“Challenging the Conventional: Can Truth Commissions Effectively Contribute to Peace?”

Thursday, June 19, 1230 – 1400
Auditorium Ivan Pictet
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Maison de la paix, Geneva

The International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) and the Kofi Annan Foundation are pleased to announce the public presentation of their joint report, entitled “Challenging the Conventional: Can Truth Commissions Strengthen Peace Processes?” The report explores common assumptions about why truth commissions are created in the wake of conflict and what factors make them more likely to succeed – or fail.

The event will take place on June 19, 1230 to 1400, at Auditorium Ivan Pictet of the Graduate Institute of International and Graduate Studies, Maison de la paix, in Geneva.

The speakers will be David Tolbert, President of ICTJ, and Ruth McCoy, Executive Director of the Kofi Annan Foundation. The discussant will be Frank Halderman, Professor of Law, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. Discussions will be moderated by Päivi Kairamo, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations, Geneva.

The report arises from a high-level symposium organized by ICTJ and the Kofi Annan Foundation, with funding from the Government of Finland, in New York, in November 2013.

We hope that the report and discussions will be useful for policy makers and practitioners alike.

A light lunch will be served before the event, at 1200. RSVP to rsvp@ictj.org or reserve seats online at http://bit.ly/1s6nBPX