

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS, PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT DURING ARMED CONFLICTS AND IN RELATION TO PEACEBUILDING MEASURES: LEGAL CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY

PROGRAMME

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:30 Welcome and introductory remarks

Mr Samuel Žbogar, State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

Mr Gilles Carbonnier, Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross

10:30-12:00 First panel discussion:

"Importance of protection of critical infrastructure for civilians during armed conflicts and in relation to peacebuilding measures"

Moderated by Ms Mateja Grašek, Chair of the Slovenian national IHL Committee, MFA Slovenia

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr Danilo Türk, former president of the Republic of Slovenia, Chairman of the Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace

PANELLISTS

Ms Julie Tenenbaum, Regional Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross

Dr Mara Tignino, Lead International Law Specialist, Geneva Water Hub

Ambassador Tanja Miškova, Ambassador-at-Large for Water Diplomacy, MFA Slovenia

Mr Emil Atigaku, Director of NGO Pioneers in Action for the Integrated Development in the Environment

Dr Andraž Kastelic, Lead cyber stability researcher, Security and Technology Programme at United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Ms Hazel De Wet, Office of Emergency Programmes, Deputy Emergency Director, UNICEF



12:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Second panel discussion:

"Environmental degradation during armed conflicts, its assessment and impact on health and livelihoods"

Moderated by Ms Mateja Štrumelj-Piškur, Head of International Law Department, MFA Slovenia

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dr Dominika Švarc Pipan, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia

PANELLISTS

Ambassador Marja Lehto, Senior Expert on Public Law, Legal Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, a Special Rapporteur of the Draft Principles on Protection of Environment in relation to Armed Conflicts

Dr Vasilka Sancin, Full Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, Director of the Institute for International Law and International Relations, Member of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee

Mr Ralf Ernst, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Ambassador Nathalie Marti, Deputy Director of the Directorate of International Law, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland and Chair of the Swiss National IHL Committee

Dr Tomaž Rodič, Director of Slovenian Centre of Excellence for Space Sciences and Technologies

Followed by Q&A session

15:30-16:15 Coffee break



16:15-17:45 Third panel discussion:

"How to swiftly and efficiently ensure humanitarian aid to those in need within the existing legal framework"

Moderated by Mr Marko Rakovec, Legal Adviser at MFA Slovenia, Director-General, Directorate for International Law and Protection of Interests, MFA Slovenia

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Mr Janez Lenarčič, European Commissioner for Crisis Management

PANELLISTS

Mr Ramesh Rajasingham, Director for Coordination Division and Head of OCHA Geneva

Mr Gilles Carbonnier, Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross

Dr Caroline Pellaton, Corporate Operations Manager, Geneva Water Hub

Dr Martin Frick, Director, Global Office Berlin, UN World Food Programme

Ambassador Tomaž Lovrenčič, Director of ITF Enhancing Human Security

Dr Heike Spieker, German Red Cross, Director of the Liaison Office of the German Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance

Ambassador Eva Tomič, Ambassador-at-Large for Climate Diplomacy, MFA Slovenia

Followed by Q&A session

17:45 Concluding remarks

Mr Janez Lenarčič, European Commissioner for Crisis Management

Mr Marko Rakovec, MFA Slovenia

18:15 Reception hosted by Mr Marko Rakovec, MFA Slovenia

