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REGIONAL FORUM ON THE PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE
Buenos Aires, 10-12 December 2008
Co-organized by the Governments of
Argentina and Switzerland.

December 10

07.00 p.m. Welcoming of participants and experts.

Cultural event and reception offered by the President of Argentina.

December 11

9.00 – 10.00 a.m. Registration. Documentary film on genocide

10.00 – 12.00 a.m. Panel I: Genocide prevention. Current challenges

Francis Deng – UN Special Adviser for Prevention of Genocide

Andrea Bartoli – Founding Director of the Center for International Conflict Resolution

Carla del Ponte – Former Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Swiss Ambassador to Argentina

Yehuda Bauer - Director of the International Center for Holocaust Studies of Yad Vashem

**2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Panel II: Latin America and the Caribbean.
Experiences and visions for the future**

Juan Mendez – Former UN Special Adviser for Prevention of Genocide. Director of The International Center for Transitional Justice

Daniel Feierstein – Director of the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights (3 de Febrero University)

Cecilia Medina Quiroga – President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

**4.30 – 6.30 p.m. Panel III: Asia, Africa, and Europe:
Experiences and visions for the future**

Youkh Chang – Director of the Documentation Center of Cambodia

Chidi Odinkalu – Senior Legal Adviser for Africa, Open Society Justice Initiative

Emmanuel Bombande - Executive Director of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding

Dr. James Smith – Chief Executive and Co-founder of the Aegis Trust

David Scheffer – Director of the Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern University School of Law

Nick Grono – Vice President of International Crisis Group

December 12

**9.00 – 11.00 a.m. Panel IV: Preventing genocide: role and responsibilities
of state and international actors**

Philippe Kirsch – President of the International Criminal Court

Maria Luisa Sepúlveda - Presidential Adviser for Human Rights

Edward Luck – UN Special Adviser on “Responsibility to Protect”

Romeo Dallaire – Force Commander of UNAMIR, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (1993 – 1994).

**11.30 – 01.00 p.m. Panel V: Preventing genocide: role and responsibilities
of non-state actors**

- Role of the media: **Abigail Disney** - Founder and President of the Daphne Foundation
- Role of civil society: **William Pace** – Convenor of the NGO Coalition for an International Criminal Court
- Role of the private sector: **John G. Ruggie** - Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on business & human rights.
- Role of religious institutions: **Susan Hayward** – Program Officer in the Religion and Peacemaking Program, US Institute of Peace

3.00 – 6.00 p.m. Public Seminar: What is genocide and how to prevent it

William Schabas – Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland.

Fabricio Guariglia – Senior Appeals Counsel in the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court.

**3.00– 5.30 p.m. Working Groups: Common failures and challenges to
develop genocide prevention at an
international level**

6.30 – 7.30 p.m. Final session

Presentation of conclusions and main recommendations.

Announcement of next regional forum. Closing remarks by Argentine and Swiss government representatives.