

ACUNS-Delhi Liaison Office and IJO Africa Initiative

Security and Justice in Africa Monday, 11th May, 2015, New Delhi

The Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), Delhi Liaison Office and International Jurist Organization (IJO) took the initiative in focusing on the current crisis on the African continent by calling several representatives from African countries. Both government and non-government participants including Diplomats, Professionals, Academics and Students from South Africa, Ethiopia, Tunisia, Federal Republic of Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Zambia, Kingdom of Morocco, Ghana and Nigeria, came together to discuss the issues surrounding "Security and Justice in the Africa." The meeting was organized in the wake of the recent killings of Ethiopians workers in Libya and students in Kenya. Europeas failure to rescue African migrants crossing the unsafe passage across Mediterranean Sea, which resulted in the death of thousands of migrants, was also discussed. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Gennet Zewide, the Ambassador of Ethiopia and Dean of African Missions in India. Ambassador Gennet took the initiative in supporting ACUNS Liaison Office and IJO in impressing about the program of bringing together countries of Africa and Asia in jointly confronting ISIS and Al Shabab, Boko Haram and other variants of terrorist groups.

Tunisian Ambassador Mr. Tarek Azouz also condemned terrorist groups, while promoting the importance of standing together with other countries. He emphasized that, though these groups take name of religion, there is no connection between religion and these groups. Ms.Florence Imisa Weche, the Speaker from Kenya and its High Commissioner in India, spoke about the reasons why youths join ISIS and other terrorist groups. Specifically she cited The employment and lack of opportunities as prominent causes of such unrest. Rwandan High Commissioner Ernest Rwamucyo pressed for awareness amongst academics and professionals to face the menace of terrorism in Africa. Ambassador of Somalia Ms. Ebyan Mahamed Salah cautioned academics and the public from falling into the trap of blaming Islam as the cause of terrorism She said Somalia is 95% Muslim country, but it faces the most killings by terrorist organizations The Ambassador of Uganda Ms. Elizabeth Paula Napeyok called for Justice on African continent. Countries in North America, Europe and the Far East are not offering Africa equal investment opportunities while looting their resources, but insist their deals are in the name of development. There were several other prominent speakers included Prof. Ajay Dubey from Jawaharlal Nehru University and Prof. Aditya Mishra, Delhi University and Ms. Juliane Stohr, International student from Germany.

Mr. Subhash Chandra Birla, Chair IJO Board and ACUNS Delhi Liaison Office, while extending thanks to the African representatives in coming to the meeting, called for the cooperation of European Union countries in protecting the lives of Africans migrants crossing Mediterranean Sea. He also spoke about the conflict in middle east and north Africa which has caused misery for the citizens of these countries and they are forced to think for migration for their security and survival. There is denying that people from Africa have contributed a lot to the economy and society of American and European countries. The unguarded migration with the help of human traffickers and the restrictions of European countries is causing misery to the hundreds of the people from Africa, the Middle East and South East Asia.

Somehow United Nations has failed in its obligations for providing security and justice to the societies of UN member states to promote a healthy relationship. The European Union and members of OAU should come together, with the help of United Nations, to regulate the migration.

In addition to the Mediterranean migration crisis, the cause of Palestinian people cannot be ignored and Israel must accept two nations solution to the crisis. There is a denial of Justice for Palestinians.

Chair of IJO Board invited speakers and the participants to ACUNS Annual meeting 2015 theme: "The UU at 70: Guaranteeing Security and Justice" at The Hague.