



Side-Event on the Margins of International Law Week

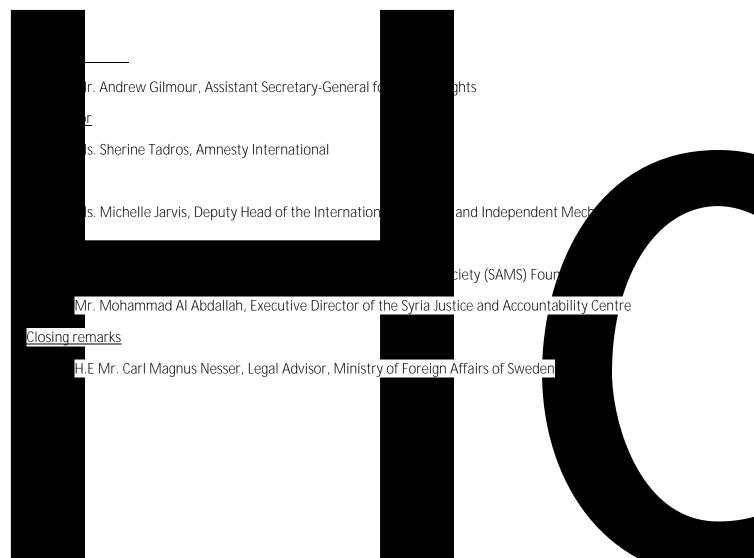
Putting Syrians First:

A Victim and Survivor-Centred Approach to Comprehensive Justice

now and in the future

31 October 2019

1.15 pm to 2.45 pm,



Concept note

The continuous commission of some of the worst crimes under international law in the Syrian Arab Republic since the outbreak of violence in 2011 paired with the inability of the international community to take action to end and prevent further violations of human rights and humanitarian law has triggered an urgent need for meaningful accountability. While there are ongoing efforts, such as by the General Assembly-mandated International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism (IIIM) to assist in the investigation and prosecution of such crimes as well as increased progress in domestic judiciaries aimed at holding alleged perpetrators accountable, there is at present no sign of a more comprehensive and holistic solution to ensure justice.