

SPOTLIGHT ON R2P



Former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon delivered the keynote address

North Korea Human Rights and R2P Conference

Dr. Noel M. Morada, Director (Regional Diplomacy) participated in the North Korea Human Rights and R2P Conference organised by the People for Successful Corean Reunification (PSCORE) in cooperation with the Ministry of Unification, in November 2023. The first R2P conference in Seoul opened with a keynote address by former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. This meeting also included panels of international experts on human rights and atrocities prevention that discussed the evolution of the R2P principle and the continuing challenges and opportunities for its promotion across different regions, including the applicability of R2P in the context of North Korea. The conference featured testimonies from North Korean defectors who are now living in South Korea.

Dr Morada presented his views on continuing challenges to R2P's implementation in the context of the Asia Pacific during the panel on R2P and Regional/International Application. Other speakers in the panel included former UN Special Adviser on R2P, Karen Smith and Vasilka Sancin, member of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee.

The second panel focused on North Korean human rights situation and R2P. Speakers in this panel included James Hennen (Representative of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Seoul) and Jung Hyun-cho (HUFS, School of Law). The last panel focused on R2P Implementation Strategies for North Korean Human Rights, with presentations from Ethan Hee Seok-Shin (Legal Analyst, Transitional Justice Group) and Ms. Elizabeth Pramendorfer (Human Rights Officer, Global Centre for R2P, Geneva Office).



The conference featured testimonies on the situation of human rights in North Korea

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