



THE SIXTH ANNUAL
TRYGVE LIE SYMPOSIUM ON FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Combating Hate Speech: Everyone's Responsibility

Thursday, September 26, 2013

8:00am–9:45am

at the

Trygve Lie Center for Peace, Security & Development

International Peace Institute

777 United Nations Plaza, 12th Floor

(Corner of 1st Avenue and 44th Street)

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International Peace Institute (IPI) are pleased to invite you to the Sixth Annual Trygve Lie Symposium on Fundamental Freedoms.

The Symposium will bring together representatives from civil society, the media, experts, and high-level representatives from the United Nations and member states to discuss the issue of combatting hate speech.

The panel discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Espen Barth Eide, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway.

Speakers:

H.E. Ms. Louise Mushikiwabo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda (TBC)

H.E. Mr. R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

Mr. Frank La Rue, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Expression and Opinion

Ms. Sarah Wynn-Williams, Head of Global Public Policy, Facebook

Mr. Aidan White, Director of the Ethical Journalism Network

Ms. Caroline Criado-Perez, The Women's Room

Special Guest:

Mr. Victor Mukasa, LGBT activist, Human Rights Defender, and Independent Consultant

Recent years have shown a steady increase in hate speech directed toward minorities and other vulnerable groups and individuals. Every day, serious instances of intolerance and discrimination affect different people, be it based on their actual or perceived nationality, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or disability.

The existence of such discrimination raises questions regarding how we can combat hate speech and at the same time protect the fundamental freedom of expression. How do media actors strike the balance between their responsibility to prevent the dissemination of intolerant and discriminatory attitudes and their editorial independence and integrity? What role can other stakeholders play in this area, be they UN bodies, states, government officials, civil society actors, or human rights defenders?

The panelists will provide brief comments, followed by an open, dynamic discussion with the audience. We look forward to discussing these issues and hope that you can join us for this important and timely event.

Administrative Note:

Because of the strict security relating to the opening of the United Nations General Assembly, you will need to arrive **by 8:00am** and bring a photo ID, as well as a copy of this invitation to enter the building.

Please **RSVP** to Beatrice Agyarkoh, Events Coordinator, no later than **Monday, September 16th**.

Please **FAX** or **E-MAIL** responses to 646-417-5424 or agyarkoh@ipinst.org.

____ I will attend. ____ I will not attend.

_____ will attend in my place.

Should you have any questions, please call **Beatrice Agyarkoh at 212-225-9628**.

AGENDA

8:00am–8:15am Registration and welcome

8:15am–8:18am Welcoming remarks:
Ambassador Terje Rød-Larsen, *IPI President*

8:18am–9:00am Panel discussion

Chair:

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9:00am–9:03am Intervention by Special Guest, **Mr. Victor Mukasa**, *LGBT activist, Human Rights Defender, and Independent Consultant*

9:03am–9:40am Questions and comments from the audience and members of the press

9:40am–9:45am Closing remarks:
H.E. Mr. Espen Barth Eide, *Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway*