



International Lectures and Regional Conference

“Iraq and the International Criminal Court”

October 25-31, 2013, Kurdistan, Iraq

Under support of the Kurdistan Regional Government’s Department for Civil Society (KRGNGO), the non-governmental organization Kurdistan Without Genocide and Colors for Freedom are organizing a series of activities at the margins of a raising capacity project on the International Criminal Court. The following activities are to take place between 25- 31 October, 2013.

- a. Series of lectures targetting lawyers, journalists and activists in five cities: These lectures will focus on explaining the work and jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC), and the importance of Iraq’s ratification to its founding treaty, the Rome Statute.

Lectures Schedule	
Date, Time.	Location
October 26, 2013- 10am	Kirkouk, komalay ronakbere Hall
October 26, 2013- 3pm	Kalar, Public Library Hall
October 27, 2013- 10am	Halabja, Memorial Hall
October 27, 2013- 3pm	Suleimaniya,CDO Hall
October 28, 2013- 10am	chamchamal- Anfal Memorial Hall

b. Regional conference on the “Prospects of Iraq’s ratification to the Rome Statute”

An international conference on the “Prospects of Iraq’s ratification to the Rome Statute” is to take place on the 29th of October in Chwar Chra hotel, Erbil.

Agenda	
9.00	Registration
9:30 - 10:00	<p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speech on behalf of the organizing committee, Mr. Ali Mohammad Mahmoud (5mn). - Speech by his Excellency Mr. Aram Mahmoud, Minister of Martyrs (5mn). - Speech on behalf of the Civil Society Department delivered by Mr. Shwan Mahmoud (5mn). - Speech on behalf of the Kurdish Organizations’ Coalition for the ICC delivered by Mr. Iyad Kakayi (5mn).
10:00 - 11:15	<p>Session 1: ICC ‘s historical background and mandate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The establishment of ICC / Rome Statute, Ms. Amal Nassar -- Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) (15mn) - The Jurisdiction limits of the ICC, Mr. Shafiq Haji (15mn) - Victims’ rights before the ICC, Ms. Maya Dghaidi – Centre for Defending Civil Rights and Liberties (15mn) - Discussion (30mn)
11:15 - 11:40	<i>Coffee break & refreshments</i>
11:40 - 13:00	<p>Session 2: The Middle East and the International Criminal Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagement of the ICC in the region, Ms Diala Chehade -- Peace & Justice Initiative (15mn) - ICC Arrest Warrant against Al-Bashir, Ms. Sarah Hasan (15mn) - Crime of Aggression, Dr. Ahmad Abdallah El-Madi (15mn)

	- Discussion (35mn)
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 - 15:15	<p>Session 3: Prospects of Iraq's Ratification to the Rome Statute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Duty of Iraqi government to ratify the Rome Statute, Dr. Bayan Azizi (15mn) - Civil Society's role to push for ratification, Mr. Hassan Shaaban (15mn) - The future prospects for Justice & Accountability in Iraq, Mr. Maher Al-Ta'i (15mn) - Discussion (30mn)
15:15 - 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 - 16:00	<p>Closure remarks and recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remarks on behalf of the organizing committee, Mr. Ali Mohammad Mahmoud (5mn). - Remarks by his Excellency Mr. Aram Mahmoud, Minister of Martyrs (5mn). - Remarks on behalf of the Civil Society Department delivered by Mr. Shwan Mahmoud (5mn). - Remarks on behalf of the Kurdish Organizations' Coalition for the ICC delivered by Mr. Iyad Kakayi (5mn).

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