

In order to participate in political transition processes or to meaningfully address the basic economic and social issues faced in their countries, people need to have free access to information and freedom of expression. However those rights and freedoms are regularly at stake and often violated. This year's Voice of the Profession session organised by AIJA's Human Rights Committee will look at the important role played by lawyers in upholding and defending **Freedom of Expression**.

We are delighted to be joined by representatives of **Avocats Sans Frontières (ASF)**, an international NGO which for nearly 20 years has been dedicated to the protection of fundamental rights, access to justice and the right to a fair trial. **Chantal van Cutsem**, Strategy and Development Coordinator at ASF will address the practical challenges to freedom of expression faced in countries going through political transition, focussing on Morocco, Egypt and Tunisia including the role of ASF in protecting human rights defenders and journalists and the limitations placed on freedom of expression by national legislators.

Malek Adley, a lawyer working in partnership with ASF, will share his experiences of handling cases related to freedom of expression and the challenges he and his colleagues have faced working on the ground in Egypt during the years following the national uprising in 2011 and the transition to democracy.

Finally, **Kirsty Brimelow QC** will take the stage to share with us her experiences before the courts both as a practising Barrister and Queen's Counsel in international law and human rights and as Chair of the Bar Human Rights Committee of England And Wales. She will reflect upon her recent representation of Amnesty International before the Investigatory Powers Tribunal and Amnesty's complaint that the UK government breached its freedom of expression and privacy rights through the U.K. and U.S. data collecting programmes as exposed by Edward Snowden.

The Human Rights Committee of the
International Association of Young Lawyers invites you to

The Role of the Lawyer in Defending Freedom of Expression: Perspectives from the Ground up to the Courts

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When? 5.30 pm on September 2, 2015



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