

GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM

22 APRIL 2024, OSLO

**Global Protection Forum
on Strengthening the
Protection of Civilians
from Explosive Weapons**

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**Norwegian Red Cross
Hausmannsgate 7
Oslo**

Agenda

- 10.00 – 11.00 **Viewing of exhibitions and live street art painting, networking and coffee**
- 11.00 – 12.00 **Lunch**
- 12.00 – 12.15 **Opening of the Protection Forum**
Master of Ceremony: **Rasmus Sandvoll Weschke**, Norwegian People's Aid
- Anne Bergh**, Norwegian Red Cross
Raymond Johansen, Norwegian People's Aid
Laura Boillot, International Network on Explosive Weapons
- 12.15-13.45 **Session 1 – Civilian harm and current contexts**
Moderator – **Cesar Jaramillo**, Latin America Human Security Network (SEHLAC)
- Younis Al Khatib**, Palestine Red Crescent Society
Iryna Nikolaieva, PAX
Radhya Al-Mutawakel, Mwatana for Human Rights
Mark Zeitoun, Geneva Water Hub
Bonnie Docherty, Human Rights Watch
- 13.45-14.15 **Coffee break, exhibition viewing, networking**
- 14.15-15.45 **Session 2 – Responding to the needs of people and communities**
Moderator – **Wendy MacClinchy**, Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)
- Vladyslav Vladov**, Ukrainian Red Cross Society
Hamza al-Kateab, Action for Sama
Gunvor Knag Fylkesnes, Save the Children
Nujeen Mustafa, Disability rights and refugee activist
- 15.45 – 16.00 **INEW Appeal and Close of the Protection Forum**
Moderator – **Alma Taslidžan**, Humanity & Inclusion
- Issue of INEW Appeal**
Marwa Almbaed and **Waad al-Kateab** and representatives from Norway, Costa Rica and Ireland

List of Speakers



Younis Al Khatib

President of the Palestine Red Crescent Society

Younis Al Khatib was elected as the President of Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) at the 8th General Assembly in 2000. Younis started with PRCS as a volunteer in 1982 and in 1989 joined the Executive Board of PRCS. He held numerous senior positions within PRCS including the Director of Palestine Hospital in Cairo, Head of Health Planning and Human Resource Development, Director General and President. He has also been actively engaged with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement for decades, and was elected to the Governing Board of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) from 2017 to 2022. Younis has an Honorary Doctorate Degree from South Korea, Master of Science in Management and Organisational Development, Masters in Public Health, and BSc in Business Administration from the UK.



Hamza al-Kateab

Doctor, Human Rights Activist, Action For Sama Lead

Dr Hamza al-Kateab is a Syrian doctor, human rights activist and public health advocate. Hamza was featured in the BAFTA-winning and Oscar-nominated documentary For Sama which was filmed, narrated and directed by his wife, Waad al-Kateab. From 2012 to December 2016, Hamza delivered frontline medical care to thousands of people shortly: as manager of Al-Quds Hospital, he was one of the last remaining doctors in Eastern Aleppo. In December 2016, Hamza and his family fled Aleppo, moving to the UK in 2018. Hamza now dedicates his time to continued advocacy efforts around ending the targeting of hospitals in Syria. He is the Co-Founder of Action For Sama alongside Waad - an impact campaign created to turn the incredible worldwide reaction to For Sama into action for Syria.



Waad al-Kateab

Syrian Journalist, award-winning Filmmaker and Activist

Waad al-Kateab is a Syrian journalist, award-winning filmmaker and activist. She became a citizen journalist in 2011, after protests broke out across Syria, and in January 2016 she began documenting the horrors of Aleppo for Channel 4 News in a series that received an International Emmy for breaking news coverage. Her first feature documentary, For Sama, documented her life over five years in Aleppo, showcasing an intimate human insight into the everyday existence of her family against the backdrop of the conflict in Syria. The film

received worldwide critical acclaim, winning numerous awards, including best documentary at Cannes Film Festival, Best Documentary at the BAFTAs and a nomination for Best Documentary Feature at the 2020 Academy Awards. She is the Co-Founder of Action For Sama alongside Hamza - an impact campaign created to turn the incredible worldwide reaction to For Sama into action for Syria.



Marwa Almbaed

Syrian Survivor and Self-Advocate

Marwa Almbaed is an activist and survivor from Syria who uses her voice and first-hand experience as a war survivor to support the implementation of the EWIPA declaration. The war in her home country Syria altered Marwa's life drastically at the age of 24 when she was in a car accident provoked by explosive weapons on the highway, leaving her paralyzed from the waist down. Her fear of being unable to evacuate quickly during times of wars were not eliminated before arriving to Germany, where Marwa sought for asylum. The unique treatment she received from an occupational therapist there inspired her to get trained to pursue the profession herself aiming to assist others facing similar situations. Prior to arriving in Germany, she volunteered her efforts to aid peacebuilding in Syria.



Radhya Al-Mutawakel

Human Rights Defender and Co-Founder and Chairperson of Mwatana Organisation for Human Rights

Radhya al-Mutawakel is Yemeni human rights defender. She is the chairperson and co-founder of Mwatana Organization for Human Rights. She has been working in the human rights field since 2004, covering different topics including war crimes, arbitrary detentions, enforced disappearances, and freedom of the press. Al-Mutawakel has been invited to present her work at numerous international events and forums, including at a hearing of the European Parliament, and she briefed the UN Security Council on 30 May 2017 and on 25 February 2022 about the war in Yemen. In March 2019, April 2020 and March 2021 she had a testimony in front of the Congress. Al-Mutawakel was on the TIME's list of the 100 most influential people of 2019. She also holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication and two high diplomas in gender studies and political science from Sana'a University.



Anne Bergh

Secretary General of the Norwegian Red Cross

Anne Bergh is the Secretary General of the Norwegian Red Cross. Prior to this, she held the position as Director for Global Health at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, leading the institute's cluster for global health. Bergh was also assigned to work in the international department at the Norwegian Ministry

of Health and Care Services in 2021 and 2022, and she has an extensive background from international work and collaboration in public health. Between 1997 and 2007 she held various positions in Norwegian Red Cross and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Bergh holds an MA (cand.phil.) in history of religion from the University of Oslo and has senior executive training from the Norwegian Defence University College.



Laura Boillot

Director at Article 36 and Coordinator for the International Network on Explosive Weapons

Laura Boillot is a Director of UK-based Article 36 which focuses on reducing harm from weapons. Laura also serves as Coordinator for the International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW) and led the coalition through the negotiations of the international political declaration to strengthen the protection of civilians. She has previously worked as Campaign Manager and subsequently as Director of the Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC). Prior to that Laura worked as Program Officer on the Control Arms campaign and for the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA). She has 20-years experience of leading global civil society coalitions on humanitarian disarmament and protection of civilians issues.



Bonnie Docherty

Senior Arms Adviser at Human Right Watch Arms Division and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School's International Human Rights Clinic

Bonnie Docherty is senior arms adviser in the Arms Division at Human Rights Watch and a lecturer on law at Harvard Law School's International Human Rights Clinic and director of its Armed Conflict and Civilian Protection Initiative. She has done extensive work in the field of humanitarian disarmament as a lawyer, field researcher, and scholar. She was deeply involved in the negotiations of the 2022 political declaration on explosive weapons, the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions. She has also worked for these instruments' implementation and advocated for new or stronger laws on autonomous weapons and incendiary weapons. Docherty has investigated explosive weapons use in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Iraq, Afghanistan, among others.

**Cesar Jaramillo****Executive Director at Project Ploughshares**

Cesar Jaramillo is the executive director at Project Ploughshares. His focus areas include nuclear disarmament, the protection of civilians in armed conflict, emerging military technologies and conventional weapons controls. As an international civil society representative Cesar has addressed, among others, the UN General Assembly First Committee, the Conference on Disarmament, the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as well as states parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and to the Arms Trade Treaty. Cesar graduated from the University of Waterloo with an MA in global governance and has bachelor's degrees in honours political science and in journalism. Prior to joining Project Ploughshares, he held a fellowship at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI).

**Raymond Johansen****Secretary General of Norwegian People's Aid**

Raymond Johansen is the Secretary General of Norwegian People's Aid since January 2024. Prior to this, he led the city government of Oslo as Governor Mayor for eight years. He has broad experience from international work, as State Secretary in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and as Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council. From 1996 to 2000 he worked for the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad). He also served as the Party Secretary of the Labour Party from 2009 until 2015.

**Gunvor Knag Fylkesnes****Director of Advocacy and Communications at Save the Children Norway**

Gunvor Knag Fylkesnes is the director of advocacy and communications at Save the Children Norway. Before joining Save the Children in 2011 she worked at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) as well as civil society organisations such as Norwegian Refugee Council and Norwegian Church aid. She has been the co-author of several reports on grave violations against children in conflict.

**Wendy MacClinchy****Director of the UN Programme at Centre for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)**

Wendy MacClinchy is the Director of the United Nations program at Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC), leading strategic policy engagement and advocacy at the UN to advance reforms essential to the protection of civilians. She also oversees CIVIC's field-based peacekeeping research in the Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali and South Sudan, which provides evidence-based recommendations and brings civilian voices to multi-lateral negotiations. She brings over 20 years of experience working in conflict and humanitarian crises in field-based and policy roles.

**Nujeen Mustafa****Syrian Disability Rights and Refugee Activist**

Nujeen Mustafa is a disability rights and refugee activist who embarked on a dangerous flight to Germany in her wheelchair at the age of 16, to escape the bombings and shelling of her hometown Aleppo. She crossed the Mediterranean in a boat as well as several country borders by bus, train and foot with the sole companion of her family and her sister Nisreen, pushing her wheelchair. Upon arriving in Germany, Nujeen started to attend school for the first time in her life and also actively engaged as a disability and refugee rights advocate.

**Iryna Nikolaieva****Ph.D., Expert on Environmental Safety at PAX**

Iryna Nikolaieva is a Kyiv-based environmental expert and auditor, author of methodologies for environmental research. She holds a PhD degree in environmental safety. Iryna's main experience has been the environmental safety assessment of hazardous industrial facilities. Her 20-year professional career consists of practical research works on the basis of Ukrainian legislation and European law. Most recently, her studies have been dedicated to environmental impacts of military actions in Ukraine based on international legal norms in the framework of Dutch peace organisation PAX.

**Alma Taslidžan****Disarmament and Protection of Civilians Advocacy Manager at Humanity & Inclusion**

Alma Taslidžan is the Disarmament and Protection of Civilians Advocacy Manager at Humanity & Inclusion. She has devoted her career to humanitarian disarmament and the protection of civilians. Since 2014, she has led Disarmament and Protection of Civilians advocacy for Federation Handicap International in Brussels. Her efforts are dedicated to advancing the implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty and the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Additionally, she played a pivotal role in shaping the Political Declaration aimed at addressing the humanitarian ramifications stemming from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas. Taslidžan was recently appointed to Chair the Governance Board of ICBL-CMC. She is also a member of the Steering Committee of INEW, a member of the Monitoring and Research Committee of the Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor and Board member of the Explosive Weapons Monitor.



Vladyslav Vladov

Volunteer and Incident Commander, Ukrainian Red Cross Society

Vladyslav is an incident commander in the Emergency Response Team in Chornomorsk, Odesa. He joined the Ukrainian Red Cross Society as a volunteer in January 2023 and immediately chose the direction of emergency response and first aid, and often goes to settlements near the frontline. The Red Cross response team provides assistance to people after shelling and responds to other consequences of the armed conflict. Vladyslav is 20 years old, has studied law, and is now a geology student at the Odesa National I.I. Mechnikov University. He also has work experience from engineering geology and firefighting.



Rasmus Weschke

Senior Policy Advisor at Norwegian People's Aid

Rasmus Sandvoll Weschke is a senior policy advisor at Norwegian People's Aid and also represents NPA in the INEW Steering Committee. He has worked in conflict preparedness and protection as well as explosive weapons in populated areas since joining NPA in 2017. Prior to NPA he worked on protection of civilians issues at the ICRC.



Mark Zeitoun

Director General of Geneva Water Hub

Prof Mark Zeitoun is Director General of the Geneva Water Hub and Professor of Water Diplomacy at the Geneva Graduate Institute. He has led multiple research and water supply projects, and supported water negotiations throughout Western Asia and Africa. His research focuses on international transboundary water conflict and cooperation, the influence of armed conflict on water services, and the links between water, conflict, and health. He has consulted for a wide range of humanitarian and development organisations, and authored dozens of books and journal articles. His most recent book *Reflections: Understanding our Use and Abuse of Water* was published by Oxford University Press in 2023.

List of Artists



LANDO

Melander Holzapfel, otherwise known as Lando, is a German graffiti and street art artist born in Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany. "Building colourful worlds with a lot of heart" is his credo. He has been active in the graffiti scene since 1987, founding Munich's first graffiti agency in 1999 and is a co-founder of the Verein zur Förderung urbaner Kunst e.V. and former board member. In 2021, Lando designed together with Handicap International a large house wall in Munich under the title 'Stop Bombing Civilians'.



Bert.mta

Nils Jaenisch, otherwise known as Bert, is a graffiti artist who realised his passion to draw in his early childhood. He had his first contact with graffiti in 1996 and immediately realised how versatile the medium was, creating photo-realism and quickly developed this to a high level. He achieved fame under his writer's name 'Bert.mta' (most talked about) and went on his first international trip to New York and Miami to exchange with other artists as well as a close collaboration with the Bushwick collective in Brooklyn, New York. Today, Nils lives and works in Weimar and Munich, many times together with LANDO as an artistic duo.



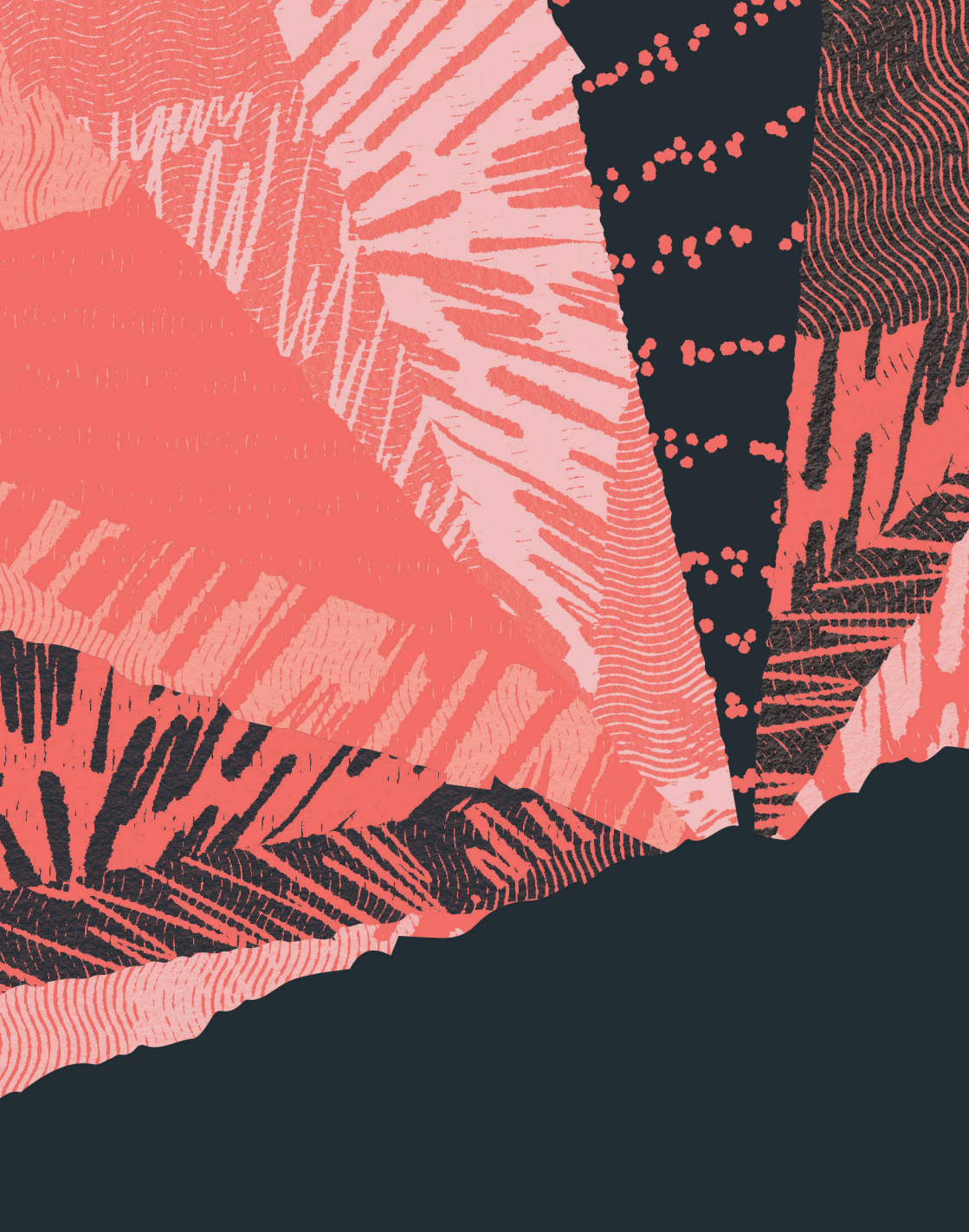
Marharyta Kolor

Marharyta is an artist with over 10 years of drawing experience. She graduated from the architectural department of the University of Dnipro. Since 2018, she has been painting in urban spaces. She draws using pictorial techniques and tries different styles and techniques.



ZDESROY

Valerii Kolor, otherwise known as ZDESROY is an international urban artist from Dnipro city, Ukraine. The contemporary artist has over 15 years of experience in creating murals. His public art started his career as he created typical street graffiti. Valerii never studied drawing at a school or university but rather says that "everything that I draw comes from inside me, only from the heart".



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