

The Responsibility to Protect and the Prevention of Atrocity Crimes in the Middle East and North Africa 18-19 December 2014 Amman, Jordan

A two-day workshop on *The Responsibility to Protect and the Prevention of Atrocity Crimes in the Middle East and North Africa*

will

take place in Amman, Jordan on 18-19 December 2014. The workshop is organized by The United Nations Office on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect, the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect, and the Permanent Peace Movement. It aims to increase understanding of the Responsibility to Protect norm and atrocity prevention among civil society organizations in the Middle East and Northern Africa as well as to provide a forum for participants to engage in strategic discussions to identify entry points and actions for the advancement of mass atrocities prevention in the region.

To achieve the goals of the workshop, panel sessions will be held with distinguished participants. Selected panel topics include the role of States, international and regional organizations and non-state actors in protecting populations from atrocity crimes; identifying and analyzing risk factors for prevention; protection from atrocity crimes at the community level; and developing strategies for the implementation of RtoP in the Middle East and Northern Africa region. The workshop will contribute to the increased understanding of the RtoP norm and promote greater engagement of civil society with advancement of mass atrocity prevention in the region.