



Maina Kiai

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

Special Rapporteur Maina Kiai to speak in Montreal and Ottawa

Nairobi (Oct. 21, 2013) – United Nations Special Rapporteur Maina Kiai is scheduled to speak at two public events in Canada this week, ahead of his presentation to the UN General Assembly in New York on Oct. 29.

The first lecture – “Civil Society: Democracy, Dissent and the Law” – will take place on Oct. 23 at McGill University. The event is part of the university’s Macnaughton Lectures series, and will be hosted by the McGill Center for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism.

The lecture is free and open to the public, and will be held at Chancellor Day Hall, Maxwell Cohen Moot Court (NCDH 100), 3644 rue Peel, Montreal. It is scheduled to take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information on the Montreal event, please see [here](#).

The second lecture – “The Right to Protest: A Worldwide Perspective” – will be held at 5 p.m. on Oct. 24 at the University of Ottawa. It is being presented by the Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), the Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC), and Amnesty International Canada.

The lecture is free and open to the public, and will be held at the Social Sciences Building, 120 University Street, room 4004.

For more information on the Ottawa event, please see [here](#).

“These events are fantastic opportunities for engagement,” Kiai said. “They are of course a chance to share my observations on the challenges facing civil society worldwide, but I also look forward to hearing directly from Canadians about the situation in their country.”

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 [here](#).

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