin Donghyuk

Shin Donghyuk is the son of two lifetime prisoners. He was born in 1982 in a prison camp in North Korea. During his captivity Shin witnessed numerous public executions, including that of his mother and brother. Against all odds, he managed to escape not only from the prison camp but also from North Korea. Today, Shin Donghyuk lives in Seoul, South Korea, and has devoted his life to informing the world about the situation in North Korea.

Natasha Jevtic Esbjörnson

Natasha Jevtic Esbjörnson has headed the Communications department at Civil Rights Defenders since 2006. Natasha has a Bachelor of Arts degree in political sciences and is a trained journalist. Formerly she worked as a freelance journalist in Belgrade, Serbia. Natasha started working for Civil Rights Defenders in 2000. Between 2003 and 2006 she was stationed in Belgrade as Head of the Regional Office for the Western Balkans.

Carl Gershman

Carl Gershman is President of the National Endowment for Democracy, a private grant-making institution with the mission to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts. Mr Gershman took the lead in launching the World Movement for Democracy, in New Delhi in 1999, which is a global network of democracy practitioners and scholars. At present, Mr Gershman is overseeing the response of NED and its related institutes to the revolutionary changes in the Middle East and also helping to mobilize support for activists working for greater freedom in authoritarian countries.

Robert Hårdh

Robert Hårdh is the Executive Director of Civil Rights Defenders. Robert has a Master of Laws degree from Uppsala University, specialising in human rights. He started working for Civil Rights Defenders as a human rights lawyer in 1999. In 2000, he was appointed Executive Director of the organisation.

Eric S Johnson

Eric S Johnson has been networking computers for 30 years, supporting independent media in over 25 developing countries, and working to improve cyberpolicy, combat cybercensorship, and bolster activists' cybersecurity. He was architecting and helping to launch the Global Internet Policy Initiative (and its newer sister the Global Internet Policy Project), the 5-year-old Open Internet Project, the Information Security Coalition, and the about-to-

be-inaugurated Advanced Global Analysis of ICT Censorship and Network Surveillance Technology Transfer (AGAINST).

- Maina Kiai** Maina Kiai is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association. A lawyer trained at Nairobi and Harvard Universities, Mr Kiai has spent the last twenty years campaigning for human rights and constitutional reform in Kenya – notably as founder and Executive Director of the unofficial Kenya Human Rights Commission, and then as Chairman of Kenya’s National Human Rights Commission (2003-2008), where he won a national reputation for his courageous and effective advocacy against official corruption, in support of political reform, and against impunity following the violence that convulsed Kenya in 2008, causing thousands of deaths.
- Kim Matthis** Kim Matthis is the Project Manager for Defenders’ Days. Kim has a degree in Political Science from The Swedish National Defence College. She started to work for Civil Rights Defenders in 2012. She has previously done an internship at Embassy of Sweden in Tbilisi. Formerly she worked at Hjärt-Lungfondens communication department.
- Chris Michael** Chris Michael is a trainer, video producer and human rights advocate who helped launch and run the Hub, and has led and supported WITNESS partner campaigns and online-focused initiatives. Prior to WITNESS, Chris designed, led and coordinated innovative and high profile local, national and international social and environmental justice campaigns. Much of Chris’ work has been focused on creative, innovative and effective campaigns that utilize technology to promote justice.
- David Mothander** David Mothander joined Google in 2010 and leads the company’s government relations in the Nordic countries, and in Estonia and Latvia. David focuses on the wonders and impact of the Internet; economically, culturally and socially, and the regulatory framework around these issues. Google is a provider of cloud-based services to consumers and businesses. It is best known for its search engine and its set of advertising services, but it also offers business productivity tools such as Gmail, calendaring, and word processing, and a range of content hosting services such as Google+, YouTube, Blogger and Picasa. Prior to Google, David worked for the mobile operator 3, the Swedish NRA, and as a lawyer.
- Marie Månson** Marie Månson is the Programme Director for Support to Human Rights Defenders at Risk, a new department within Civil Rights Defenders that develops and provides targeted support to human rights defenders at risk. Marie has a Master’s Degree in international relations. Formerly she worked for the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. She started to work for Civil Rights Defenders in 1997, first as Programme Officer for the Western Balkans and then as Office Manager. She was also Programme Director for the Western Balkans for a number of years.
- Chantal Pasquarello** Chantal Pasquarello is Deputy Director for Freedom House’s Mexico field office. Prior to joining the Mexico Freedom of Expression programme, Ms Pasquarello directed Freedom House’s two Emergency Assistance programs

for Human Rights Defenders and Civil Society Organisations. She joined Freedom House after working as Grants Coordinator for the International Rescue Committee's largest country program in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She has worked with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, and the Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict, and focused on capacity building for local human rights organisations in both capacities.

- Sophie Richardson** Sophie Richardson is the China director at Human Rights Watch. She is the author of numerous articles on domestic Chinese political reform, democratization, and human rights in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Vietnam, for instance China, Cambodia, and the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence an in-depth examination of China's foreign policy since 1954's Geneva Conference, including rare interviews with policy makers.
- Margaret Sekaggya** Margaret Sekaggya is UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders. Between 1996 and 2008 she was the Chairperson of the Uganda Human Rights Commission, and also served as the Chairperson of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions. Margaret Sekaggya has participated in the drawing up of a Bill of Rights for the East African Community. In addition to her work at the international level, Mrs. Sekaggya is the Executive Director of the Human Rights Centre Uganda (www.hrcug.org), an NGO set up in 2008 to protect and promote the rights of human rights defenders in Uganda.
- Parul Sharma** Parul Sharma is Dean of the Academy for Human Rights in Business. He is a human rights lawyer with extensive experience in CSR issues, in and out of so-called high-risk countries. Human Rights Law Network, Amnesty Business Group, European Commission, Sandvik AB and Stora Enso are some examples where Parul has worked on issues of human rights, anti-corruption, supply chain, labour law, and CSR perspective.
- Farid Tukhbatullin** Farid Tukhbatullin is the Editor of the website "Chronicles of Turkmenistan" (www.chrono-tm.org) and member of the international working group on defending human rights in Turkmenistan. He is also Chairman of the NGO "Turkmenistan Initiative for Human Rights". Farid Tukhbatullin has made a number of presentations before the European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights, and contributed to a great number of reports, Universal Periodic Reviews etc, on the human rights situation in Turkmenistan. In November 2003 he obtained political refugee status in Austria.
- Dmitri Vitaliev** Dmitri Vitaliev is a technology consultant for human rights and independent media organisations and director of eQualit.ie. He is the author of the Digital Security and Privacy for Human Rights Defenders manual, a regular contributor to technology publications and a one-time coordinator of the Security-in-a-Box project. Dmitri has helped create worldwide networks of trainers and security specialists, developed curricula and information management strategies for leading human rights organizations in over 40 countries. Currently, Dmitri is leading projects in web security and information analysis under eQualit.ie's mantle.

Trainings and Workshops

Digital Security, Eric S Johnson, Cyber Security Expert

Part 1: Your Computer. How to prevent your computer from becoming its own worst enemy, including defence against viruses, malware, Trojans, bots, zombies, RATs, and other evil stuff used by cyber-crooks and repressive governments. Endpoint security, patch management.

Part 2: Keeping Data Safe. How to ensure your stored data saved e-mail, instant messaging session transcripts, Word and Excel files, passwords, etc. cannot be lost or compromised by attackers, whether physical or virtual, online or off. Encryption and backup solutions.

Part 3: Keeping Communication Safe. How to prevent online cybersnoops from monitoring your online activities (e-mail, instant-messaging, voice-over-internet, Facebook access, etc.); password management; multi-factor authentication. HTTPS, Skype, TLS (PGP, OTR).

Part 4: Defeating Cybercensorship. How to easily and safely access blocked content cybercircumvention: alternate DNS servers, browser proxies, proxy clients, VPNs, etc.; how to help others get access to your blocked content.

Video Campaigning, Chris Michael, Video Advocacy Training Manager, WITNESS

These workshops, divided in Part 1 and 2, will feature WITNESS' video advocacy methodology and support human rights defenders in evaluating if and how they may best use video to support their documentation and advocacy work. The workshop will feature WITNESS' lessons learned through partnering with over 350 human rights groups in 80 countries and training thousands in using video for change over the past 20 years. Participants are encouraged to visit witness.org and toolkit.witness.org to learn more. This workshop is open to new and advanced filmmakers, and will focus on video for change strategy.

Personal Security, Alaksiej Cerniajeu, Security Expert

Part 1: Closing the Gap Between Learning and Implementation. In security field the distance between knowledge and implementation is very long, but it's even harder for those, who need it most - those, who live and act in repressive environments. Main reasons are lack of time, money, fear to attract unwelcome attention, misunderstandings, and last, but not least, lack of motivation, because of natural human psychology.

Part 2: Police raids/searches against human rights activists. How can you and your organisations be better prepared for unwelcome visits and thereby decrease the personal, financial and organisational risks you are facing?

Part 3: Psychology of provocation. Why smart people are so easily tricked to do stupid things. How the "bad guys" can influence your thinking and decision-making, making it irrational because of the way our brains function. What can you do to make manipulations and provocations less efficient?

Part 4: Surveillance, tracking and remote access technology as means of protection. Risks of abduction, killing, and threats: how to use modern technologies to keep a friendly eye on a person in danger.

Using Companies and Investors for Human Rights Advocacy, Parul Sharma, Corporate Social Responsibility Expert, Academy for Human Rights in Business

Effective and internationally agreed rules on human rights protection in the field of business have become increasingly necessary over the last 20 years. The former special envoy to the UN secretary general, John Ruggie, is the main author of the UN guidelines on the economy and human rights. Companies' rights to do business on a global level have been extended considerably - by introducing robust rules, for instance, to protect investments and patents. On the other hand, in a changed economic environment the field of human rights protection hasn't been expanded accordingly. There are powerful arguments to use when the issue of business and human rights is considered. The investors' pressure, the UN pressure, and NGO pressure on the corporate world to make ethical and human rights based due diligence – is the tool for a human rights defender to now use.

How to Get Your Message Through, Ruben Brunsveld, Founder, Stockholm Institute for Public Speaking

This workshop will focus on the importance of strategic communication. How can you make contact with your target group to make them understand the ration and the emotion behind your message? In the workshop you will analyze clips of famous speakers and good examples to see which tricks the professional use to connect with their audience. The goal is not to copy their style but to discover your own and become the best version of yourself. Ruben will also pay attention to the importance of cultural awareness. Having lived on three different continents and speaking seven languages he draws on his experiences to demonstrate the sensitivities in communication in different cultures.

Effective Lobbying, Sophie Richardson, China Director, Human Rights Watch

How do you get a meeting with someone who doesn't want to talk to you, and then persuade that person to do something they don't want to do? How do you ensure you're facts are solid, and that you're talking to the right person? How do you ensure they follow through and do what they promised? Come share war stories and talk through strategies for effective lobbying.

How to be effective with social media tools, David Brewer, Media Strategy Consultant, International Media Ideas

Tips and trick for using free tools to increase your information gathering and effectiveness. David Brewer, who works with media in transition and post-conflict countries as well as with exiled media - demonstrates some of the ways of finding information and processing it in a strategic way. He will introduce some easy to use tools for improving an effective use of the same piece of information. He will also talk about how we should all develop our own social media strategy.

Strengthening the Protection of Ethnic and Sexual Minorities, Antoine Bernard, Executive Director, FIDH

Universal standards protecting the rights of ethnic minorities do not exist, although the problems and rights of ethnic minorities are central for the stability in many countries of the world. At the same time, a global protection framework for sexual minorities is far from developed. The Yogyakarta principles were a first step in the right direction but common standards seem unrealistic to expect in this period of time. Regional mechanisms to protect ethnic and sexual minorities are in some cases better developed. This workshop will discuss how to use the measures that do exist to improve the protection of the rights of ethnic and sexual minorities. Specifically it will focus on strategic litigation as a tool to advance the standards and fulfilment of rights. How can local and international human rights group in different regions effectively use the existing judgements like the ones before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg in their work? And what can be expected from international and regional mechanisms for the protection of defenders of these rights?

Protecting Human Rights Defenders at Risk Together, Chantal Pasquarello, Deputy Director Mexico, Freedom House

For protection to function effectively, real and meaningful input from civil society and the target populations in the development of national protection mechanisms has proven to be key. Additionally, there needs to be a sound legal basis for these mechanisms in order to mandate the respective branches of government to take measures to protect victims. In this workshop the experience and example of Mexico will be used to discuss what protection measures have proven to work and not in different countries and contexts, nationally and in cooperation with international actors.

Trend spotting - New & Recycled Repressive Methods, Maina Kiai, UN Rapporteur on Freedom of Association and Assembly

Human Rights Defenders all over the world are fighting an uneven struggle to protect themselves against and ensure their activities despite the various repressive methods used by the regimes: New legislation restricts organizations from registering with the authorities or receiving funding from abroad, indirect threats are directed toward the working places of their friends and relatives, “threats against national security” and other mantras resulting from the fight against terrorism are being used against peaceful activist, to name a few. What is the development in this field, what new methods can we see developing and are there any “old” methods that are being reinvented and applied in the purpose of restricting the human rights work of today?

Technology for Human Rights Documentation and Reporting, Dmitri Vitaliev, Director, eQualit.it

The advancement of digital technologies has created new opportunities for documenting and analysing human rights violations. There are several easy-to-use and low-cost solutions available for human rights organisations. This session will review popular platforms including Martus, OpenEvS-ys, RightsCase, Ushahidi and explore their particular characteristics, features and requirements for installation and maintenance.

Protecting Your Web Site from Attacks, Dmitri Vitaliev, Director, eQualit.it

The suppression of online voices through website hacking and distributed denial of service attacks is a growing trend with devastating consequences for organisations who rely on their web presence. This session will explore common methods employed by cyber attackers and present easy to follow and comprehensive guidelines for strengthening a website's security. Particular focus will be given to mitigating denial of service attacks, including an exploration of the Deflect project, a free DDoS mitigation infrastructure.

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