



**Darfur Women Action Group, in partnership with Genocide Watch, The Center for the Study of Gender and Conflict at the George Mason University School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR), S-CAR's Genocide Prevention Program, Darfur Interfaith Network, and the George Mason University School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs (SPGIA) cordially invites you to attend our**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Symposium on Women & Genocide in the 21st Century: The Case of Darfur**

*Building Strategies for Sustainable Change in Sudan*

**October 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

For the past six years, Darfur Women Action Group (DWAG) has been working with its allies to bring awareness to the magnitude of the genocide in Darfur and particularly its impact on women.

DWAG educates the public about these issues, empowering survivors to bring their voices to regional and international forums.

From Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, we, along with hundreds of anti-genocide activists, women's rights advocates, artists, celebrities, survivors, experts, and concerned leaders will come together to address genocide, its impact on women, and build strategies for sustainable change in Darfur.

### **WHO:**

Activists, students, and experts on genocide and women's issues from around the world. Meet our invited guest speakers and participate in panels with breakout sessions for more intimate discussions.

### **WHAT:**

By addressing genocide and its impact on women, we will define challenges and develop strategies for ending violence against women and the use of rape as a weapon of war. Our goal is to empower activists and affected communities, set strategies for meaningful inclusion and justice for victims, and influence effective policy reforms that will bring a sustainable end to genocide in the 21st century.

### **WHEN & WHERE:**

- Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 7:30PM: Speakers & Panel Discussions followed by a film and concert
- Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 9AM - 4PM: Strategy Session with Sudanese Diaspora and activists

Founders Hall at George Mason University, Arlington Campus, 3351 Fairfax Dr.

Arlington, VA 22201

### **WHY:**

We are building a global alliance to end genocide and work towards women's empowerment in Darfur, Sudan at large, and worldwide. Together, we have the power to end genocide for the people of Sudan!

**SPEAKERS:** **Luis Moreno Ocampo**, the First Chief Prosecutor of the ICC; **Ambassador Stephen Rapp**, Former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for war Crimes Issues; **Ambassador Marja Lehto**, Chairwoman of Justice Rapid Response; **Carl Wilkens**, the only American humanitarian aid worker to stay in Rwanda during the Rwandan Genocide; **Shamila Batohi**, Senior Legal Advisor to the Prosecutor at the ICC; **Jacqueline Wilson**, Senior Program Officer of the Academy for International Conflict Management and Peacebuilding at the United States Institute of Peace.

To view the full list of speakers, please visit <http://www.darfurwomenaction.org/blog/great-event-you-dont-want-miss-our-4th-annual-symposium-fast-approaching-please-be-first-join>

### **REGISTRATION**

FREE between September 28 and October 10

**[A light lunch will be served on Saturday]**

\*Scholarships and group discounts are available upon request. For more information, click [here](#).

Email [info@darfurwomenaction.org](mailto:info@darfurwomenaction.org) to register

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Equip yourself with the tools to make a difference in your community  
as well as in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Darfur!

Thank you for your consideration.

***Yours in Peace & Sisterhood,***

**Niemat Ahmadi**, *Founder and President of Darfur Women Action Group*

**Dr. Douglas Irvin-Erickson**, *Director of S-CAR's Genocide Prevention Program*

**Dr. Leslie Dwyer**, *Director of The Center for the Study of Gender and Conflict at the George Mason University School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR)*

**Dr. Gregory Stanton**, *President of Genocide Watch*

**Dr. Jo-Marie Burt**, *George Mason University School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs*

**Claudio Bazzichelli**, *President, Italian Community in DC*

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