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

BUFFET LUNCH 12:30 p.m.

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)