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Human Rights are Essential to Peace

A celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

December 6, 2018

Time	Activity
12:00 – 12:15	**Welcome and Introduction of Speakers**
	Professor Ghassan ElKahlout – *Centre of Conflict & Humanitarian Studies, Doha Institute of Graduate Studies*
	Dr. AbdelSalam Sidahmed - *Head of the United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-west Asia and the Arab Region*
12:15 – 12:35	**Panel Discussion**
	- Human rights' violations as symptoms/causes that may likely lead to violence and conflict.
	- How to promote coherence and complementarity between enhancing peace and security and promoting human rights and ensuring their protection?
	- Is there an inherent tension between reaching a political settlement and ensuring accountability for human rights violations?
	- From a human rights perspective, what are the challenges and difficulties in ensuring a political settlement that leads to sustainable peace, and how can we address them?
	Keynote Speaker
	Dr. Sima Samar - *Chairperson of Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission; Former Special Rapporteur on Sudan*
12:35 – 12:55	**Moderator: Dr. Ghassan ElKahlout**
	Speakers
	Dr. Ghanim AlNajjar - *Professor of Political Science at Kuwait University, and Chair of the Board of Arab Human Rights Fund based in Beirut, Lebanon; former Special Rapporteur on Somalia*
	Ms. Aicha Loukhmas – *Lawyer; Human rights Defender [Morocco]*
12:55 – 13:45	**Open discussion**
13:45 – 14:00	**Concluding Observations**
	Dr. AbdelSalam Sidahmed – *Head of the United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-west Asia and the Arab Region*