

DRAFT AGENDA (version 22.10.09)

Wednesday, 11 November 2009

09:00 am Registration

Chairperson: Mr. Mohamed El Ayoubi, Director of Judicial Training at the High Institute of the Magistracy (ISM)

09:15 am **Welcome remarks**

- Mr. Mohamed Lididi, Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice
- Mr. Johannes van der Klaauw, Representative of the UNHCR in Rabat
- Mr. Mohammed Said Benanni, Director General of the High Institute of the Magistracy (ISM)

09:45 Coffee break

10:00 **The engineering of training**

- Needs assessment and curriculum development
- Methodology of practical on the job training and theoretical training
- Supervision and evaluation of training

presented by *Mr. Mohamed El Ayoubi, Director of Judicial Training at the High Institute of the Magistracy (ISM, Rabat, Morocco)*

10:30 Discussion

10:45 **Introduction to international refugee law, persons of concern to UNHCR and the key principles of the 1951 Convention**

– presented by *Carolin Spannuth Verma, Senior Protection Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Rabat*

11:15 Discussion

11:30 **Who is a refugee? In particular, the definition of a refugee according to Art. 1 A (2) of the 1951 Convention (with references to refugee status on the basis of other human rights instruments)**

- Application of the inclusion clause, what is a well founded fear of persecution? (with references to Canadian & French jurisprudence)
- Some aspects of credibility assessment

- presented by *Ms. Lois Figg, Assistant Deputy Chairperson, Immigration and Refugee Board, Canada/ Vice-President of the IARLJ and Mr. Laurent Dufour, Senior Legal Council, National Court of Asylum (Cour Nationale du Droit D'Asile)*

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- 12:30 Discussion and distribution of the first two case studies relating to the refugee definition
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14.30 **Group work on Case study 1 (gender related persecution)** - facilitated and debriefing by *Ms. Lois Figg*
- Coffee to be served during the Group work*
- 15:15 Presentation by participants and discussion in plenum
- 15:45 **Group work on Case study 2 (persecution related to trafficking)** - facilitated and debriefing by *Mr. Laurent Dufour*
- 16:15 Presentation by participants and discussion in plenum
- 16:45 **Experiences of South Africa with the application of the Refugee Act as a comparative model of Status Determination, including aspects of the OAU Convention in the practical application of the inclusion clauses** - presented by *Mr. Ahmed Aerbee*
- Experiences of France with complementary forms of protection (*Mr. Laurent Dufour*)
 - Experiences of Canada with complementary forms of protection (*Ms. Lois Figg*)
 - Experiences of UNHCR with the extended refugee definition (*Ms. Carolin Spannuth Verma*)
- 17.30 End of Day 1

Thursday, 12 November 2009

Chairperson: A Representative from the UNHCR

- 09:00 **Decision making and reasoning of decisions on refugee status** (focus on methodology) - presented by *Ms. Lois Figg or Mr. Sam Laredo*
- 10:00 **Group work on case study 3** (focus on methodology) – facilitated by *Ms Lois Figg or Mr. Sam Laredo*
- Coffee to be served during the Group work*
- 10:45 Presentation by participants and discussion in plenum
- 11:00 Debriefing by *Ms. Lois Figg or Mr. Sam Laredo*
- 11:30 **Fair & efficient asylum procedures, including how to ensure access to the country of asylum and to the asylum procedure and the role of the judiciary** - presented by *Mr. Laurent Dufour*
- Co-organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice in Morocco, the High Training Institute of the Magistracy in Rabat (ISM), the International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Rabat

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- Minimum standards of the asylum procedure (Europe's experiences and Directives, including in dealing with vulnerable groups of refugees and asylum seekers (*Mr. Laurent Dufour*)
- Canada's experience (*Ms. Lois Figg*)
- South Africa's experience in introducing individualized asylum procedures (*Mr. Ahmed Aerbee*)
- Morocco's vision (*Mr. Mohamed El Ayoubi*)

- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:30 Discussion in plenum
- 15:00 **Group work on case study 4 (on procedural issues, for example an airport case)** – facilitated and debriefing by *Mr. Laurent Dufour*
- Coffee to be served during the Group work*
- 16:00 Presentation by participants and discussion in plenum
- 17:00 Debriefing
- 17:30 End of day 2

Friday, 13 November 2009

Chair: A Representative from the IARLJ, for example Mr. Kashim Zannah?

- 09:00 **Post recognition issues: Refugee rights, their socio-economic well-being, documentation and legal residence** – presented *Mr. Ahmed Aerbee* and *Mr. Laurent Dufour*
- Experiences of South Africa, Canada, France...
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:30 **Group work on case study 5** (Problem: persecution/ prosecution, for example a child soldier case) – *facilitated and debriefing by M Laurent Dufour*
- Coffee to be served during the Group work*
- 11.30 Debriefing
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 **Sharing of a sample curriculum in international refugee law**
- Systematic presentation of the training module of the IARLJ or other manuals
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- How it can be used as a practical tool to train judges, prosecutors and other relevant officials in international refugee law in Africa
– *presented by Ms. Lois Figg or Mr. Sam Laredo*

15:00 **Presentation of the work of the IARLJ and its relationship with the African Chapter (Northern and Southern cluster), including priorities on professional development initiatives in Africa**
– presented by *Mr. Ahmed Aerbee*

16:00 **Closing remarks and recommendations** by the Ministry of Justice of Morocco, the IARLJ and UNHCR
