

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

*Methods that could be discussed include:*

- Formal human rights instruments
- Appointment of special rapporteurs
- Human rights field operations
- Technical assistance and training programs
- Community level dialogues
- Other Methods

*Questions for Discussion*

- a. How can international human rights instruments be used by multilateral organizations to help prevent conflict? How can they be used by non-governmental organizations?
- b. How can governments use human rights instruments as tools for national capacity building in conflict prevention? How can multilateral organizations assist them?
- c. Is there a natural division of labour between global bodies and regional ones in developing new human rights instruments?
- d. How can multilateral organizations assist national governments in developing strategies to accommodate minorities?
- e. What kind of community level mechanisms can be encouraged within countries to promote greater dialogue on minority issues and find local solutions to potential conflicts?

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH  
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13:30 - 15:00 ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE, DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT

*Methods that could be discussed include:*

- Building national capacity to conduct and observe elections
- International electoral observation and reporting
- Technical assistance for legislatures, judiciaries and political parties
- Improving government accountability and transparency
- Improving government-civil society relations
- Training in conflict resolution and promoting democratic culture