

**SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC FORUM
OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS**

MONDAY 11 – WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2002

**ASHOK HOTEL
NEW DELHI, INDIA**

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2002

- 1.00 – 5.00pm Meeting of NHRI Senior Executive Officers (separate program to be distributed)
Room: Board Room, Level 3
- 4:30 – 5.30pm **Registration** (open to all delegates)
- 6:00 – 8:00pm Reception at Australian High Commission
(Forum Members, Advisory Council of Jurists, OHCHR and other NHRI delegates only)

Closed Session - Forum Members and OHCHR

DAY 1

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2002

Room: Cocktail Lounge, Level 3

8:30 – 12:00

Forum Members Meeting – General Business

Chair: Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

1. Report on Forum Activities (Secretariat)
2. Admission of New Members (Secretariat)
 - Malaysia
 - Republic of Korea
 - Thailand
 - Palestine
 - Associate Membership
3. Discussion re Seventh Annual Meeting (Secretariat)
 - Agenda
 - Concluding Statement
 - 2003 Reference to the Advisory Council of Jurists
4. Election of four regional representatives to the ICC and one regional representative to the ICC accreditation sub-committee (Secretariat)
5. Report on Forum Transition Issues (Management Sub-Committee)
6. Meeting of Senior Executive Officers – Issues for Discussion (Secretariat)
7. Location of Eighth Annual Meeting of the Forum (Secretariat)
8. Election of new Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons
9. General Business

12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 5:00	Board Training for Forum Members (closed session) Presenter: Mr Peter Gates, The Mercury Centre Detailed agenda and papers to be provided
3:30 – 4.30pm	Registration (for all other delegates) Room: Pre-Function Area, Level 3
5.00pm	All delegates meet in hotel lobby – travel by bus to Vigyan Bhavan for the Opening Ceremony
6.00pm	Delegates seated for commencement of Opening Ceremony
6:30pm	Opening Ceremony Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi Keynote Speakers: Mr Justice J.S. Verma Chairperson National Human Rights Commission of India Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Prime Minister of India Mr Brian Burdekin Special Adviser on National Institutions to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
7.30pm	Return of delegates to Ashok Hotel
8.00pm	Formal Dinner and Cultural Evening Room: Banquet Hall, Level 3
10:00pm	End of Day 1

Open Session – Forum Members and Registered Observers

DAY 2

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2002

Room: Banquet Hall, Level 3

8.30

Registration

Room: Pre-Function Area, Level 3

9:00 – 10:30

Asia Pacific Regional Cooperation

Chair: National Human Rights Commission of India

Mr Brian Burdekin

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr Godfrey Gunatilleke, Deputy Chairperson

Report from Closed Session

Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

Representatives

Asia Pacific Governments

Mr Ravi Nair

Asia Pacific Human Rights Network

10.15 – 10.30

Open Discussion - Question and Answer Session

10.30

Morning Tea

11.00

Report on Forum Activities – Members

Chair: Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights

11.00 – 12.15

Forum Members Reports

[5 minute presentations]

1. Australia

2. Fiji

3. India

4. Indonesia

5. Mongolia

6. Nepal

7. New Zealand

8. Philippines

9. Sri Lanka

10. Reports from new member institutions

12.15 – 12.30

Open Discussion – Questions and Answer Session

12.30

Lunch

2.00

Open Discussion Session

Chair: Fiji Human Rights Commission

2.00 – 3.00

Topic 1: Advisory Council of Jurists -

a) Decision on 2003 Reference to the Advisory Council

b) Standing Issues – Death Penalty and Child Pornography –
Report from Forum Members on further developments

- 3.00 - 4.00 Topic 2: Proposed International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities – Rosslyn Noonan, New Zealand Human Rights Commission
- 4.00 Afternoon Tea and Conclusion of Day 2
- 4.30 New Delhi Field Visit - Forum Members and Jurists only
- 6.30 Forum Members return to Ashok Hotel

The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in the Prevention of Trafficking in Women and Children

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2002

Room: Banquet Hall, Level 3

- 9:00 **International and Regional Approaches**
Chair: Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

Ms Chandni Joshi, Regional Director
United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
- 9.30 – 10.30 Open Discussion – Questions and Answers
- 10:30 **Morning tea**
- 11:00 **Report from the Meeting of the Advisory Council of Jurists**
Chair: Philippines Commission on Human Rights

Representative, Advisory Council of Jurists
- 11.30 – 12.30 Open Discussion – Questions and Answers
- 12:30 **Lunch**
- 2:00 **National Approaches and Practices**
Chair: New Zealand Human Rights Commission

Rt. Hon. Mr. Nayan Bahadur Khatri, Chairperson
National Human Rights Commission of Nepal

Justice Smt Sujata V Manohar, Member
National Human Rights Commission of India

Smt Jyotsna Chatterjee, Director
Joint Women’s Programme, New Delhi
- 2.30 – 3.30 Open Discussion – Questions and Answers
- 3:30 **Afternoon tea**
- 4:00 **CLOSED SESSION (Forum Members and OHCHR)**
Final Drafting of the Concluding Statement
Room: Ruby Suite 292, Level 2

- 4:00 **OPEN SESSION: The Work of the National Human Rights Commission of India**
- 5:00 **FINAL CONFERENCE STATEMENT**
Adoption of Statement of Conclusions and Recommendations
Room: Banquet Hall, Level 3
Chair: National Human Rights Commission of India
- 6.00pm **End of Seventh Annual Meeting**

Note: The Advisory Council of Jurists will meet separately on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November before joining the proceedings of the 7th Annual Meeting on Wednesday 13th November.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE MEETING

Conduct of the Meeting

- Overall the meeting's sessions are to be chaired by a member representative of the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions.
- Background papers prepared for public sessions will be available to all participants.
- Each session will begin with a short introduction, followed by comments and responses, and concluded by a summary of the discussion by the Chair.
- The interventions by Forum member representatives take place before those by other participants.

Participation of Forum member representatives

- The representatives of Forum members – the human rights commissions of the, Australia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, the Philippines and Sri Lanka (and any institution accepted as a member at the first day of proceedings) – are the principal actors of this regional meeting.
- For each session, Forum member representatives may make initial introductory presentations or be subsequent commentators, if they so desire.
- The responsibility for finalising the meeting conclusions lies with Forum member representatives.

Participation of the United Nations

- As co-sponsor of the meeting, the representatives of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will be specifically invited to address the meeting under a number of topics, in particular – “Asia Pacific Regional Cooperation.”
- The Chair is to exercise flexibility to allow adequate opportunity for interventions generally by representatives of the United Nations throughout the meeting.

Participation of Government representatives

- The Chair of the meeting is to exercise flexibility to allow adequate opportunity for interventions by government representatives.
- Government representatives will be specifically invited to make a brief address to the meeting on any steps they have taken towards the establishment or strengthening of national human rights institutions under the topic – “Asia Pacific Regional Cooperation”.

Participation of NGOs

- The Chair of the meeting is to exercise flexibility to allow adequate opportunity for interventions by Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). NGO representatives with prepared written statements are requested to provide a copy of these to the Secretariat.

Participation of relevant institutions

- The Chair of the meeting is to exercise flexibility to allow adequate opportunity for interventions by representatives of relevant institutions.

The role of the Secretariat

- The role of the Secretariat is to facilitate the work of the meeting by:
 - (i) Providing necessary clarifications, inputs and information
 - (ii) Acting as resource persons – particularly in the preparation of background papers
 - (iii) Summarising discussions and preparing the final report of the meeting.