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**THE ASIA PACIFIC FORUM
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PROGRAM

Human Trafficking and National Human Rights Institutions: Cooperating to End Impunity for Traffickers and to Secure Justice for Trafficked People

INVITATION ONLY

Monday 21 November – Wednesday 23 November 2005

Swiss Grand Hotel
Bondi Beach, Sydney, Australia

[APF members are required to attend a half-day roundtable discussion on Sunday 20 November]



Asia Regional Cooperation to Prevent People Trafficking



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Sunday 20 November 2005 – Half Day for NHRIs

12.00 - 1.00 Registration and collection of workshop materials

Venue: Lobby

1.00 – 4.00 **An information roundtable for NHRIs on trafficking**

Venue: Promenade Room 1, Lobby Level

Objective: The roundtable is for NHRIs to introduce themselves to each other and to share, in an informal setting, their understanding of and experiences of working with trafficking. The purpose is to prepare NHRIs to participate, actively and creatively, in the Workshop.

Format: Introductory remarks by two facilitators; clarification of understanding regarding key concepts; followed by roundtable discussion. NHRI representatives will be asked to nominate a co-facilitator from amongst themselves for this session.

Key roundtable issues:

- What is trafficking?
- What are the main human rights aspects of trafficking?
- What have NHRIs done about trafficking?
- What could NHRIs do about trafficking?

SUNDAY EVENING WELCOME COCKTAILS - ALL PARTICIPANTS

Venue: Epic Cove, Lobby Level, Swiss Grand Hotel, Bondi Beach

6.30 – 8.00 Cocktails

7.00 – 7.10 Welcome by The Hon John von Doussa QC, President,
Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
(HREOC)

8.00 Free Time

DAY 1: Monday 21 November 2005

- 8:00 Registration and collection of workshop materials
Venue: Lobby
- Session One** **Introduction to the Key Issues**
Venue: Promenade Room, Lobby Level
- Session objective: To provide an introduction to the key themes and issues of the workshop*
- Chair: Ms Pru Goward, Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner, HREOC
- 9.00 – 9.10 Mr Kieren Fitzpatrick,
Director, Asia Pacific Forum of National
Human Rights Institutions
APF's work on trafficking in the region
- 9.10 – 9.30 Ms Anne Gallagher,
Team Leader, Asia Regional Cooperation to Prevent People
Trafficking (ARCPPT)
*The framework of engagement for NHRIs on the issue of
trafficking*
- 9.30 – 9.45 Justice Sujata Manohar,
Former Member of the National Human Rights Commission of
India and ex-Focal Point on Women and Trafficking
The role of NHRIs in combating trafficking
- 9.45 – 10.00 Ms Bandana Pattanaik,
Coordinator, Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women
*The NGO perspective: how NHRIs and NGOs can support each
other and work together on the issue of trafficking*
- 10.00 – 10.30 Morning Tea

Session Two Understanding the problem: Researching and investigating trafficking

Venue: Promenade Room, Lobby Level

Session objective: To understand how NHRIs could conduct good research and use this as the basis for education campaigns and policy and legislative development. To also consider the ethical and other issues associated with working with victims

Chair: Mr Tom Calma, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, HREOC

- 10.30 – 10.50 Ms Kamala Pillai, Head, Economic Social and Cultural Rights Section, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)
Preparing and using a national report on trafficking - a perspective from SUHAKAM
- 10.50 – 11.10 Screening of a film on trafficking produced by SUHAKAM and UNICEF
- 11.10 – 11.30 Dr Savita Bhakhry, Senior Research Officer, NHRC India
Designing and implementing an action research project on trafficking – a perspective from NHRC India
- 11.30 – 11.50 Ms Kathleen Maltzahn, Committee of Management, Project Respect
Researching and investigating trafficking: the Australian experience
- 11.50 – 12.10 Questions and answers
- 12.10 – 1.00 **Open discussion:** what are the key lessons and emerging good practices for NHRIs when it comes to researching and investigating trafficking?
- 1.00 – 2.00 Lunch – *Venue: Epic Brasserie, Lobby Level*

Session Three **Ending Impunity and securing justice: NHRIs engaging with the law and the administration of justice**

Venue: Promenade Room, Lobby Level

Session objective: To identify the ways in which NHRIs can effectively engage with national legal and criminal justice processes around trafficking

Chair: Mr John von Doussa, President, HREOC

- 2.00 – 2.20 Ms Sjamsiah Achmad Commissioner, National Commission on Violence against Women, Indonesia and former CEDAW Committee Member (2001-2004)
Effective Legal Strategies to Combat Trafficking in Women and Children – including how to use the UN system
- 2.20 – 2.40 Ms Anne Gallagher, Team Leader, ARCPPT
Criminal justice responses to trafficking: challenges and opportunities
- 2.40 – 3.00 Ms Jennifer Burn, Senior Lecturer, UTS Community Law Centre, Sydney
Australia: a case-study analysis and model for achieving reform through practical engagement with the legislature, judiciary and the executive
- 3.00 – 3.30 Questions and answers

3.30 – 5.30	<i>Breakout groups: NHRI strategies to end impunity and secure justice for victims</i> <i>Note: afternoon tea will be served in each breakout room</i>
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Group 1: ***NHRIs and the international and national legal framework around trafficking*** (Reef Room 1, Level 1)
Facilitator: Ms Sally Moyle, HREOC
Rapporteur: to be elected from amongst the group
Notetaker: Ms Jo Tilly, HREOC

Group 2: ***NHRIs and criminal justice agencies: monitoring and working with police, prosecutors and judges*** (Reef Room 2, Level 1)
Facilitator: Mr Kieren Fitzpatrick, APF
Rapporteur: to be elected from amongst the group
Notetaker: Ms Sarah Squire, HREOC

Group 3: ***Monitoring government action to ensure rights of victims and suspects are respected*** (Reef Room 3, Level 1)
Facilitator: Ms Jen Burn, UTS
Rapporteur: to be elected from amongst the group
Notetaker: Ms Thuy Doan-Smith, APF

Group 4: ***Using the complaints function to end impunity and secure justice for victims*** (Promenade Room, Lobby Level)
Facilitator: Ms Pip Dargan, APF
Rapporteur: to be elected from amongst the group
Notetaker: Ms Natasha de Silva, HREOC

Free evening with a social option to join APF/HREOC staff at 6.00pm for a one hour walk along the coastline from Bondi beach to Tamarama beach and return.

DAY 2: Tuesday 22 November 2005

Session Three (continued)

Chair: Mr John von Doussa, President, HREOC

Venue: Promenade Room, Lobby Level

9.00 – 10.00 Rapporteur reports from Monday's breakout groups

10.00 – 10.30 **Open discussion:** what are the key lessons and emerging good practices for NHRIs when it comes to ending impunity and securing justice for victims?

10.30 – 11.00 Morning Tea

Session Four Working with NGOs to support victims and their rights

Venue: Promenade Room, Lobby Level

Session objective: To identify the main areas in which NHRIs and NGOs can collaborate and the strategies to ensure such collaboration actually happens and is effective

Chair: Ms Sjamsiah Achmad, Commissioner, Komnas Perempuan

11.00 – 11.20	Ms Siriporn Skrobanek, Foundation for Women, Thailand <i>Finding victims and access to justice</i>
11.20 – 11.40	Dr Renu Rajabhandari, Chairperson, Women's Rehabilitation Centre, Nepal <i>The issue of immediate assistance and protection</i>
11.40 – 12.00	Ms Sally Moyle, Director, Sex Discrimination Unit, HREOC <i>Strategic alliances: NHRIs and NGOs</i>
12.00 – 1.00	Lunch – Venue: <i>Epic Brasserie, Lobby Level</i>
1.00 – 1.20	Ms Kristin Dadey, Program Manager, Counter-Trafficking Unit, International Organisation for Migration, on the issue of reintegration and rehabilitation
IOM	<i>Reintegration and rehabilitation</i>
1.20 – 1.40	Dr Terry O'Neill, Manager, Human Rights, New Zealand Human Rights Commission <i>The New Zealand HRC: Past Success and Current Challenges?</i>
1.40 – 2.00	Ms Tati Krisnawaty, Head of the Sub-Commission on the Protection of Groups Vulnerable to Discrimination, National Commission on Violence Against Women, Indonesia <i>Information and awareness</i>

2.00 – 3.15

Breakout groups: Engagement between NHRIs and NGOs/VSA's – issues and opportunities

Note: afternoon tea will be served in each breakout room

- Group 1: ***Assistance, protection and legal status*** (Reef Room 1, Level 1)
Facilitator: Ms Nina Vallins, ARCPPT
Rapporteur: to be elected from amongst the group
Notetaker: Ms Sarah Squire, HREOC
- Group 2: ***Repatriation*** (Reef Room 2, Level 1)
Facilitator: Ms Kathleen Maltzhan
Rapporteur: to be elected from amongst the group
Notetaker: Ms Jo Tilly, HREOC
- Group 3: ***Reintegration and rehabilitation*** (Reef Room 3, Level 1)
Facilitator: Mr Stephen Clark, APF
Rapporteur: to be elected from amongst the group
Notetaker: Ms Natasha de Silva, HREOC

- Group 4: ***Information and awareness*** (Promenade Room, Lobby Level)
 Facilitator: Ms Pip Dargan, APF
 Rapporteur: to be elected from amongst the group
 Notetaker: Ms Thuy Doan-Smith, APF
- 3.30 – 4.30 Rapporteur reports from breakout groups
Venue: Promenade Room, Lobby Level
- 4.30 – 5.30 **Open discussion:** what are the key lessons and emerging good practices for NHRIs when it comes to working with NGOs to secure a rights-based approach to trafficking?
- 5.30 Free evening

DAY 3: Wednesday 23 November 2005

Session Five Internal, cross-border and regional collaboration

Venue: Promenade Room, Lobby Level

Chair

Mrs Cressida Senanayake, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

- 9.00 – 9.20 Mr Kieran Best, Information Officer, UN Inter- Agency Project on Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region
The importance of internal and external cooperation arrangements (internal MOUs, bilateral and multilateral MOUs)
- 9.20 – 9.40 Dr Ram Dayal Rakesh, Commissioner, Nepal Human Rights Commission
Cooperation between NHRIs on the trafficking issue: lessons from South Asia
- 9.40 – 10.00 Attorney Maria Maravilla, Instruments and Monitoring Office, Commission on Human Rights, Philippines
Cooperation between NHRIs on the trafficking issue: lessons from the ASEAN region
- 10.00 – 10.30 Ms Oyunchimeg Purev, Staff Director, Human Rights Commission of Mongolia and Ms Pip Dargan, Deputy Director, APF
The APF Trafficking Focal Point system: An opportunity for cross-border cooperation and collaboration?

10.30 – 11.00	Morning tea
11.00 – 12.30	Open discussion: what are the <u>key lessons</u> and <u>emerging good practices</u> for NHRIs when it comes to cross-border and regional cooperation?

Key issues:

- How can NHRIs share their expertise?
- How can the APF Focal Point system be better used?
- How can NGOs and NHRIs work together to improve cross-border and regional cooperation on trafficking?

12.30 – 1.30	Lunch – <i>Venue: Epic Brasserie, Lobby Level</i>
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Session 6:	Discussion and adoption of conclusions and recommendations
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Venue: Promenade Room, Lobby Level

<u>Chair</u>	Justice Sujata Manohar
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1.30 – 3.30	Discussion and adoption of concluding statement
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3.30 – 4.00	Closing Remarks
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Ms Sally Moyle, Director, Sex Discrimination Unit, HREOC
Mr Kieren Fitzpatrick, Director, APF

6.30	Bus departs for Harbourside Indian Restaurant
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7.30	Farewell dinner hosted by Ms Pru Goward, Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner, HREOC
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*Venue: Harbourside Indian Restaurant,
corner Walker and Lavender Streets, North Sydney*

10.00	Bus returning to Swiss Grand Hotel
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