

Annual Conference The Role of Private Actors in the UN system

University of Zurich, 24 November 2008
Rämistrasse 74, main building, room G-217

Programme

- 9.45 – 10.15 Arrival of participants, tea and coffee
- 10.15 – 10.30 **Welcome address and opening of the conference** Prof. Christine Kaufmann, President UNO Academia

The role of business

- 10.30 – 11.00 Corporations, Human Rights and the UN Gerald Pachoud, Special Adviser to the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSRG) on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises
- 11.00 – 11.30 Human Rights, a challenge and opportunity for corporations Ron Popper, Group Vice President, Head of Corporate Responsibility ABB
- 11.30 – 12.15 Panel and general discussion Gerald Pachoud, Adviser to the UN special representative on business and human rights; Ron Popper, ABB; Representatives from NGOs.
- 12.15 – 13.30 Lunch

The role of academics and civil society in the work of the UN: Concrete examples

- 13.30 – 14.00 Climate Change: the academic perspective Prof. Andreas Fischlin, ETH Zurich, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- 14.00 – 14.30 Contributions from Academia to UN Issues: Global Food Security Dr. Christian Häberli, World Trade Institute Berne
- 14.30 – 15.00 Plenary Discussion
- 15.00 – 15.20 Contributing with research and advice: Privatization of UN Peace Keeping Prof. Victor-Yves Ghebali, University of Geneva
- 15.20 – 16.00 Students making a difference: ECCC monitoring programme in Cambodia, Model United Nations and UNES Michelle Staggs, War Crimes Study Center, U.C. Berkeley; Josephine Herzig, MUN Team University of Zurich and President of UNES

UNO Academia Award 2008

16.00	UNO Academia Award 2008	
16.15 – 16.30	Outlook	Representative from EDA (to be appointed)
16.30	Wrap up and closure of conference	Prof. Christine Kaufmann
	Coffee Break	
16.45 – 18.00	General Assembly UNO Academia	

In order for us to make the necessary arrangements for lunch we kindly ask you to register for the conference by Wednesday, 19 November 2008 at Lst.kaufmann@rwi.uzh.ch. Please indicate whether you prefer a vegetarian meal.