

AGENDA

INDICATORS FOR MEASURING THE USE OF PRETRIAL DETENTION: What does “exceptional measure” in pretrial justice mean in the Americas?

April 25 - 26, 2013 – Bogotá, Colombia
Gran Salón Piso 30 - Crowne Plaza Suites
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DAY 1: Thursday, April 25, 2013				
SESSION 1	09.00 - 09.20	Welcome	Miguel La Rota, Robert Varenik	Welcome on behalf of DeJusticia and Open Society Justice Initiative and introduction of participants.
	09.20 - 09.30	Introduction	Ina Zoon	Context of the meeting, objectives, structure, expectations.
	09.30 – 09.40	The importance of measuring the use of pretrial detention from a human rights' perspective	Andres Pizarro, CIDH	<i>“Register of detainees and measurement of the use of pretrial detention in international human rights law”</i>
	09.40 - 11.20	PANEL 1: Current status of the use of pretrial detention measurements in the world.	Moderator: Ina Zoon Panelists: Rob Varenik, Peter Bennett, Martin Schönteich, Todd Foglesong, Jean Redpath.	Panel of international experts: is it true that "as far as the method of measuring pretrial detention is concerned, we are still in the dark"? What do "exceptional use," "last resort" and "proportionality" mean in quantitative terms? Robert Varenik: the main issues related to the measurement of pretrial detention. Peter Bennett: pretrial detention and penitentiary crisis - data collected by the World Prison Brief. Martin Schönteich: measuring the use of pretrial detention in the European Union. Todd Foglesong: measurements in Chile, USA, Turkey and Russia. Jean Redpath: current debate on pretrial detention indicators in Africa.
	11.20 – 11.30	Coffee Break		
SESSION 2	11.30 – 13.00	PANEL 2: Measuring the use of pretrial detention in Latin America	Moderator: Miguel la Rota Panelists: Gherman Welsch, Giovanni Veintimilla, Mario Avalos, Pedro Lagatta, Iván González, Anabella Museri	Current situation in Latin America: What is being measured? Who is measured and how? Gherman Welsch: measurements in Chile and the Paz Ciudadana experience; Giovanni Veintimilla: the monitoring system developed by the Public Defender of Ecuador. Mario Avalos: indicators developed by the ICCPG in Guatemala. Pedro Lagatta: measurements in Brazil. Iván González: empirical evidence and criminal policy in Colombia. Anabella Museri: measurements in Argentina.
	13.00 – 14.00	Lunch		

SESSION 3	14.00 – 14.10	Proposed indicators	Miguel la Rota Moderator: Ramiro Orías	List of the five main indicators proposed
	14.10 – 15.00	Remand prisoners totals, and remand prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants		Debate on relevance, scope and challenges. Is it necessary/useful to relate these indicators to the number of arrests?
	15.00 – 15.45	Duration of pretrial detention		Discussion on the characteristics of the indicator "Duration": Where does it begin? Where does it end? What does it really say about the way the system operates? Variations according to the type of crime, gender, social class, etc.
	15.45 – 16.00	Coffee Break		
SESSION 4	16.00 - 18.00	"Overstay" - custody beyond legal limits	Miguel de la Rota and Jean Redpath Moderator: Ana Aguilar	The Malawi study. Latin America: Investigation limits, detention limits and limits reasonably related to the duration of the process.

DAY 2: Friday, April 26, 2013

SESSION 5	09.00 – 10.15	The "Exceptional use" indicator	Gherman Welsch Moderator: Nataly Ponce	The universe of indicator. The three components. What does exceptional use mean in quantitative terms? Is it possible/useful to compare existing data? How to develop this indicator in countries where the law imposes compulsory pretrial detention for certain types of crimes.
	10.15 – 11.30	The "Compliance" indicator		The universe of indicator. Challenges of data collection. Particular concerns related to bail. What does this indicator tell us about the system? Limitations of interpretation. Why is it useful?
	11.30 – 11.45	Coffee Break		
SESSION 6	11.45 – 13.00	Qualitative indicators	Sebastian Narvaja Moderator: Anabella Museri	Debate: How does one measure the quality of the use of pretrial detention? Proportionality indicators. Indicators of anticipated sanctions. Error indicators.
	13.00 – 14.30	Lunch		
SESSION 7	14.30– 15.30	Promoting pretrial detention indicators at the country level	Álvaro Herrero Moderator: Anabella Museri	Right to information, access to information and pretrial detention indicators. Open Government Partnership opportunities. Experiences of CELS in Argentina. Other initiatives at national levels.
SESSION 8	15.30 – 17.00	Best practices, current projects, proposals	Giovanni Veintimilla and Pedro Lagatta Moderator: Ramiro Orías	Ecuador: The Zero pretrial detainees project. Brazil: Impact of the introduction of alternative measures to detention in Brazil. Overstay?
	17.00 – 17.15	Coffee break		
	17.15 – 17.45	Conclusions and next steps	Robert Varenik, Ina Zoon	
	17.45 – 18.00	Closing remarks	Álvaro Herrero, Miguel La Rota	