

Montreux Document Forum Regional Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel Corobicí Conference Center
San José, Costa Rica 27-28 February 2018

PROGRAMME

27 February 2018

- 8:30 *Registration*
- 9:00 **Opening remarks**
- Ambassador Christian Guillermet-Fernández, Director General of Foreign Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica
 - Ambassador Mirko Giulietti, Embassy of Switzerland to the Republic of Costa Rica, the Republic of El Salvador, the Republic of Nicaragua and the Republic of Panama
 - Dr. Knut Dörmann, Chief Legal Officer, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- 9:45 *Group photo*
Coffee break
- 10:00 **Session 1: The PMSC industry in Latin America and the Caribbean: Introduction to Challenges and Good Practices**
Moderator: Ambassador Christian Guillermet-Fernández, Director General of Foreign Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica
Presentations:
- Key findings from DCAF-UNLIREC regional baseline study: Jean-Michel Rousseau, Programme Manager, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)
 - Perspective from a Montreux Document participant: Segundo Carrasco, Director of Regulation and Control of Private Security Services, Ecuador
 - Patricia Arias, the United Nations Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination
 - Perspective from a regional organisation: Earl Harris, Assistant Director Strategic Services, CARICOM IMPACS
- 11:30 **Session 2: Overview of the Montreux Document and the Forum**
Moderator: Anna Marie Burdzy, Project Officer, DCAF
Presentations:
- The Montreux Document: Scope, definitions, and the main rules and good practices: Dr. Knut Dörmann, Chief Legal Officer, ICRC
 - The Montreux Document Forum: Jonathan Cuénoud, Legal Officer, Directorate of International Law, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland

- Perspective from an international organization in the Montreux Document Forum: Ambassador Pelayo Castro Zuzuárregui, Ambassador of the European Union to Costa Rica
- Relevance of the Montreux Document for Latin American and the Caribbean: Eugenia Gutiérrez Ruiz, Legal Director, a.i. , Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00 **Session 3: Lessons Learnt in Strengthening National Legislative Frameworks for Private Security**

Moderator: Martina Gasser, Deputy Head of Section, Private Security Service Section, FDFA, Switzerland

Presentations:

- Legislative Guidance Tool and experience in supporting national application : Jean-Michel Rousseau, Programme Manager, DCAF
- Perspectives from a Montreux Document participant : Danitza Pérez Cáceres, Department of Private Security, Ministry of the Interior and Public Security, Chile
- Implementing legal frameworks in oversight of PMSCs : Jeiner Villalobos Steller, Legal Director, Ministry of Public Security, Costa Rica

15:30 *Coffee break*

16:00 **Session 4: Challenges and Opportunities: Regulating PMSCs in Public Security and in Extractive Industries**

Moderator: Ambassador Oscar Solís Rangel, Diplomat and President of the Costa Rican Commission of International Humanitarian Law (CCDIH)

Presentations:

- Challenges in Public security partnerships with PMSCs: Lic. Hefer Morataya Arriaga, Director, Democratic Security Directorate, General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System
- Perspective from a National Regulatory Authority: Guiselle Marciani Burgos, Director of Private Security Services, National Regulatory Entity for Security Service, Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives for Civilian Use, SUCAMEC Peru
- Interaction between extractive companies and private security : Carlos Salazar Couto, Executive Director, Socios Peru: Center for Civic Collaboration

18:00 *Closing of First Day*

18:30-20:30 *Reception offered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica and the Swiss Embassy in Costa Rica*

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- 09:00 **Overview of Day 1 Discussions led by Costa Rica**
- 09:15 **Session 5: Strengthening the Oversight of Services provided by PMSCs**
Moderator: Anton Camen, Deputy Head of Delegation, Regional Delegation for Mexico, Central America and Cuba, ICRC
Presentations:
- Perspective from Unions: Marvin Largaespada, Director Regional, UNI Global Union Americas
 - Perspectives from Civil Society:
 - ❖ Carmen Rosa De Leon Escribano Schlotter, Executive Director, Teaching Institute for Sustainable Development (IEPADES), Guatemala
 - ❖ Ana Yancy Espinoza, Academic Director, Fundación Arias for Peace, Costa Rica
 - Perspective from the International Code of Conduct Association: Jamie Williamson, Executive Director
- 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:30 **Session 6: Strengthening the Regulation and Management of Small Arms and Light Weapons and Use of Force by PMSC Personnel**
Moderator: Jean-Michel Rousseau, Programme Manager, DCAF
Presentations:
- Regulation of SALW: Julian Bustamante, Senior Public Security Programme Adviser, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament, and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)
 - Perspective from National Regulatory Authority: Superintendency of Surveillance and Private Security, Mr. Roberto Méndez Retana, Director of Private Security Services of the Ministry of Public Security, Costa Rica
 - The Use of Force by PMSC personnel: Jean Franco Olivera Astete, Legal Adviser, Regional Delegation for Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador, ICRC
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:15 **Session 7: The Role of the Client: Inserting Human Rights Requirements into Contracting and Procurement of PMSCs**
Moderator: Ambassador Norman Lizano Ortiz, Ambassador and Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica
Presentations:
- Perspective from Costa Rica Industry Association: Cesar Tapia Guzman, Executive Director of the Costa Rica Association of Security Companies
 - Challenges for Private Clients of PMSCs: Luz Stella Páez Cañon, Executive Director, Colombian Mining and Energy Committee on Security and Human Rights (CME)
 - Perspective of a National Regulatory Authority: Martina Gasser, Deputy Head of Section, Private Security Service Section, FDFSA, Switzerland
- 15:45 *Coffee break*
- 16:00 **Closing Roundtable Discussion: The Added Value of Montreux Document Good Practices and of the Montreux Document Forum for National Regulators**

- Ambassador Christian Guillermet-Fernández, Director General of Foreign Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica
- Ambassador Mirko Giulietti, Embassy of Switzerland to the Republic of Costa Rica, the Republic of El Salvador, the Republic of Nicaragua and the Republic of Panama
- Dr. Knut Dörmann, Chief Legal Officer, ICRC

17:00

Closing of Conference