Provisional programme

The administration of justice and law enforcement: international co-operation and sharing experiences

Monday 30 – Tuesday 31 October 2017 | WP1562

Held in Fes, Morocco

Hosted jointly by the Governments of Indonesia and Morocco as part of the Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI) in partnership with Wilton Park

Since March 2014, the Governments of Chile, Denmark, Ghana, Indonesia and Morocco have been leading a ten year global initiative – the Convention Against Torture Initiative (CTI) – to achieve universal ratification and improved implementation of the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (UNCAT or the Convention). The CTI is an initiative by States for States facilitating technical advice, dialogue and cooperation to help States overcome obstacles to ratification and/or implementation and to share positive experiences and practices.

As part of the CTI, the Governments of Indonesia and Morocco have each hosted events bringing together governments from their regions to share experience and good practice and promote peer to peer exchange and international cooperation. Building on these past events, this seminar will convene up to 60 participants, including senior government officials from selected countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East which share similar legal frameworks and cultural traditions.

The Fes seminar will provide a neutral space for candid discussion on a non-attributable basis, focusing on good practice associated with the administration of justice and law enforcement. Under the overall goal to support international co-operation and awareness raising, the Fes seminar aims to:

- Explore experiences and good practices regarding arrest and detention of suspects
- Provide an expert exchange on the latest techniques of criminal investigation such as questioning and interviewing suspects, witnesses and victims
- Share good management approaches in relation to law enforcement and custody

The main seminar is by invitation only and will be followed by a half day meeting on 1 November for participating States that are not yet party to UNCAT.

Sunday 29 October

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In association with:
Monday 30 October

0730-0815 Breakfast in hotel

0900-1100 Opening addresses
Senior officials to include:

Mohamed Auajjar
Minister of Justice, Ministry of Justice, Rabat

Mustapha Ramid
Minister of State for Human Rights, Rabat

Hasan Kleib
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the UN, WTO and other International Organisations in Geneva

Andrew Gilmour
Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), New York

Abubacarr Marie Tambadou
Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Attorney General's Chambers, Ministry of Justice, Banjul

Mohammed Sebar
Secretary General of the National Council of Human Rights, Rabat

Idris Ibrahim Jameel
Minister of Justice, Ministry of Justice, Khartoum

1100-1130 Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1130-1200 1. Welcome and introduction
Chaired by Julia Purcell, Programme Director, Wilton Park

Alice Edwards
Head of Secretariat, Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI), Geneva

1200-1315 2. Justice and law enforcement: opportunities and challenges
What frameworks and procedures are currently in place to ensure effective administration of justice, including standards during arrest and detention? Why are they important and what impact do they have on the overall administration of justice? Drawing on lessons learned, how to build on existing good practice and what are the challenges which states need to overcome in developing standards and enhancing the overall administration of justice and law enforcement?

Introduction:
Andrew Gilmour
Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), New York

Perspectives on practice:
Abubacarr Marie Tambadou
Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Attorney General's Chambers, Ministry of Justice, Banjul

1315-1445 Buffet lunch
3. Procedures and safeguards: what works and what doesn’t?

Expert exchange on good practice for arrests and custody. Why are safeguards important and in what ways can they enhance the reliability of information? (Eg registration of arrest and detention, recording of interviews, place of detention, access for lawyers, communication with family members). What are the specific challenges involved and what are the risks of getting it wrong? How to ensure that procedures take into account the needs of vulnerable groups, including children and young people?

Introduction:
Abdelwahab Hani
Member of the United Nations Committee against Torture, Geneva

Perspectives on practice:
Isikeli Ligairi Sauliga
Deputy Commissioner of Police, Fiji Police Force, Suva

Yasmine Shams
Regional Programme Officer for Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), Geneva

1615-1645
Tea/coffee

1645-1815
4. Making the case: exploring investigative techniques

How to build more effective cases leading to a higher standard of prosecutions? What are the techniques for conducting criminal investigations- eg the use of forensics and data collection and analysis? How to improve record keeping, evidence gathering and storage? What methods can be used when working with witnesses and victims? How to cross-reference statements and evidence to best effect? What other innovative practices are emerging?

Ray Bull
Professor, Criminal Investigation, University of Derby

Perspectives on practice:
Christine Bøe Jensen
Superintendent, Oslo Police Department, Oslo

Suzanne Jabbour
Chief Executive Officer, Restart Center for Rehabilitation of Victims, Tripoli

1915
Meet in reception for group transport to restaurant

2000
Welcome dinner in external restaurant

Tuesday 31 October

0730-0815
Breakfast in hotel and checkout

0900-1030
5. Professional standards in policing

How to support national police forces in developing professional standards with particular regard to the rule of law and human rights? What training is needed and how to develop capacity? What are the responsibilities for leadership and how to ensure engagement and ‘buy-in’ at a senior level? How to maintain high quality of recruitment and sustain standards? How to address a ‘confessions based’ culture, both within law enforcement and in public perceptions of police? What elements of common culture and legal traditions can be drawn upon to facilitate these changes?
6. Maintaining checks and balances

What mechanisms and safeguards need to be in place to ensure transparency and accountability? And why are they important? Exploration of eg. independent oversight and visits, monitoring and evaluation systems, complaints reporting frameworks (for both detainees and other officers), protection for those who may challenge mistreatment or abuse. In what ways can the police and other officials be protected from false complaints? How to instil a culture of continuous improvement and motivate progress?

7. Enhancing international cooperation

Breakout groups:
- ways forward
- practical proposals and recommendations
- the potential to share resources

Breakout group Co-Chairs/Facilitators:
- Said Ahouga
  - Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- Sara Bezzazi
  - Head, Service of Studies, General Directorate for National Security, Rabat
- Marghoob Butt
  - Executive Director, OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC), Jeddah
- Nadia Mohamed Eisa Gofoun
  - Director of Water Environment and Natural Resources Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Khartoum
- Mouna Lamzouri
Presidency of Public Prosecutor, Rabat

Alexander Grant Ntrakwa

Nur Kholis
Chairperson, Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights, Jakarta

Carsten Staur
Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva

Yasmine Shams
Regional Programme Officer for Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), Geneva

1530-1600
Tea/coffee

1600-1700
8. Concluding remarks and next steps
Informed by feedback from Session 7 break out groups
Chaired by Alice Edwards, Head of Secretariat, Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI), Geneva

1700
Close of seminar

1915
Meet in reception for group transport to restaurant

2000
Dinner in external restaurant

Wednesday 1 November

Cultural tour (Optional for remaining participants not attending CTI half day meeting)