

Workshop for the enhanced capacity on Suriname's treaty body engagement:

Moving towards UNCAT ratification

Banquet Hall, Hotel Torarica, Paramaribo, Suriname

Thursday, 20 October 2016

AGENDA

Facilitated roundtable on UNCAT ratification

Day 3 Thursday, 20 October 2016	
Time	Programme
7:30—8.00	Registration of participants
8:00—8.45	<p><u>Welcome and opening remarks:</u></p> <p>H.E. Mr. Supratikto, Ambassador of Indonesia in Suriname, representing the core group of the Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI)</p> <p>Mr. Armstrong Alexis, UNDP Deputy, on behalf of the UN Resident Coordinator, Richard Blewitt</p> <p>Ms Jennifer Van Dijk-Silos, Minister of Justice and Police</p> <p><i>The event will be facilitated by Dr. Alice Edwards, Head of the CTI Secretariat</i></p>
8:45—10.00:	<p><u>Session 1: UNCAT obligations and their applicability in Suriname</u></p> <p><i>Purpose: To learn in detail about the substantive provisions of the UN Convention against Torture and to hear perspectives from Suriname</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Claude Heller, Member of the UN Committee against Torture, will provide an overview of the history and purpose of the UNCAT and its key substantive provisions. He will also discuss why states should ratify the Convention against Torture, and how ratification can help States improve domestic arrangements on, for example, the rule of law, good governance and effective criminal

	<p>investigation and law enforcement (15-20 minutes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sara Vera López, Association for the Prevention of Torture, will present the APT-CTI Guide on Anti-Torture Legislation which details primary, recommended and optional elements to be included in national legislation. By providing practical examples from the region, she will show various ways in which governments have criminalised torture and otherwise brought their legislation into line with the UNCAT provisions. She will also highlight some factors to take into account in the process of drafting anti-torture legislation (15-20 minutes). • One participant from each participating government department (5-10 minutes each) is invited to share their views on the benefits and challenges in ratifying and implementing the UNCAT; and to ask and have clarified questions about what ratifying the Convention will mean for Suriname.
10.30—11.00	COFFEE BREAK
11.00—12.30	Session 1 cont'd
12.30—13.30	LUNCH
13.30—14.30	<p><u>Session 2: The ratification process</u></p> <p><i>Purpose: To look at opportunities on how to move towards UNCAT ratification in Suriname and to share experiences</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process of ratification: Mr. Rasmus Jensen, Desk Officer – Law and Human Rights, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Copenhagen, will present the process of ratifying the UNCAT – Articles 21-22 in particular –and share the Danish experience of ratification and the reporting process (10 minutes) • Process of constructive dialogue with the Committee: Mr. Claude Heller, Member of the UN Committee against Torture, will speak about reporting as a constructive dialogue and the opportunities it presents for learning about new practices and receiving feedback on positive as well as problematic practices. He will also speak about the simplified reporting process (10 minutes) • Process of initial reporting: Ms. Carla Covarrubias, OHCHR, Treaty Body Capacity Building programme, will speak about opportunities for their support in preparing the initial report to the Committee, and they will highlight different ways to organise the national preparation of periodic reports (10 minutes) • Q & A session

<p>14:30- 15.30</p>	<p><u>Session 3:</u></p> <p>Developing an implementation roadmap for Suriname</p> <p><i>Purpose: To hold a facilitated discussion about steps that could be taken post-ratification</i></p> <p>It is considered that the process of implementation is ongoing. No country has a perfect record in relation to torture prevention and redress for victims. This session will provide space for Suriname to think about an implementation roadmap and the priority areas post-ratification that may need support.</p>
<p>15.30-15.45</p>	<p>Closing remarks by Mr. Humphrey Tjin Liep Shie, Acting Director of Justice and Police, on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Police</p>

Participants will be invited to take some refreshments after the closing remarks.