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Mr Alpha Sesay is the legal officer for international justice for Open Society Justice Initiative based in The Hague. Prior to joining Justice Initiative full time, Mr Sesay held the post of Trial Monitor on Justice Initiative’s Charles Taylor Trial Monitoring project for which he wrote thematic commentaries and analysis on the work of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and other international criminal justice, human rights and humanitarian law issues as related to the Charles Taylor case. Mr Sesay has held various positions in the human rights and international justice sectors—as a legal assistant/officer of the Morris Kallon Defence Team at the Special Court for Sierra Leone; as a human rights lecturer at the University of Sierra Leone; and as a consultant on the Human Rights Watch’s International Justice Program.

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Bente Scheller (Heinrich Böll Foundation Afghanistan)

Since October 2008, Bente Aika Scheller was country director of HBS Afghanistan. Before joining HBS, she spent two years working for the German foreign office at the German embassy in Damascus, Syria, taking care of political affairs. Later on, she worked as senior program officer for Syria at the Aspen Institute Berlin. Ms Scheller specializes in foreign and security policy and holds a PhD in political science from Free University of Berlin where she also did Arabic, Spanish and Latin American studies. Bente Scheller frequently comments on current affairs in the German media. In 2009 and 2011, she did a conflict portrait of Afghanistan for the Federal Center for Political Education in Germany in 2009. She represented HBS Kabul in the World Economic Forum in Krynica in 2009 as moderator of the Afghanistan panel and she participated in the German Marshall Fund's prestigious Brussels Forum in March 2010 and 2011.

David Crane (Syracuse University, USA)

Mr Crane was the Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone from April 2002 until July 15, 2005. During his tenure, he indicted, among others, the then-President of Liberia, Charles Taylor. Crane was replaced as chief prosecutor by his deputy Desmond de Silva. Mr Crane spent 30 years working for the US federal government. His posts included Director of the Office of Intelligence Review, assistant general counsel of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Waldemar A. Solf Professor of International Law at the US Army Judge Advocate Generals School. Mr Crane has a law degree from Syracuse University College of Law and a MA in African Studies from Ohio University. Mr Crane was appointed Professor of Practice at Syracuse University College of Law in 2006. He teaches international criminal law, international law, national security law and the law of armed conflict.

Gianluca Eramo (NPWJ)

Gianluca Eramo is No Peace Without Justice Coordinator of the Middle East and North Africa democracy Program and the Head of the New York Office. Since September 2011, he also covers the roles of Head of the NPWJ’s US Office and NPWJ Representative to the UN in New York. Prior to joining NPWJ, he worked from 2001 to 2004 as political advisor at the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium; and in 2005 as legal advisor at the Piedmont Regional Council in Turin, Italy.
Glyn Morgan (UK / The Netherlands)
Glyn Morgan works as an independent consultant, helping emerging and post-conflict societies countries to establish war crimes accountability and criminal intelligence capacity and currently provides analysis training for the Institute for International Criminal Investigations. He started his career in 1982 as an Infantry officer in the British Army where he specialised in reconnaissance and intelligence. On leaving the army he joined the UK police and worked for five years as an intelligence analyst on complex organised crime cases involving commercial fraud, drug trafficking and facilitated illegal immigration. He joined ICTY in 1995 on secondment from the UK Foreign Ministry where he established the 'Serb warring factions' desk within the Military Analysis Team in the Investigations Department. Three years later Mr Morgan became the senior intelligence analyst in the Bosnian-Serb Leadership case, coordinating the intelligence relating to President Karadzic and General Mladic. He also provided intelligence consultancy to ICTR. In 2001 Mr Morgan joined Europol- the EU criminal intelligence agency- where he performed a number of roles as a project manager and a senior intelligence officer, including three years as the Liaison Officer for the Western Balkans.

Greta Barbone (KADEM / NPWJ Tunisia)
Greta Barbone is based in Tunis since 2011, on secondment from NPWJ to Al-Kawakibi Democracy Transition Centre (KADEM). In this capacity, she has been coordinating a 2-year project on transitional justice jointly implemented by NPWJ and KADEM and has also been working on NPWJ’s broader engagement in the country. Prior to her posting in Tunis, Ms Barbone has been working at NPWJ from January 2009 as Program Associate on international and transitional justice as well as on female genital mutilation, conducting advocacy and implementing program activities. She has been participating and leading in-country missions as well as liaising closely with partners in various countries, including Burkina Faso, DRC, European Union States, Kenya, Kosovo, Qatar, Sierra Leone, South Africa, the United States of America, Tunisia and Uganda. Before joining NPWJ, Ms Barbone interned at HRW and worked as Associate at Bonelli Erede Pappalardo Law Firm. Previously, she worked as Research Assistant of Public International Law at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy.

Hadi Al Khatib (Tactical Technologies Collective / Syria)
Hadi is Programme Coordinator at the Tactical Technologies Collective. Tactical Tech is an international NGO working at the point where rights advocacy meets information and technology. Our mission is to advance the skills, tools and techniques of rights advocates; empowering them to use technology and information to bring about social, environmental and political change. Hadi has been been working in the protection field with various international organisations
in the Middle East since 2006, including Medicins Sans Frontieres and the Danish Refugee Council. Before joining Tactical Tech, Hadi co-founded a locally based nongovernmental organisation, Volunteer for Jordan, promoting youth participation in and support for civil society. He holds a bachelors degree in economics from the University of Tishreen, Syria.

Hubert Tshiswaka Masoka (DR Congo)

Mr Masoka is the Programme Manager: Regional and International Advocacy for the DRC at the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA). Before that, he was a committed Human Rights defender in DRC working in Katanga for the Association Africaine de Défense des Droits de l'Homme (ASADHO) and as Executive Director of Action against impunity for Human Rights (ACIDH). He sits on the Board of Directors of ACIDH, the Forum of Congolese Non-Governmental Organizations based in South Africa (FOCAS), non profit association of Kasai community in South Africa (Cokas), Columbia Human Rights Advocates Group at Columbia University, and Rights and Accountability in Development (RAID) based in Oxford). Mr Tshiswaka has contributed a paper to this meeting.

Jeremy Sarkin (South Africa) (paper circulated)

Mr Sarkin is a member of the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, appointed in 2008. He has undergraduate and postgraduate law degrees from South Africa, a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School and a Doctor of Laws degree on comparative and international law. He is admitted to practice as attorney in the USA and South Africa. He is an Extraordinary Professor of Law at the University of South Africa (UNISA). He served as National Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee of South Africa from 1994-1998. He served as an acting judge in 2002 and 2003 in the Cape High Court. He has worked on constitutional and transitional issues in many countries. He is a member of various journal editorial boards, including Human Rights Quarterly, Inter-American and European Human Rights Journal, Human Rights and International Legal Discourse, and the International Review of Criminal Law. He has published 14 books and over 200 journal articles on international law and human rights issues. His most recent books are “Reconciliation in Divided Societies: Finding Common Ground” (2007), “Human Rights in African Prisons” (2008), “Reparations for Colonial Genocides” (2009); and “Germany’s Genocide of the Herero” (2011). Mr Sarkin has contributed a paper for this meeting.

Luis Fondebrider (Argentina)

Mr Fondebrider is an Argentine forensic anthropologist, co-founder and current president of the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team (EAAF), an international human rights organization founded in 1984 with headquarters in Buenos Aires, Argentina and a span of work across 40 countries. EAAF sheds light on human rights violations, thus
contributing to the search for truth, justice, reparation, and prevention of further violations. Team members serve as expert witnesses, technical consultants, and train forensic experts to continue work in their own countries. Particularly, Mr Fondebrider specializes in the historical investigation of cases of political violence, archaeological exhumation of individual and mass graves, and analysis of human remains in order to identify them and to help to establish the cause of death. He also teaches forensic anthropology at the annual course of Legal Medicine of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Buenos Aires.

**Mercedes Salado Puerto (Argentina)**

She is graduated and PHD in Biology at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, specializing in Genetics first, and later in Anthropology. After working for a couple of years in Guatemala, she was incorporated to the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team (EAAF). She participated in numerous international missions: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Chipre, Guatemala, Irán, Irak, Marruecos, Sudan, Timor, among others. She was a professor of Forensic Anthropology in many Latin American countries and she has published various works in her expertise.

**Maxine Marcus (The Netherlands)**

Maxine Marcus is an international criminal prosecutor and investigator who has worked for the past fourteen years in the ICL field, in Chad (for Darfur), Sierra Leone, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Kosovo, Ingushetia/Chechnya, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia (Gambella), and Guinea. For the past six years she has served as a prosecuting attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. From 2003 to 2005 Max served as lead investigating attorney for the Civil Defence Forces prosecution team in the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Max regularly serves as legal counsel and trainer for judges, prosecutors, police, military, international and local NGOs and NGOs, and community-based organisations in international criminal law, international criminal investigations and prosecutions, evidence in war crimes trials, international human rights law, and international and hybrid tribunals, and she has particular expertise in the investigation and prosecution of crimes of sexual violence under international criminal law. Max's experience includes work in the context of NGOs (International Rescue Committee, Human Rights Watch, Coalition for International Justice, Article 19, Open Society Institute, Aegis Trust), UN agencies (UNICEF, UNHCR, UNIFEM) and International Criminal Tribunals (ICTY and Special Court for Sierra Leone). In November and December 2009 Max was seconded by ICTY through UNIFEM to the UN Commission of Inquiry for Guinea as the gender and international criminal law advisor.

**Michael Gibb (Oxford University, UK)**

Dr Gibb is a philosophy Lecturer at the University of Oxford on topics including human rights and justice. He has extensive human rights field operations experience, having recently been No Peace Without Justice's
Project Coordinator in Libya and having worked for various human rights organizations in Iraq, Libya, Kenya, and the Caucasus. He holds a PhD in Ethics and Political Philosophy from the University of Oxford and has published several books and articles on topics in transitional justice (Closing the Gap, NPWJ), and has provided expertise to the media, including the BBC, the Huffington Post, and the Guardian.

Mohammad Al Abdallah (Syria)
Mohammad Al Abdallah is the Executive Director of the Syria Justice and Accountability Center (SJAC). He is a Syrian human rights and democracy researcher and activist. He received an LL.B (Bachelors of Law) from the Lebanese University in 2007. Mr. Al Abdallah is also a freelance journalist and contributes to several Arabic newspapers. He previously worked as a research assistant for Human Rights Watch in Beirut from July 2007 to January 2009 where he covered Syria. Mr. Al Abdallah is a former political prisoner who was imprisoned in Syria on two separate occasions for his work defending human rights and lobbying for political reform. He moved to the United States in February 2009 after he was granted political asylum. Mohammad has been involved in the Syrian revolution since its early weeks in Daraa and became one of the revolution's most well-known media faces outside of Syria. He is one of Syria's early observers of human rights violations, including observing the Supreme State Security Court, internet freedom in Syria, and documenting and reporting on cases of torture and ill-treatment.

Mustafa Haid (Syria)
Mustafa Haid is a human rights activist from Damascus and the founder of Dawlaty. He was banned from travel from 2007 to 2011 and is currently exiled in Beirut. He served at the Damascus Center for Human Rights Studies, and led social media campaigns related to human rights and gender equality in Syria as local partner of the Swedish NGO SIPU. Since March 2011, Haid advocates for the Syrian uprising, documents testimonies for human rights organizations, assists foreign journalists in Syria, and runs social media sites supporting the uprising with non-violent strategies.

Nader Nadery (Afghanistan / Libya)
Mr. Nadery is former Commissioner at the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission and the Head of Mission of NPWJ program in Libya. He represented Afghan Civil Society at the UN peace talks for Afghanistan in the Bonn Conference 2001. Mr. Nadery works also as the Chairperson of Fair and Free Election Foundation of Afghanistan, and he is a member of advisory board to Open Society Institute (OSI) Afghanistan programs. He has written extensively on politics and human rights in Afghanistan and is a member of Board of Editors of the Oxford
Journal on Transitional Justice. He served as Spokesperson for the national grand assembly (Loya Jerga) in 2002. Prior to his appointment at the AIHRC he worked as country director for the international human rights law group (Global Rights). Mr. Nadery won several international awards and was recognized as an "Asian Hero" by Time Magazine in 2004. He was also a 21 Young Asia Leader's fellow with the Asia Society and is a member of its international council. The World Economic Forum recognized Mr. Nadery as Young Global Leader in 2008. He studied law and political sciences at the Kabul University and earned his masters degree on International Affairs from George Washington University.

**Najla Elmanghoush (USIP Libya) (paper circulated)**

Ms Elmanghoush is currently the local representative of the United States Institute of Peace in Libya. She volunteered as the head of the Public Engagement Unit within the Executive Office of the National Transitional Council (NTC), which handles outreach with newly emerging civil society organizations, and has organized seminars to raise political awareness and organized Libya’s first conference for civil society. A lawyer by training, Ms. Elmanghoush has worked in that capacity in the private sector, and as a lecturer at Garyounis and Fatah University. She also participated in teaching English to the disabled in the Libyan charitable association. She holds an M.A. in Criminal Law and B.A. in Law from Garyounis University in Libya. Ms Elmanghoush has contributed a paper to this meeting.

**Niccoló Figá-Talamanca (NPWJ)**

Niccoló Figá-Talamanca is the Secretary General of No Peace Without Justice. Niccolò holds a PhD in International Criminal Law from the University of Palermo, a LL.M. in International Law from the University of Nottingham, a Laurea in International Studies from the University of Bologna and a Bachelors of Arts with Honours from the University of Leeds. Niccolò joined No Peace Without Justice in May 1998 as Legal Counsel; since 2002 he served as Program Director, responsible for policy development and operational management of the projects. Before joining No Peace Without Justice, he was a Visiting Scholar at Columbia University in New York and worked for the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (now Human Rights First) as their International Criminal Court consultant. From 1995 to 1997, he clerked for Judge Sir Ninian Stephen, at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. In July 1998, he represented the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the Diplomatic Conference that adopted the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and at subsequent sessions of the Preparatory Commissions and the Assembly of States Parties. He has extensive field experience in human rights documentation and has led conflict mapping operations in various conflict and post-conflict countries. He has advised governments and institutions on the establishment and operating methodology of international criminal justice institutions and other accountability processes.
Nita Murtezaja (Kosovo)
Ms Murtezaja has worked for the United Nations on Elections, Human Rights and Democracy in Afghanistan and Nepal with the United Nations for nearly 8 years. She has been Head of Training for a Kosovar NGO providing assistance and support to women affected and traumatised by conflict and provided training on conflict mapping to the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission in 2005. Ms Murtezaja was also in charge of the Human Rights Violation Data Processing for No Peace Without Justice’s Sierra Leone “Conflict Mapping” Program based in Freetown from 2003. In the immediate aftermath of the Kosovo conflict in 1999, she was a Senior Interviewer with the International Crisis Group’s Humanitarian Law Documentation Project in Kosovo, working in particular on minority cases. She has also served as a trainer, a human rights monitor, a civil affairs officer and as a language assistant for a wide range of organisations in several different countries.

Nicole Fritz (South Africa)  (paper circulated)
Ms Fritz is currently executive director of the Southern Africa Litigation Centre and a lecturer at the University of Pretoria’s Centre for Human Rights, on the advisory board of the African Human Rights Law Reports and on the editorial board of the Constitutional Court Review. She obtained her LL.B. (cum laude) from the University of the Witwatersrand and thereafter completed an LL.M. in international legal studies at New York University School of Law as a Hauser Global Scholar. She has taught constitutional and international law at the University of the Witwatersrand School of Law and human rights law at Fordham University School of Law in New York. Ms Fritz has also worked at Fordham’s Crowley Program in International Human Rights. She served as law clerk to Justice Richard Goldstone at the Constitutional Court of South Africa. Ms Fritz has contributed a paper to this meeting.

Rami Nakhla (Syria)
Rami Nakhla is the Executive Director of The Day After organization, which is providing technical support to the Syrian Opposition Coalition. He is also a member of the Syrian National Council. Since the beginning of the Syrian uprising in March 2011, Mr. Nakhla has kept up a flow of information about events inside Syria to inform the world about human rights violations and the regime’s atrocities against peaceful protesters. He serves as spokesperson of the Local Coordination Committees of Syria, organizing the protest movement in the country and documenting human rights abuses. In early 2010, in response to threats from the Syrian government’s security forces, he fled Syria to Lebanon. From Beirut, he continued his activities and coordination with activists on the ground and played a key role in Syria by organizing protests. For the past three years, he has conducted his work under an alias, Malath Aumran, to protect his identity. Mr. Nakhla has
worked to advocate political reform in Syria since the mid-2000s as a Syrian pro-democracy activist.

**Radwan Ziadeh (Syria)**
Founder and director of the Damascus Centre for Human Rights Studies in Syria and co-founder and executive director of the Syrian Centre for Political and Strategic Studies in Washington, D.C. He is the managing editor of the Transitional Justice in the Arab World Project. Previously, Ziadeh was editor-in-chief of *Tyarat* magazine in 2001–2002 and secretary of the Syrian Organization for Transparency. He was a researcher with the UNDP's "Syria 2025" project and was named best political scientist researcher in the Arab world by Jordan’s Abdulhameed Shoman Foundation in 2004; in 2009 he was awarded the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Academic Freedom award in Boston; and in 2010 he was awarded the Democracy Courage Tributes award on behalf of the Human Rights movement in Syria by the World Movement for Democracy at Jakarta-Indonesia. He was elected the director of Foreign relation office for the Syrian National Council SNC the main umbrella for the Syrian opposition until he resigned. A Visiting Scholar at various International Universities around the world, and written and published many books and articles on Politics and Human rights.

**Salvatore Carrara (Italy)**
General Carrara is a retired Brigadier General of the Italian Army. In 1989, he was appointed as Military Attaché of the Italian Embassy in Washington D.C.. In 1992, he was sent to Somalia as Chief of Staff of the Italian Task Force in the Operation Restore Hope. In 2000, he was appointed as NATO Deputy Commander of the Multinational Peace Forces in Kosovo for 8 months. In 2004, General Carrara was sent to Iraq by the Italian Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defense, as Military Advisor for the Italian Special Diplomatic Delegation to Baghdad and with the role of Ministry of the Section “Italian Interests in Iraq”. In July 2010, he was appointed by the UN Secretary-General as Co-Chair of the International Commission of Inquiry in Haiti that investigated the incidents at Les Cayes Prison. General Carrara has had an important role in many conferences related with the Human Rights, the Crime against the Humanity and the War’s crimes.

**Spence Spencer (IILHR, USA)**
William “Spence” Spencer III Spence Spencer is Executive Director of the Institute for International Law and Human Rights. Spencer has more than 25 years of professional experience in international diplomacy, human rights, democracy and governance, international law, and crisis management and response, both in and out of government. He is intimately familiar with post-conflict rebuilding
and peace and constitutional negotiations in the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Mr. Spencer served as a US Foreign Service Officer from 1987 to 2000, concentrating on elections and human rights in the former Yugoslavia and transitional justice issues. He served as a delegate to the Rome Conference to establish an International Criminal Court and has represented the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe in a number of capacities. From 2001 to 2005, he was a senior manager at International Resources Group, a consulting firm with experience in over 120 countries, and served as Washington Director for the Public International Law & Policy Group from 2005 to 2007. Mr. Spencer has extensive experience in Afghanistan and Iraq, from reporting on Afghanistan’s human rights and democracy landscape in the aftermath of the fall of the Taliban, to providing the first international legal training to Afghan judges, police and prosecutors. In Iraq, he has worked closely with the government of Iraq and civil society leaders on a wide range of Constitutional, legislative and human rights issues since 2005, concentrating on building responsive institutions to respect human rights and developing tools to protect Iraq's minorities and other vulnerable groups including women, children, and the disabled.

Stefano Moschini (NPWJ Libya)

Mr Moschini is No Peace Without Justice's Libya Program Coordinator, based in Tripoli. He graduated in Law from Rome “La Sapienza” University in 1999, then received an M.A. in Humanitarian Assistance from the University of Deusto, Spain (NOHA Program, Network on Humanitarian Assistance). He has extensive experience in humanitarian assistance, both in development and emergency interventions, having worked on a number of specific projects, in Angola, Bolivia, Lebanon, Syria and Kenya. He has also taken part to various missions as an International Delegate of the Italian Red Cross (Guatemala, Iran, Sri Lanka). Moreover, he served for three years No Peace Without Justice, as the Assistant to the President and was involved in all association’s activities with missions to Gibuti, Yemen, Morocco.

Steven Heydemann (USIP)

Steven Heydemann serves as Senior Adviser for Middle East Initiatives at USIP. He was principle facilitator of The Day After, a Syrian-led transition planning project which remains active. Heydemann is a political scientist who specializes in the comparative politics and the political economy of the Middle East, with a particular focus on Syria. His interests include authoritarian governance, economic development, social policy, political and economic reform and civil society. From 2003 to 2007, Heydemann directed the Center for Democracy and Civil Society at Georgetown University. From 1997 to 2001, he was an associate professor in the department of political science at Columbia University. Earlier, from 1990-1997, he directed the Social Science Research Council's Program on International Peace and Security and Program on the Near and Middle East.
Victor Ochen (Uganda)

In 2005 Mr Ochen established the African Youth Initiative Network (AYINET) with a mission to “mobilize and strengthen youth and community's participation in promoting Peace and Justice.” AYINET primarily works to rehabilitate victims of physical and/or psychological injury as a result of severe human rights violations. AYINET’s second focus is on youth leadership development. AYINET trains and mobilizes youth leaders throughout Uganda to participate in peace building and advocacy for human rights and justice. AYINET also hosts and is a member of the Ugandan Victim’s Foundation (UVF), a coalition of civil society organisations dedicated to advocating for victims' rights. As Founding Director, Victor spearheads the direction and implementation of AYINET’s mission. Mr Ochen has consistently supported and promoted the role of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in Uganda. During 2010, AYINET helped coordinate a series of visits to Uganda by delegates of States Parties of the ICC to meet with victims of grave violations. Victor was instrumental in the establishment of ‘victim’s drama groups’ which use drama and dance a method of rehabilitation and reintegration.

Wafa Ben Haj Omar (Tunisia)

Is Director of International Programs at Al-Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center (KADEM) in Tunis. She is also a KADEM founding member. From 2008-2012, Ben Haj Omar occupied the position of Director of Research and Programs at the Doha- based Arab Democracy Foundation (ADF). In 2007-2008, Ben Haj Omar served as a Program Officer at Freedom House where she ran the program "A New Generation of Advocates for Political Reform in Egypt." In 2006, Ben Haj Omar earned a Fulbright scholarship to Brown University in the US, where she conducted research and taught at the Department of English. Ben Haj Omar was Assistant Professor of Contemporary US and GB Literatures for 7 years at the Higher Institute for Humanities, University of Tunis. She holds a master's degree in US Literature and is pursuing a doctorate degree in Contemporary American Literature from the University of Tunis.