



INVITATION

Lunch Seminar/Conference: UNSC 2020 & 2050 - Reforming the UN Security Council

When: 15 June 2016, 13:00 - 16:30

Where: 777 United Nations Plaza (Church Center of the United Nations, Corner of 1st Avenue and 44th Street), New York City

70 years after its creation, the UN Security Council is still plagued by structural and procedural failures. There has been greater authorization of peace operations, peacekeeping, and peace architecture in the last twenty years, yet there is wide recognition that the UN, Security Council and the international community are fundamentally failing in maintaining international peace and security. From Rwanda to Syria, from Eastern Europe to Asia, the UN Security Council is failing to protect millions of innocent civilians and refugees.

There is a widespread agreement that the Security Council must reform - but how? This half-day conference will bring together key experts for an interactive dialogue on the subjects. The ambassadors, former ministers, NGOs and academic UN specialists will include:

- **H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser** – leader of the ACT initiative on the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council actions against genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN.
- **H.E. Ms. Raimonda Murmokaitė** - President of the United Nations Security Council for February 2014 and May 2015; Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the UN.
- **H.E. Prof. Ibrahim Gambari** - Co-Chair, Commission on Global Security, Justice & Governance; former Foreign Minister of Nigeria; former Head of the UN and AU Hybrid Mission in Darfur (UNAMID)



- **Prof. Thomas Weiss** - Author: *Governing the World? Addressing “Problems without Passports*; Director Emeritus of the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, CUNY.
- **Prof. William Durch** - Research Director, Commission on Global Security, Justice, and Governance; Director, Future of Peace Operations Program, Stimson Center.
- **Ms. Nicole Fritz** - African Futures and Innovation Program, Institute for Security Studies (ISS), Pretoria, South Africa; Founding Executive Director, Southern African Litigation Centre.
- **Prof. Joseph Schwartzberg** – Author: *Transforming the United Nations System*. Director, Workable World Trust.
- **Mr. William R. Pace** - Executive Director, World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP); Convenor, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC).

This discussion will **not** dwell on positions within the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council Reform. Indeed the sponsors are striving for innovative, but achievable, views for the next five years and for the long-term. They aim for a discussion that considers not only what reforms are needed, but how these can be advanced.

For example, the Security Council and General Assembly have adopted important resolutions in the last month, calling for specific steps to be taken during the next four years to implement the recommendations of the reports on peace operations; peacebuilding; and women, peace, and security. Concrete integration of these mandates for prevention and sustainable peace must be achieved, also within the framework of the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*.

We are separating our Security Council reform meeting into two segments:

The first segment will address the subject of the **UN Security Council 2016-2020**. The General Assembly and Council resolutions call for reviews and steps in the 71st-74th GA sessions, leading to the **75th anniversary and summits in 2020**. And what should the crucial five years of negotiations leading to September 2020 look like? We will consider the reviews, Security Council expansion, and working methods of the Security Council.

The second part of the meeting will look further into the 21st century, to the **UN Security Council at 2050**, and ask what kind of Security Council and UN mandate should exist at that time. The discussion will focus on strategies, opportunities and risks in **closing the gap between the Security Council we have and the Security Council the world needs, while avoiding that the 21st century repeat the 20th century - the most violent and war-ridden in history**.



The meeting will take place on **15 June 2016, from 13:00-16:30, at the Church Center, 777 United Nations Plaza**, on the corner of 1st Avenue and 44th Street.

The event is co-organized by the World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy, the Workable World Trust and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

A light lunch will be served.

As seating is limited, please RSVP at your earliest convenience to events@wfm-igp.org.