

Swiss American Lawyers Association of Greater New York

Dear Friend:

The Swiss American Lawyers Association of Greater New York
would like to invite you to its inaugural meeting to be held on

March 27, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

at the offices of

Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw LLP
1675 Broadway (between 52nd and 53rd Streets), 19th Floor
New York, New York

Agenda

1. Cocktails & Buffet Dinner
2. Remarks introducing the Swiss American Lawyers Association of Greater New York
Jascha Preuss, Esq., Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw LLP
3. Presentation:

**From Darfur to Katrina:
How to Protect 25 Million Internally Displaced Persons more effectively?**

Prof. Walter Kälin
Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations on
the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons

4. Questions & Answers

About the Speaker

On September 21, 2004, Walter Kälin was appointed by Kofi Annan to be the Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons. Supported by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Prof. Kälin serves as an independent Expert and works in close cooperation with the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator and, in particular, the Division on Internal Displacement within the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Prof. Kälin is a distinguished professor of constitutional and international public law at the Law School of the University of Bern, Switzerland. His academic writings cover a wide array of issues in Swiss constitutional law; immigration, asylum and refugee law; international public law; the interplay of international and domestic law; and international human rights. From 1991 to 1992 Mr. Kälin served as a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Kuwait under Iraqi occupation. He is currently a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee and was also one of the key drafters of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.

RSVP by March 20, 2007 (registration form attached)