



Maina Kiai

UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

Special Rapporteur Maina Kiai to speak at two events in New York

Nairobi (Oct. 28, 2013) – United Nations Special Rapporteur Maina Kiai is scheduled to speak at two panel discussions in New York City this week, following his presentation to the UN General Assembly in New York on Oct. 29.

The first event – “2010-2013: reflecting on the first three years of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association” – will take place on Oct. 30 at Room CR 6 NLB of the UN building.

The event will take stock of the work carried out during the first three years of Kiai’s mandate, including challenges to and opportunities for the promotion and protection of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.

It will be open to all those with access to the UN building. Other expected panelists include Samantha Power, US Ambassador to the United Nations in New York, Maria Dahle, Executive Director of Human Rights House Foundation and Ligia Bolivar, Director of the Human Rights Center of the Catholic University Andres Bello in Venezuela.

The second event – “Protecting Rights During Elections: A Unique Opportunity to Debate a Country’s Future” – will take place on Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. It will be held at the Millennium Hotel ONE UN near UN headquarters. It is open to delegates from UN permanent missions.

Other panelists include Miklós Haraszti, the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Belarus, Tatsiana Reviaka President of the Belarusian Human Rights House in Vilnius, Zhanna Litvina, chair of the Belarusian Association of Journalists, Maria Dahle, Executive Director of Human Rights House Foundation. The discussion will be moderated by Rachel Denber, Deputy Director of the Europe and Central Asia Division of Human Rights Watch.

More information is available [here](#).

On Oct. 29, Kiai will present his latest report to the UN General Assembly in New York. The August 2013 report addresses concerns about the exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the context of elections. The report is available in all six official UN languages [here](#).

For more information, please contact: media@freeassembly.net

“2010-2013: reflecting on the first three years of the UNSR mandate”

- Date: October 30, 2013
- Time: 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Location: Room CR 6 NLB, UN Building

“Protecting Rights During Elections: A Unique Opportunity to Debate a Country’s Future”

- Date: October 31, 2013
- Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Location: Millennium Hotel ONE UN New York