



UNIONE FORENSE  
PER LA TUTELA DEI DIRITTI UMANI

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## **Statement of continued support to the United Nations Global Compact**

I am pleased to confirm you that our association, Unione forense per la tutela dei diritti umani, reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

The Unione Forense per la Tutela dei Diritti Umani (“UFTDU”) is an association of lawyers, founded on 2nd March 1968, with the aim to spread the knowledge of national and international rules on human rights protection. The aim is also to promote the actual and effective observance of those rights at the judicial, administrative and legislative level by aligning its strategies and operations with Global Compact’s 10 Global Ten Principles on human rights.

In order to achieve its goals, the UFTDU has identified, throughout the years, three strategic areas of action: advocacy, education and training and project management.

Avv. Prof. Antonio Giulio Lana  
President

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UFTDU has well-established relations with international organizations, such as the Council of Europe, the European Union and the O.S.C.E., and has participated in numerous institutional activities (surveys, election monitoring, etc.).

- ✦ It has been admitted as an affiliate member of the Fédération Internationale des Droits de l'Homme, participating, since then, to many activities.



- ✦ The UFTDU joined the IDHAE, Institute for Human Rights of European lawyers and became part of its board of directors.



- ✦ The UFTDU has contributed to the creation of the Italian Council for Refugees (CIR) - for many year, a technical body of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - and it is part of both the direction and the bureau.



# Description of actions and measurement of outcomes

## ADVOCACY

*Advocacy is an activity which aims to influence decisions within political, economic, and social systems and institutions. Advocacy also aims at attracting the public's attention on a specific issue in order to pressure policy makers into devising possible solutions. The UFTDU's advocacy activities are carried out at different levels:*

- *Political level: by contributing to the drafting of bills or the debate on current events concerning human rights*
- *Judicial level: by participating as amicus curiae to proceedings before national tribunals and the European Court of Human Rights (for example concerning the issue of refoulement in Libya, specifically the Hirsi case, and the case of the stateless Slovenians, specifically the Kuric case against the Slovenian state)*
- *Extrajudicial level: by committing its work at denouncing and monitoring the Italian State's fulfilment of the obligations undertaken through the ratification of the treaties related to human rights.*

**In this respect, it is worth of mention the report:**

- **“IL DISASTRO AMBIENTALE DELL’ILVA DI TARANTO E LA VIOLAZIONE DEI DIRITTI UMANI” | ROMA**

On April 13, 2018, was presented and published the report "The environmental disaster of the ILVA of Taranto and the violation of human rights", drafted by the Fédération Internationale des droits de l'Homme (FIDH), in collaboration with the UFTDU, Peacelink and HRIC. This report

highlights the negligence on the part of the Italian government in the scandal concerning ILVA, the biggest steelworks in Europe.

**- AUDITION OF ANTON GIULIO LANA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIONE FORENSE PER LA TUTELA DEI DIRITTI UMANI, BEFORE THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION JO COX | ROMA.**

President Anton Giulio Lana was heard before the Parliamentary commission Jo Cox, on February the second, 2017, at Palazzo Montecitorio's Sala del Mappamondo, held by the president of the Camera, Laura Boldrini. This Commission, which deals with issues related with intolerance, xenophobia, racism and hate phenomena, is dedicated to Jo Cox, the British Member of the Parliament murdered on the eve of the Brexit referendum. This Commission has heard UFTDU's president Lana with regard the strategies to prevent and contrast the hate speeches on web. In the same context, the Commission has also heard Vera Jourova, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality as a part of the Juncker Commission since October 2014, and Brendan Cox, husband of Jo Cox.

**- OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 2017 BY THE "CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE FORENSE" | ROMA, 14 FEBBRAIO 2017**

On 14 February, 2017, the ceremony for the Inaugurazione dell'Anno Giudiziario 2017 took place at Palazzo della Cancelleria, in Rome, with the participation of the Minister of Justice, the vice president of the Consiglio Superiore della Magistratura and of the First President of the Supreme Court of Cassazione. President Avv. Prof. Anton Giulio Lana participated on behalf of the UFTDU.

**- WORKING GROUP "PATROCINIO A SPESE DELLO STATO" | ROMA, 10 MAGGIO 2017**

The Consiglio Nazionale Forense, has invited the Unione forense per la Tutela dei Diritti Umani to participate at the working group “*Patrocinio a spese dello Stato*”, in order to discuss about the drafting of the bill on the state’s duty to provide free legal aid. This working group worked in cooperation with the Minister of Justice.

- **“LUDOVIC TRARIEUX” INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE| ROMA, 27 MAGGIO 2017**

On 27 May 2017, **Mohammed Al-Roken**, lawyer from the United Arabs Emirates, won the Ludovic Trarieux Prize 2017, for his efforts and dedication spent for the defense of victims of human rights violations in the Emirates.



The UFTDU is a permanent member of the Ludovic Trarieux Prize’s jury and consequently it has participated to the selection of the winner candidate, recognizing the value of Al-Roken’s contribution to the protection of human rights. The “*Ludovic Trarieux International Human Rights Prize*” was instituted in 1985 and it was firstly awarded to the family of Nelson Mandela.

The ceremony was also attended by the colleagues of the IDHAE (Institut des droits de l'homme des avocats européens) and the representatives of the Bar Associations of Paris, Bruxelles, Bordeaux, Genève, Amsterdam, Berlin, Athens, Barcelona, Luxemburg and Venice.

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

The commitment of the association, in accordance with its statutory objectives, is pursued through the activities of the Centre for Training and Research, which organizes specialized courses, round tables, national and international conferences, event for the promotion and dissemination of human rights, in order to develop the knowledge of human rights and their related instruments of protection.

### **SPECIALISATION COURSE “DIRITTI UMANI E IMPRESA”, ROME.**

The National Bar Association and the Unione Forense per la Tutela dei Diritti Umani organized – in collaboration with the “Comitato interministeriale diritti umani”(CIDU) and sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE) and the “Scuola Superiore dell’Avvocatura” – a specialisation course on human rights and enterprise on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The course was held at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross.

Each session was hosted by well-respected individuals of the academic and professional world. Them being Professor Guido Alpa, Professor Elena Sciso, Professor Fausto Pocar, Professor Rino Sica, Professor Anton Giulio Lana, Marco Marazza, Roberto Giovane di Girasole, Training Officer of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Dr. Maura Miraglio, and business representatives that spoke on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. The opening speeches were given by Andrea Mascherin, President of the National Bar Association, Francesco Caia, President of the CNF’s Human Rights Commission, Dr. Fabrizio Petri, President of the inter-departmental commission for human rights and Anton Giulio Lana, President of the Unione Forense per la Tutela dei Diritti Umani. The various speeches focused on different aspects of the topic, for example discussing new challenges and international standards in this field, businesses’ codes of conduct and the negotiation processes that oblige enterprises to comply with certain standards.

A major focus was placed on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights implemented in 2011.



**- SPECIALISATION COURSE “MIGRAZIONI, INTEGRAZIONE E DEMOCRAZIA. PROFILI GIURIDICI, SOCIALI E CULTURALI”.**

The specialisation course “*Migrazioni, integrazione e democrazia. Profili giuridici, sociali e culturali*” aims to answer questions on the topics of migration and integration. Migration is in fact a phenomenon that has a significant impact on both our social and political lives. Migrants from Africa and Asia arrive in Europe escaping persecution, war, natural disasters, poverty, and extreme misery. They face dangerous journeys hoping for a better life. How many are they? Where do they come from? Where do they want to go? What kind of reception do they get once arrived? What are the different models of integration? It is to answer these and other queries that the UFTDU has organised the second edition of this specialisation course which attempts to offer a broad yet insightful overview on this subject. Indeed, the course tackles the migration discourse by an interdisciplinary approach, involving legal, economic, demographic and anthropologic standpoints, as well as journalistic, sociological, medical, and psychological views. The course consists in ten sessions focused on different topics related to migration from the 7 th September to the 16 th November 2018 (14:00 to 17:30), amounting to a total of 35 hours.

**- CORSO DI FORMAZIONE “LA CORTE EUROPEA DEI DIRITTI DELL’UOMO” | NAPOLI.**

The UFTDU and the Civil law Bar Chamber of Naples, in cooperation with the Bar Council of Naples, has organized the course on “*La Corte europea dei diritti dell’uomo: approfondimenti di diritto sostanziale e processuale*”. This course aims to provide a deep understanding of the proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights. More in detail, the course analyses the European Convention on Human Rights; the admissibility rules in order to make and to lodge a valid complaint; the procedural phases of the proceedings before the Court; the impact of the ECtHR’s decision on the domestic legal orders.

**- CORSO DI SPECIALIZZAZIONE SULLA TUTELA EUROPEA DEI DIRITTI UMANI | ROMA.**



The UFTDU annually organises the specialization course on human rights protection, useful tool for legal practitioners and scholars. The course is focused mainly on the study of the European system under the European Convention on Human Rights, and gives to participants the opportunity to deepen, with contributions from leading experts in the field, the code law of the European Court of Human Rights relating to some of the rights guaranteed by the Convention and the impact that it has in Italian law. Moreover, it will be also examined the relationship between the Strasbourg Court and the Court of Luxembourg in the light of the Lisbon Treaty (1 December 2009), which assigned binding legal force to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of European Union.



## CONFERENCES

To promote the Global Compact's Ten Principles, especially in the context of human rights, the UFTDU annually organizes conferences with the aim to address and to analyse specific issues. These conferences constitute an unique opportunity for debating and discussing in deep the controversial topics related with the protection of human rights. Therefore, these conferences contribute to create an environment where participants and experts can share and develop arguments about the human rights topics.

**30<sup>th</sup> May 2018** – Conference “*Cyberbullismo e deontologia dell’informazione*” organised by the Association of Journalists, the Federation of Journalists of Emilia Romagna, and the Fondazione Forense Bolognese in collaboration with Inner Wheel Bologna and Quartiere Santo Stefano. Professor Anton Giulio Lana intervened on the topic: “*Cyberbullying, hate speech, hate crimes: phenomena of violence and intolerance on the web and offline*”.

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2018** – Conference “*Disuguaglianze e diritti umani*” organized to celebrate UFTDU’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The UFTDU was established in March 1968 by Giovanni Conso, Giuliano Vassalli e Mario Lana. For such occasion, the meeting was attended by Giovanni Mammone, First president of the Supreme Cassation Court, Francesco Caia, President of the CNF’s Committee on human rights, Alfonso Celotto, Professor of Constitutional law at Roma Tre University, Filippo Donati, Professor of Constitutional law at the Università di Firenze, Chiara Favilli, Professor of European law at the Università di Firenze, Fausto Pocar, Professor emeritus of International law at the Università degli studi di Milano, Lucia Tria, Member of the Supreme Court of Cassation, Claudio Zanghì, Professor emeritus of International law at Sapienza Università di Roma. The conference has also seen the participation of Vito Mazzairelli, Vice President of the Unione forense per la tutela dei diritti umani, Matteo Carbonelli, Vice President of the Unione forense per la tutela

dei diritti umani, Maurizio de Stefano, Member of the Unione forense per la tutela dei diritti umani e Bertrand Favreau, President of the “Institut des droits de l’homme des avocats européens” (IDHAE).

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2018** – Torre Annunziata, conference “*La Convenzione europea dei diritti dell’uomo. Il ricorso individuale e la Corte di Strasburgo*”. Professor Anton Giulio Lana participated speaking on the topic “*The rights granted by the ECHR. Conditions for admissibility and procedures for responding to individual redresses*”. Alessio Sangiorgi also intervened on the topic “*Simulation of a referral to the Court of Strasbourg*”. The conference’s programme is available [here](#).

**14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017** – Rome, 1<sup>st</sup> SIRU National Congress on “*Costruiamo la medicina e la biologia della riproduzione umanizzata*” organized by the Italian Society of Human Reproduction. Professor Anton Giulio Lana contributed by examining the impact of the science of reproduction in a social and cultural context.

**29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017** – Rome, seminar on “*La discriminazione e il discorso di incitamento all’odio per motivi di razza, origine etnica e nazionalità*” organised by the UFTDU and the CIR. Professor Anton Giulio Lana talked about the topic of discrimination in the Italian legislation. Mario Melillo further developed on the Italian law’s judicial profiles concerning discrimination and hate speech; and Alessio Sangiorgi presented case studies and team works.

**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017** – Rome, seminar on “*Training of Lawyers on the Law Relating to Violence against Women*”, organised by the Consiglio Nazionale Forense. Professor Anton Giulio Lana concluded the seminar speaking about violence against women in the ECHR’s jurisprudence.

**21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017** – Rome, seminar on “*Procedura di riconoscimento della protezione internazionale, richiedenti asilo vulnerabili e detenzione amministrativa*”, organised by the

UFTDU and the CIR. Elisa Pieragostini analysed the issue of discrimination and hate speech for reasons of race, ethnicity and nationality.

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2017** – Seminar on “*Disforia di genere – La nuova sensibilità giuridica partita da Messina: evoluzioni e sviluppi a seguito della sentenza del 4 novembre 2014*” in the auditorium of Messina’s Appeal Court. Organised by the Sicilian branch of the UFTDU, with the participation of the Società Italiana Scienze Forensi and Messina’s Bar Council.

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2017** – Roundtable on “*Diritti umani e impresa. Tra il Piano di azione italiano e la legal opinion della FRA*”, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Professor Anton Giulio Lana spoke assessing the issue of “Access to remedies of the European Convention on Human Rights: the right to an effective remedy and the jurisprudence of the Strasbourg Court”.

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017** – Sassari, event for the release of the white paper “*L’informazione giudiziaria in Italia*”, organised by Sassari’s Criminal Chamber and the Osservatorio sull’informazione giudiziaria.

**19<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – Perugia, conference on “*Trattamenti inumani e degradanti ed esecuzione della condanna*”, organised by the Umbria branch of the UFTDU in collaboration with the *Fondazione Forense di Perugia and Perugia’s Criminal Chamber*.

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – Conference on *hate crimes*, organized by Milan’s Bar Council. Professor Anton Giulio Lana participated outlining the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights on the topic.

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – Perugia, conference “*Cinema e diritti: eutanasia*”, organised by the Fondazione Forense di Perugia and the National Association of Magistrates, in collaboration with the Umbria branch of the UFTDU.

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – 6<sup>o</sup> European Biosafety Summit, at the auditorium “Cosimo Piccinno” of the Ministry of Health, Rome. Its focus was on the standards of health workers in the workplace. Professor Anton Giulio Lana spoke about the legal aspects of the implementation of the directive 2010/32/UE in Italy.

**22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017** – Acqui Terme, conference on “*Crimini di guerra e i Diritti umani: nell’antica Roma come nei giorni nostri*”, organised by the Piemonte branch of the UFTDU and Alessandria’s Bar Council.

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2017** – Rome, conference on the defense of personal rights against the risks of online data manipulation and the spread of hate speech and violence, held by the representatives of the Bar Associations of the G7 countries.

**3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017** – Conference on technical-legal advice in the event of medical malpractice, organised by the UFTDU at the Court of Appeal in Rome. Find the conference’s programme [here](#).

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2017** – Bologna, an Intercultural Dialogue on “*Diritto e convivenza interculturale. Il ruolo degli avvocati nella promozione dell’educazione giuridica*”. The event was organised by the National Bar Association at the University of Bologna in occasion of the Italian G7 Presidency. Find the event’s programme [here](#).

**5<sup>th</sup> June 2017** – Conference “*La vittima vulnerabile*” at the Court of Appeal in Rome. The topic discussed was the protection of victims in criminal proceedings according to the directive 2012/29/UE converted from the Legislative Decree 15 December 2015 N.212. Organised by the

Association of Jurists *Ius ac Bonum* in collaboration with the UFTDU. Professor Anton Giulio Lana spoke about victims of crime according to the European Court of Human Rights. Find the conference's programme [here](#).

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2017** – Conference on “Violence against women on the web and offline”. Organised by the UFTDU, held inside the Sala del Mappamondo of the Chamber of Deputies. The conference was sponsored by the CNF and the Chamber of Deputies. The event saw the participation of the President of the Chamber of Deputies: Laura Boldrini, the Minister of Justice: Andrea Orlando, the President of the CNF: Andrea Mascherin and the President of the IDHAE: Bertrand Favreau. Find the conference's programme [here](#).

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017**– conference “*I Diritti umani in Europa e nel mondo*”, held at the Court of Appeal in Messina. Professor Anton Giulio Lana spoke about the conditions of admissibility of application before the European Court and its redress mechanisms.

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2017** – Perugia, conference on “*Riforma della sentenza penale in appello e rispetto dei diritti umani*” organised by the Umbria branch of the UFTDU.

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2017** – Perugia, conference on “*La confisca ed il congelamento dei beni strumentali e dei proventi da reato nell’Unione Europea tra diritto UE e CEDU*” organised by the Umbria branch of the UFTDU.

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017** – Genova, conference “*La Frontiera del Diritto e i Diritti alla Frontiera: il caso Khlaifia c. Italia*” organised by the Liguria branch of the UFTDU.

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2017** – conference “*La riforma del sistema comune europeo di asilo tra accogliimento e integrazione*”, hosted by the faculty of Political Sciences of Sapienza University of Rome. The subject of the congress was the international and European right of asylum.



## PROJECT MANAGEMENT

### - **TRALIM PROJECT ON MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN DUBLIN.**

On February the 2nd and the 3rd, 2017, Mr. Alessio Sangiorgi, lawyer in Roma and member of the UFTDU, held a relation in the framework of the project “TRALIM” (Training of Lawyers on European Law relating to Asylum and Immigration), which took place in Dublin at the Law Society of Ireland. This project is organized by the Consiglio Nazionale Forense, in partnership with the Consejo General de la Abogacía Española (Spagna), the Law Society of Ireland (Irlanda), the Athens Bar Association (Grecia) as well as the Krajowa Rada Radcow Prawnych (Polonia). In particular, it aims to strengthen lawyers’ knowledge on European Union regulation on asylum and immigration, in compliance with the indications expressed by the European Union’s institutions. The intense program of the course, which foresees both front lessons and workshops, constitutes an unique opportunity for fifth young lawyers from the partner state to further deepen current and urgent issues, such as immigration and the right to asylum, from the EU’ s legal framework as well as from the European Convention of Human Rights perspective. In addition, such topics are investigated under the lens of the experience developed by law firms which daily tackle related juridical issues.

