

**Human Rights Defenders Policy Forum**  
A project of The Carter Center and Human Rights First  
Presents:

**Beyond Elections: Defending Human Rights in the Age of Democratization**  
The Carter Center, Atlanta, May 22-24, 2006

**MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006 (PRE-CONFERENCE PLANNING DAY) \*\*\***

- 8:30 a.m.                    **BUFFET BREAKFAST**  
*Location: Chapel Lobby*
- 9:30 a.m.                    Welcome  
                                 Karin Ryan – purpose of overall conference  
                                 Neil Hicks – purpose of Monday’s sessions  
                                 1. to analyze democratization efforts in each region  
                                 from a human rights perspective  
                                 2. to identify key conclusions and develop  
                                 recommendations to policy makers  
                                 3. to strategize on effective joint action
- 9:50 a.m.                    Regional Presentations (2 country presentations followed by  
                                 comments from other countries of the region)  
                                 **CIS** (Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Belarus)  
  
*Discussion: Moderated by Archi Pyati*
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m.        Break
- 11:15 – 12:30 a.m.        Regional Presentations (1 -2 country presentation from each region  
                                 followed by comments from other countries of the region)  
  
                                 **Middle East** (Tunisia, Egypt, Iran)  
                                 **Asia** (Afghanistan, Thailand, Indonesia)  
  
*Discussion: Moderated by Matt Easton*
- 12:30 p.m.                    **BUFFET LUNCH**  
                                 **Working Lunch: Carter Center Programs**  
                                 • Access to Information Project  
                                 • Observing Elections: standards and practice  
                                 • Campaign Finance and Media Mapping in Peru  
                                 Discussion, moderated by Karin Ryan  
*Location: Chapel (bring lunch to your seat)*

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Regional Presentations (2 country presentations followed by comments from other countries of the region)



**Featured Presenter:**

Representative of the World Bank (TBD)\*

Discussion, Moderated by Maureen Byrnes\*\*\*

3:15-3:30 p.m.

**BREAK**

*Location: Chapel Lobby*

3:30-5:00 p.m.\*\*\*

**Wrap-Up Discussion**

Moderated by President Carter and Louise Arbour

5:10-5:30 p.m.

**RECEPTION**

*Location: Cyprus Foyer*

5:30-6:45 p.m.

**SEATED DINNER**

At the World Bank: TBD

In the European Union: Johann Sattler

In the Organization of American States: Santiago Canton

In the African Union: Ms. Reine Alapini-Gansou, Special  
Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa

Discussion Moderated by President Carter\*\*\*

10:30-10:45 a.m.

BREAK

*Location: Chapel Lobby*

10:45-12:30 p.m.

CLOSING DISCUSSION and Recommendations\*\*\*

1:00-2:20 p.m.

BUFFET LUNCH

*Location: Chapel Lobby*

Break

3:00-3:45 p.m.\*\*

PRESS CONFERENCE

*Location: Cyprus Room*

4:15 p.m.

BUSES DEPART from Carter Center Chapel to hotel and airport

\*INVITED

\*\*SESSION ON THE RECORD

\*\*\*SESSION OFF THE RECORD (BACKGROUND ONLY, FOR PRESS)