



The Chicago Bar Association Presents

DARFUR: A Humanitarian Disaster

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Monday, May 14, 2007
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

The Standard Club
320 S. Plymouth Ct.
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DARFUR THROUGH THE EYES OF ITS WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Looking at Darfur through the eyes of women - the primary care givers of the young, old and ill, as well as spouses and extended family groups, housekeepers, foragers, health care providers and nurturers of the future. How do women both experience and perceive the totality of what happens to a country, a society, its members, its productivity, its future? How do children experience and perceive a tragedy like Darfur.

Panelists:

Professor Bernadine Dohn, *Clinical Associate Professor of Law Director, Children and Family Justice Center*

Dohn is a child advocate who teaches, lectures and writes about children's law and justice, the needs and rights of children and youth, and international human rights.

Dr. Mary Fabri, *Clinical Psychologist and Director of Torture Treatment Services and International Training, Marjorie Kovler Center of Heartland Alliance*

Fabri has provided consultation and training internationally on the impact of cultural issues, torture and secondary traumatization.

Jessica Darrow, *PhD Student, Masters Candidate, The School of Social Service Administration*

Darrow recently worked in the Congolese refugee camps in Rwanda with the American Refugee Committee. She has taught HIV/AIDS and reproductive health extensively in East and Southern Africa.

Jan Schakowsky, *United States House of Representatives, Illinois 9th Congressional District*

Schakowsky serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee, where she is ranking member of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection. She also serves on the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

Paul Salopek, *Reporter, Chicago Tribune (Live From Africa)*

Salopek is a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning writer, receiving the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for his work covering Africa in 2001. In 2006, he was detained in Darfur, Sudan by Sudanese government officials while on a freelance assignment for National Geographic magazine. His detainment ignited a world-wide controversy which ended with all reporters who were detained under such charges being released by the Sudanese government.

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DARFUR COMPARED TO SIERRA LEONE FEATURING “BLOOD DIAMOND” EXCERPTS

Ambassador Bindenagel will discuss the lessons learned from Sierra Leone and how they may be applied to Darfur. He will comment on the movie “Blood Diamond,” which has shown us that action, rather than more high-sounding, but empty calls, is needed to halt genocide. Noble stances covering self-interest are no excuse for inaction. Concerted action to prevent terrorism, genocide, and war by addressing diamonds in Sierra Leone or oil in the Sudan is where we need to focus our moral outrage. After all, genocide must be conceived, planned and implemented. But action to stop it can take many forms: remembrance of earlier genocides, education to respect human dignity, sanctions to cut off funding for atrocities, and military intervention.

Speaker:

Ambassador J.D. Bindenagel, *Vice President, Community, Governmental and International Affairs, DePaul University*

Bindenagel was appointed in 1999 by President Clinton as U.S. ambassador and special envoy for Holocaust issues. He was also a special U.S. negotiator for “Conflict Diamonds,” leading a U.S. government interagency group to create a certification process to prevent proceeds from sales of illicit rough “conflict” diamonds from financing insurrections against legitimate governments in Africa.

EFFORTS BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND NATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, TO STOP GENOCIDE AND VIOLENCE

Who is responsible for the development and continuation of violence in the Darfur region, and is it proper only to speak of Darfur as opposed to the region? What are the complications of regional and international politics in the conflict and in the ability to deal with it?

For those of us unable directly to affect the actions of our government, what tools are available to influence policy, and how effective are they? For example, how effective is the pressure which is being brought to bear on U.S. business and educational interests for their support of the Sudanese government.

Panelists:

John Heffernan, *Genocide Prevention Initiative Director, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Committee on Conscience*

Heffernan oversees the Museum’s public outreach initiatives and activities including conducting research on and documenting instances of genocide, developing genocide response strategies and spearheading campaigns to build public awareness of and reaction to instances of genocide. For the past four years, he has been a Senior Investigator and Communications Associate with Physicians for Human Rights, where he designed and implemented advocacy strategy on the crisis in Darfur.

Professor Douglass W. Cassel, *Director, Notre Dame Center for Civil and Human Rights*

Cassel is currently involved with efforts to strengthen the Inter-American system for protection of human rights and to ensure respect for human rights in counter-terrorism programs.

Dr. Babafemi Akinrinade, *Post-Doctoral Instructor, Human Rights Program, University of Chicago*

Akinrinade’s research interests include state collapse and human rights, transitional justice, international humanitarian law, and the political, security and socioeconomic relations of African States.

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Registration Form

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REGISTER ME FOR DARFUR: A HUMANITARIAN DISASTER

- Darfur Through the Eyes of Its Women & Children (free)
- Darfur Compared to Sierra Leone Luncheon - \$65 per person (# of tickets _____)
- Efforts by the United Nations and Nations to Stop Genocide and Violence (free)

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- Mail to: Tamra Drees, 321 S. Plymouth Ct., Chicago, IL 60604
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