Agenda

Third Plenary Meeting of the Montreux Document Forum (MDF)

Geneva, 27-28 April 2017, WTO (Room S3)

Thursday, 27 April

Session 1: open to all States, international organisations and civil society

15.00-15.30	**1. Welcome and introduction by the Co-Chairs of the MDF**

Dr. Helen DURHAM, Director of International Law and Policy, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Ambassador Jürg LINDENMANN, Directorate of International Law, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

15.30-16.15	**2. Keynote speakers: overview of the industry and challenges for regulation**

Dr. Laura DICKINSON, Professor of Law, George Washington University School of Law

Prof. Laurence JUMA, Professor & Deputy Dean, Faculty of Law, Rhodes University, South Africa

16.15-17.45	**3. Perspectives on opportunities and challenges for the regulation of private military and security companies: where do we stand?**

Mapping Study on national implementation of the Montreux Document
Anna Marie BURDZY, DCAF, Geneva

National experience in regulating PMSCs
Ambassador Christian GUILLERMET-FERNANDÉZ, Director General of

Foreign Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Costa Rica

Existing standards and initiatives at the international level
Rebecca DEWINTER-SCHMITT, Senior Managing Director, Human Analytics

International initiatives in business and human rights
Anita RAMASASTRY, expert member of the UN Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

Interactive discussion: question and answers

18.00-19.00   Cocktail (WTO)

Friday, 28 April

Session 2: open to all States and international organisations and, on invitation to panel 7, civil society

09.00-09.45   **4. The Legislative and Contract Guidance Tools to assist States in regulating PMSCs: introduction and discussion on practical national implementation tools**

Anna Marie BURDZY, DCAF, Geneva

09.45-11.15   **5. Small group breakout sessions: exchange of experiences on the regulation of PMSCs among Contracting, Territorial, Home and all other States**

Two breakout sessions will be held in parallel in smaller groups; each session will address the following three issues:
➢ *Terms of contract/authorisation and rules on the provision of services by PMSCs and their personnel (Montreux Document Good Practices 14-18, 40-42, 43-45 and 67)*
➢ *Monitoring compliance and ensuring accountability (Montreux Document Good Practices 19-23, 46-52 and 68-73)*
➢ *Other aspects related to the implementation of the Montreux Document*

11.15-11.45   Coffee break

11.45-12.15   **6. Wrap-up of breakout sessions by rapporteurs**

12.15-13.15   Light lunch

13.15-14.30   **7. The use of PMSCs by humanitarian actors: informal exchange with the United Nations and civil society**

Lisa REILLY, Director, European Inter-Agency Security Forum

Kate McGRANE, Senior Humanitarian Policy Advisor, Norwegian Refugee

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Abraham MATHAI, Chief Security Adviser, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), representing UN Department of Safety and Security/UN Security Management System

14.30-15.00   Coffee break

Session 3: open to Montreux Document participants only

15.00-16.15   **8. Plenary discussion on concrete steps for the way forward: supporting the promotion and implementation of the Montreux Document**

> *Building on outreach at the national, regional and multilateral levels: exchange of views on ways to increase support for the Montreux Document*
> *Exchange of views on needs related to the implementation of the Montreux Document:*
> ▪ *Potential topics of interest for the MDF*
> ▪ *Development of additional guidance tools*
> ▪ *Identification of needs relating to training, technical assistance and cooperation*

16.15-16.30   **9. Report of the Chair of the Working Group on the International Code of Conduct Association**

16.30-16.45   **10. Election of the Members of the Group of Friends and Chairs of the Working Groups**

16.45-16.50   **11. Any other business**

16.50-17.00   **12. Conclusions and next steps (by the Co-Chairs of the MDF)**