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We are pleased to share our news and updates with you, the International Justice Resource Center's supporters, partners, and online visitors. Read on for the details of IJRC's upcoming events, new resources, and recent activity. As always, we invite you to [share your suggestions](#) with us.

**PROTECTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS**  
*Training in Human Rights Law & Advocacy*

**June 19, 2014 - 9 am - 5 pm**  
**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**  
UC Hastings College of the Law  
San Francisco, California

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Participants in this full-day training will gain knowledge and practical insights on using international human rights standards and advocacy channels to promote and protect women's rights. If you are working to address gender discrimination, violence against women, reproductive rights, or other critical women's rights issues, you won't want to miss this opportunity to learn from expert practitioners.

**Expert Speakers**  
Katrina Anderson, Center for Reproductive Rights  
Caroline Bettinger-López, University of Miami School of Law  
Blaine Bookey, Center for Gender & Refugee Studies  
Rosa Celorio, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights  
Cornie de la Vega, University of San Francisco School of Law  
Krishanti Dharmaraj, Int'l Action Network for Gender Equity & Law  
Ejmi Dike, US Human Rights Network  
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## WOMEN'S RIGHTS TRAINING

On June 19, the International Justice Resource Center is hosting a full-day training on women's human rights for lawyers and advocates.

New Tactics in Human Rights

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### Engaging Regional Human Rights Mechanisms

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**Conversation Details**  
Dates of conversation: Monday, April 21, 2014 to Friday, April 25, 2014  
Conversation type: Tactical Dialogue  
Type of tactical goal:

Join Lisa Reinberg of the International Justice Resource Center and the New Tactics community for an online conversation on *Engaging Regional Human Rights Mechanisms* from April 21 to 25, 2014.

Regional human rights mechanisms play an important role in monitoring government compliance with human rights obligations. These courts and commissions provide a way for individuals and groups to hold governments accountable for the failure to protect human rights. In the Americas, Europe and Africa, regional human rights bodies, among including

## NEW TACTICS DIALOGUE

In April, New Tactics in Human Rights invited IJRC to lead an online conversation on *Engaging Regional Human Rights Mechanisms*.

Together with human rights advocates from around the world, we discussed the practical considerations of when, why, and how to use the complaints, reporting, and monitoring mechanisms of regional human rights systems.

An incredible group of expert speakers will share the knowledge and advice necessary for participants to begin using international human rights protections in their work on violence against women, gender-based discrimination and other forms of discrimination, and sexual and reproductive rights.

Confirmed speakers include:

- [Katrina Anderson](#), Center for Reproductive Rights
- [Caroline Bettinger-López](#), U. of Miami School of Law
- [Rosa Celorio](#), Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- [Connie de la Vega](#), University of San Francisco School of Law
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[Register](#) to join us in San Francisco on June 19!

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## **NEW HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER INTERVIEW**

In April, IJRC law fellow Laura Shoaps interviewed Manfred Nowak, former United

The conversation was visited over 1,100 times in five days from people in more than 114 countries.

Visit the conversation page for details and a forthcoming summary of lessons learned. And, it's not too late to add your own comments!

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## **NEW RESOURCES ON THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM**

Our new educational video and handbook on the Inter-American human rights system are now online!

Updated to include recent reforms and developments, these resources are also now available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole.

Visit IJRC's page on the [Inter-American System](#) to view or download the **5-part video** - including interviews with human rights practitioners - and the **legal manual** explaining the ways in which the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Inter-American Court of Human Rights promote and protect fundamental freedoms in the Americas.

Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and former Judge of the Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Nowak explains the value of special procedures and civil society in protecting human rights, and the responsiveness of governments to working with special procedures. He also shares advice for advocates bringing forth cases of alleged human rights violations, and remarks upon the importance of human rights defenders on the ground.

[Watch the Interview](#)

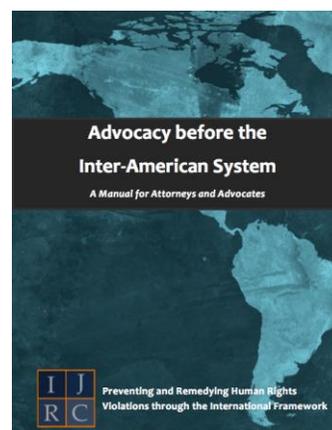


## RIGHTSCON

In March, IJRC participated in RightsCon, a three-day conference focused on the intersections between technology and human rights.

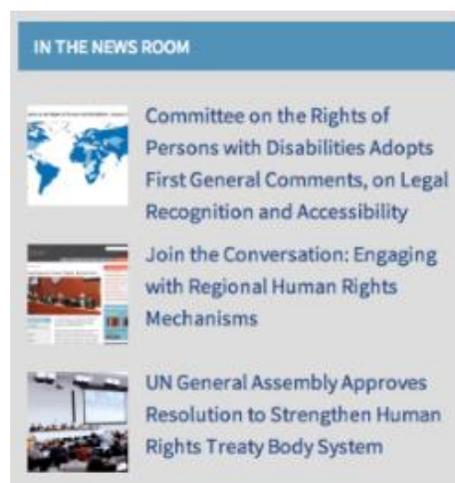
IJRC law fellows blogged and tweeted several of the sessions, including on online anonymity and digital security for LGBTQ rights defenders.

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Thank you to the International Bar Association Foundation for supporting this project, and to our colleagues at the Center for Justice and International Law, Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti, and Justiça Global, among others, for their invaluable assistance.

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## NEWS ROOM

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## HUMAN RIGHTS HAPPY HOUR

In February, IJRC and our partners hosted a [Human Rights Happy Hour](#) screening of the critically acclaimed short film, *Baseball in the Time of Cholera*, about human rights lawyer Mario Joseph and his fight to ensure justice for the thousands of lives lost in the Haiti cholera outbreak.

Following the film, attorney Nicole Phillips provided an explanation and update of the groundbreaking case seeking accountability from the United Nations for its role in the outbreak.

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In recent weeks, we've written about developments in [Haiti](#), the [Central African Republic](#), the [Democratic Republic of Congo](#), [Thailand](#), [Ukraine](#) and [Venezuela](#), and [Liberia](#), among other places.

Other news posts have explained and summarized the recent activities of the [UN Human Rights Committee](#), the [Inter-American Court of Human Rights](#), [African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights](#), and [European Court of Human Rights](#), among other human rights bodies.

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