
Kololi, The Gambia, 5-6 April 2013

In collaboration with the

Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR), International Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU), the Actions pour la Protection des Droits de l’Homme (APDH) and Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA)

Draft Programme

Day 1: Friday 5 April 2013

08:30- 09:00 Participant Registration

9:00 – 9:10 Welcome Remarks [Justice Charles Mkandawire]

09:10-09:20 Introduction &Objectives [CSVR/ REDRESS]

09:20-09:40 Introduction:Victims’ right to reparation: international standards and developments [JurgenSchurr, REDRESS]

Discussion

09:40-11:00 Plenary Discussion: National experiences in interacting with ‘Africa’s human rights mechanisms’ and the right to reparation

[Moderator: ShuvaiBusuman- Nyoni]

Each presentation 5min.

- Zimbabwe  (Susan Mutambasere, Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum)
- Egypt       (BahaaEzzelarab Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights) (African
- Kenya (Diana Watila (Independent Medico Legal Unit))
- Uganda (Kembabazi Lydia Winyi, ACTV)
- South Africa (Sufiya Bray CSVR)
- Burundi (Fatima Jumaine)
- Ivory Coast (Mel ChristianoAke, APDH)
- Nigeria (UjuOsunade, PRAWA)
- Democratic Republic of Congo (Eugene Buzake, SAJ)

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Tea Break

11:30 – 13:00 (Sub-) regional application of the right to reparation

ECOWAS Court of Justice, ACmHPR, East African Court of Justice, SADC Tribunal
Moderator: Fatima Jumaine

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break


[Moderator: Bahaa Ezzelarab, EIPR]

Inter-American Court & Inter-American Commission (Elizabeth Abi-Mershed, Inter-American Commission & Maria Claudia Pulido, Inter-American Commission) (40Min)

- Discussion Nigeria (UjuOsunade, PRAWA)

15:15 – 15:30 Tea Break

15:30 – 16:30 Working Groups: Strengthening rights of victims before the Mechanisms

Questions to consider:

- How can we build on the best practices elsewhere, and ensure consistency in reparation rulings by the Mechanisms in line with international law and standards (including: definition of victim; forms of reparation in relation to different article 5 violations; systemic violations)?

- What are some of the challenges faced by the Mechanisms (and States) in providing reparation to victims and how could these be addressed?

16:30-17:00 Reporting back to Plenary + Discussion

17:00 Closing Remarks of Day One (ShuvaiBusuman-Nyoni, CSVR)
Day 2: Saturday 6 April 2013:

9:00 – 9:15 Recap of Day One

9:15 – 9:25 Introduction & Objectives for day two [CSVR & REDRESS]


(Commissioner Med S. K. Kaggwa, Commissioner, African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights - tbc)

9:45 – 11:00 Working Groups: Mapping out the role for ‘African Human Rights Mechanisms’ in strengthening the right of victims of torture to reparation

Questions to consider:

- How should part III of Robben Island Guidelines be developed in light of developments under international law since adoption in 2002?
- (How) can a ‘manual or guidelines’ on the right to reparation for victims of torture assist African Human Rights Mechanisms in rulings on reparation?
- Identify key components for a civil society Action Plan on reparation for victims of torture on a (sub-) regional level

11:00 – 11:15 Tea Break

11:15 – 12:15 Reporting Back from Working Groups & Discussion

12:15 – 13:00 Roundtable Discussion on the way forward

Moderators: CSVR & REDRESS

13:00 Closing
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