

**THE VIENNA FORUM TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING
13-15 February 2008**

Vienna, Austria

AIDE MEMOIRE

WORKSHOP:

1) MOCK INTERVIEW

2) MOCK TRIAL

BACKGROUND

The Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking to be held at United Nations Headquarters in Vienna from 13 to 15 February 2008 will focus on the three overriding themes of vulnerability, impact and action. It will offer plenary sessions and a series of panels and workshops on different aspects of the three themes.

This event is part of the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT). The Global Initiative aims to mobilize state and non-state actors to eradicate human trafficking by i) reducing the vulnerability of potential victims and the demand for exploitation in all its forms; ii) ensuring adequate protection and support to those who do fall victim, and iii) supporting the efficient prosecution of the criminals involved, while respecting the fundamental human rights of all persons.

UN.GIFT is part of a wide partnership by the UN-System and other international and regional organizations (ILO, IOM, OSCE, OHCHR, UNICEF, UNODC). These organizations, which form part of UN.GIFT Steering Committee, are responsible for the organization of the panels and workshops of The Vienna Forum.

The workshop on Criminal Justice Responses is organized by UNODC, in partnership with criminal justice practitioners from different parts of the world.

CONTEXT

The workshop will be conducted in the format of an interactive role play, including a mock interview and a mock trial. The audience will be asked to give feedback to scenarios performed by practitioners. On the basis of the feedback a good practice scenario will be performed.

The role play is performed in the following context:

SEMA is a 24-year-old woman who lives in a small village in Poorland. Her husband died in an accident and she supports her two young children (4

and 2 years old) alone. Occasionally she finds work in a field but lately there has not been much work for her. It is difficult to care for the children.

A neighbour, who left the village years before, tells her that she earned a lot of money working as a domestic worker in a rich family in Wonderland. She asks Sema if she wants to go there with her, because the rich family needs another domestic workers.

Sema agrees to reimburse the neighbour in the amount of 700 Dollars for travel and other expenses. The neighbour assures her that she can earn the money to pay her in a short period of time.

Sema leaves her children in the care of her mother and begins the journey by car with the neighbour and a man whom she does not know at all. On the other side of the border she is ordered to get in the back of a yellow truck that is waiting for her. Sema sees that there are other young women already seated inside. After half a day they arrive at their destination. Sema is surprised to see the neighbour receive a large amount of money. The neighbour disappears without even looking at her.

Sema and the other women are taken to a brothel. Sema's documents are taken from her and the "Madam" tells her that she now belongs to the brothel.

Sema is forced to work very hard, from 4 p.m. till 6 in the morning. She must provide all forms of sexual services to clients, including sexual intercourse without condom protection.

After one year of sexual exploitation in the brothel, the "Madam" makes Sema take a blood test; after that she is set free without any explanation. She is told not to tell her story to anybody – otherwise something will happen to her children.

Sema wanders around the town without knowing what to do. Finally she is picked up by police. She is afraid as she has no papers. She is also scared for her children.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the workshop is to demonstrate good practice examples on:

- identification of victims;
- interviewing victims;
- use of interpreters;
- victim-witness assistance and protection within the criminal justice system; including trauma and health of victims of trafficking.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

A summary of the workshop discussions will be prepared and incorporated into the overall final report of the Vienna Forum.

The role play will be filmed and utilised as a training tool.

STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

The workshop will take place on 13 February in two sessions between 14.30 and 17.30.

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THEMES

During the workshop a number of themes will be addressed:

- identification of victims;*
- interviewing victims;*
- use of interpreters;*
- victim-witness assistance and protection within the criminal justice system; including trauma and health of victims of trafficking.*

PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 150 participants are expected, including government officials, civil society, academia and international organizations.

WORKING LANGUAGE

English only

SPEAKERS

- 1) Rapporteur: Christine Brautigam, Division for the Advancement of Women (UN)*
- 2) Director: Randall Ivan Bredes Rodrigues (Costa Rica)*
- 3) Moderator: Riikka Puttonen (UNODC)*
- 4) Sema: victim-witness: Joanna Reiterer (Nigeria)*

- 5) *Interviewer cops: Chris Marteens (Belgium), Steve Wilkinson (UK)*
- 6) *Interpreter: Frances Okpata (Nigeria)*
- 7) *Victim support: Sunitha Krishan (India)*
- 8) *Courtroom security: PM Nair (India)*
- 9) *Prosecutor: Usman Shadrach Haruna (Nigeria)*
- 10) *Judge: Kimberly Prost (ICTY)*
- 11) *Defence attorney: Olga Zudova (UNODC)*
- 12) *Defendants (Madam): Karen Kramer (UNODC)*
- 13) *Expert witness: Cathy Zimmermann (USA)*
- 14) *Media representatives: Louise Potterton (UNODC)*

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