

International Corporate Liability in Conflict Zones

Translation English/French



Thursday, March 21, 2013

8 am - 6 pm

**Centre de conférence ministériel
Ministère des affaires étrangères
27, rue de la Convention
75015 Paris**



8:00 - 9:00 Welcome and Registration of Participants

9:00 - 9:30 Introduction and Opening Ceremony

Laurent Fabius, French Minister of State, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs
Charles H. Rivkin*, United States Ambassador in France and Monaco
Christian Charrière-Bournazel, President of the Conseil National des Barreaux
Laurel G. Bellows, President of the American Bar Association

Roundtable 1 Business and Human Rights

Moderator : **Bertrand Debosque**, President of the European and International Affairs Committee of the Conseil National des Barreaux

9:30 - 9:45 **A Framework for Business and Human Rights**
François Zimeray, French Ambassador for Human Rights

9:45 - 10:00 **International Criminal Law : A New Area of Responsibility for Business Leaders**
Elise Groulx, Ad.E., Boyle Litigation, Washington D.C., Of Counsel, Hincker & Associés, Founding and honorary president of the International Criminal Bar (ICB)

10:00 - 10:15 **Competent Jurisdictions on the Responsibility of Business Leaders and Corporations**
Ken Gallant, Law Professor, Bowen School of law at Little Rock

10:15 - 10:30 *Coffee Break*

Roundtable 2 Business and Responsibility : Due Diligence Responsibility of Businesses, the Role of Lawyers and Non-Governmental Organizations

Moderator : **Deborah Enix-Ross**, Chair, ABA Center for Human Rights

10:30 - 11:00 **Best Practice and Due Diligence for Corporations active in Conflict Zones**
Peter Herbel, General Counsel, Total S.A.
Jeffrey Collins, Senior Counsel, Compliance and Policy, Chevron Corporation

11:00 - 11:30 **Business, Human rights and the Role of Non-Governmental Organizations**
William Bourdon, Lawyer, President of Sherpa
Elisa Massimino, President & CEO, Human Rights First

11:30 - 12:00 **Professional liability of Corporate Lawyers Advising Clients who operate in Conflict Zones**
John Sherman III, General Counsel Secretary & Senior Advisor, Shift
Daniel Soulez-Larivière, Partner, Soulez-Larivière associés, Bar of Paris

12:00 - 12:30 Debate and Knowledge-Sharing

12:30 - 2:30

Lunch keynote addresses by Stephen J. Rapp, United States Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, Office of Global Criminal Justice, &
Ms Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

Roundtable 3

**Corporate Liability and the Respect of Human Rights :
Reponses from Different approaches ans various Jurisdictions**

2:30 - 3:45

North American Examples

Moderator :

Dennis E. Boyle, Partner, Boyle Litigation, Washington D.C.

Case Law on Business Liability under the US Alien Tort Claims Act

Ralph G. Steinhardt, Arthur Selwyn Miller Research Professor of Law and international Relations, George Washington University Law School

Michael D. Goldhaber, Senior International Correspondent, The American Lawyer & ALM Media

**Triggering Mechanisms of Criminal Liability and Civil Litigations -
New Developments in Canada against Corporations Operating in Conflict Zones**

Ian Binnie, Former Supreme Court Judge, Canada

Helene Dragatsi, Lawyer at the Bar of Quebec

The view of businesses

Mark Nordstrom, Senior Labor and Employment Counsel, General Electric Company (GE)

3:45 - 5:00

European Examples

Moderator :

Paul-Albert Iweins, Former President of the Conseil National des Barreaux,
Former President of the International Criminal Bar (ICB)

Judicial Investigations in France on Corporate Practices in Conflict Zones

Simon Foreman, Lawyer, President of the French Coalition for the International Criminal Court
French Investigation Magistrate

**Business Leaders Liability and Corporate Complicity when International
Crimes are committed – Cases of the Netherlands**

Martin Witteveen, Prosecution Expert in the EU Rule of Law mission in Palestine

Larissa Van Den Herik, Professor of Law at the University of Leiden

The view of businesses

Yannick Chalmé, President of Cercle Montesquieu

5:00 - 5:30

Debate and Knowledge-Sharing

5:30 - 6:00

Conclusion

Mireille Delmas-Marty, Professor at Collège de France

6:00

Closing Ceremony

Christian Charrière-Bournazel, President of the Conseil National des Barreaux

Laurel G. Bellows, President of the American Bar Association

**Subject to confirmation*

REGISTRATION FORM

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CONFERENCE:

- € 150* (VAT 19,6% included): Lawyer for less than 2 years
 - € 250* (VAT 19,6% included): Attendees (lawyers and others) sending its application form before February 20, 2013
 - € 300* (VAT 19,6% included): Attendees (lawyers and others) sending its application form after February 20, 2013
- * Entrance fees include the lunch attendance

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