



Wilton Park

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

1600

Participants arrive

1930

Dinner provided in the Ministry of Justice Club

In association with:



المجلس الوطني لحقوق الإنسان
Conseil national des droits de l'Homme

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 Tambahou

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 Tambahou

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

1315-1445

Buffet lunch

1445-1615

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?

Introduction:

Anna Giudice

Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Justice Section, Division of Operations, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Vienna

Perspectives on practice:

Muhamad Sade Mohamad Amin

Under Secretary, Security and Public Order Division Ministry of Home Affairs, Putrajaya

1030-1100

Tea/coffee

1100-1230

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?

Introduction:

Shazeera Ahmad Zawawi

Asia Pacific Programme Officer, Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), Geneva

Perspectives on practice:

Hamid Benhaddou

Head of Juridical Studies Section, National Human Rights Council of Morocco, Rabat

Anne Owers

Chair, Independent Police Complaints Commission, London

Nicholas Browne-Marke

Justice of the Supreme Court, Sierra Leone Judiciary, Freetown

1230-1400

Buffet lunch

1230-1300

Briefing session for Co-Chairs/Facilitators

1400-1530

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

Minister, Chargé d'affaires ad Interim, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana to the United Nations Office, Geneva

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)