

WFUNA Conference on RtoP in New Delhi World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) and Indian Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA)

Date: TBD

WFUNA and the Indian Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA) will be inviting budding activists, academics and UN and government officials to a daylong Conference on the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) in New Delhi, India. This event is a follow up to our Symposium Series WFUNA held in 2011 and the beginning of 2012 in Kenya, China and Venezuela in conjunction with the Government of Sweden which looked at the Responsibility to Protect and its added value to mass atrocity prevention framework. This year the Informal General Assembly Dialogue on R2P will focus on third pillar measures of R2P. The basic principle of R2P rests on the understanding that state sovereignty implies responsibility and the primary responsibility for the protection of its people lies with the state itself. Where, however, a population is suffering serious harm and the state in question is unable to halt or avert it, the principle of non-intervention and national sovereignty yields to the international responsibility to protect (ICISS 2001). In light of the recent developments in Libya and Syria questions have emerged as to how the international community should employ their responsibility and when third pillar measures should be used.

The Conference will ask key members of the UN community, civil society members, and government officials if, when and how it is suitable for the international community to intervene to protect civilians from mass atrocities. It will identify benefits of using the R2P framework and gaps in the current protection systems. This discussion will be followed by reflecting on the necessary steps that still need to be taken to ensure more effective implementation of R2P to prevent mass atrocities in the coming decade.

For more information on the Conference please contact our R2P Program Officer Laura at spano@wfuna.org

A date for the event has not been publically announced.

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