



## 4<sup>th</sup> IOI Workshop for NPMs

### “Strengthening the follow-up on NPM Recommendations”

7 – 9 November 2018 | Copenhagen, Denmark

*“The work of the mechanism should be understood as an ongoing, context-based process of development that takes into account not only the experience of the mechanism itself, but also information and advice from and the experience from other relevant and reliable sources [like fellow NPMs].”*

*(Cited from SPT’s analytical assessment tool for NPMs (CAT/OP/1/Rev.1))*

### Objectives of the Workshop:

With reference to SPT’s analytical assessment tool for NPMs (CAT/OP/1/Rev.1), the general objective of the IOI workshop is to support NPMs in the self-evaluation of mandated activities in order to improve their activities to bring them into line with the guidance provided by the SPT.

More specifically – and based on the evaluation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> IOI NPM workshop -, the objective of the workshop is to maximize the impact of NPMs and their contribution to positive changes in detention practices, including through the ongoing refinement and improvement of working methods and sharing practical experiences and knowledge on activities such as:

- The process of achieving change and how each element of that process can contribute to a successful outcome
- Recommendations and reports submitted to authorities – how to draft effective recommendations?
- Systematization of recommendations and the responses received from authorities, in order to secure an effective follow-up on the progress made to implement recommendations – how to track progress?
- Follow-up and assessment of the implementation of recommendations, including dialogue with authorities, communication with national actors, like civil society, and cooperation with UN bodies – how to follow-up?

According to SPT’s analytical assessment tool, NPMs should develop concrete long – and short-term strategies in order to achieve the maximum impact on problems and challenges relevant to its mandate in the local context.

Acknowledging that different contexts involve different challenges and call for different solutions, this workshop does not aim at providing a general set of “solutions” or “strategies” that NPMs can apply when confronted with challenges such as a reluctance of the authorities to change practices, a lack of resources to implement recommendations, or negative public opinion.

Instead, the objective of the workshop is to offer NPMs a platform for mutual exchange of practical experiences and lessons learnt on writing recommendations and on the follow-up of these. Hereby, the participants will have an opportunity to share knowledge and experiences about different tools/approaches that NPMs are using in their respective contexts allowing them to discuss and reflect upon the pros and cons of their own practices. Reflections that can be used in the ongoing refinement and improvement of their NPM recommendations.

Besides the evaluation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> IOI NPM workshop, the topics of this workshop is based on the comparative NPM study, “Enhancing Impact of National Preventive Mechanisms”, which was written by researchers from Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM) and Human Rights Implementation Centre at the University of Bristol (HRIC). The study can be accessed on the following link:

[http://www.univie.ac.at/bimtor/dateien/NPM\\_Study\\_final.pdf](http://www.univie.ac.at/bimtor/dateien/NPM_Study_final.pdf)

Even though the study has a limited focus in the sense that it only studies the 24 NPMs designated to carry out preventive visits to places of detention in the European Union (EU), the study addresses questions that are relevant to all NPMs worldwide, i.e. questions relating to working methods in relation to drafting recommendations and conducting follow-up. As such, the study can help setting the agenda for the exchange of experiences and lessons learnt which is to take place during the workshop.

## Methodology:

- The working process and facilitation methods employed will use as much as possible the experience of participants. All participants are expected to share information about and reflections upon their practices.
- Participants will in advance be asked to present experiences on
  - o Their key achievements and biggest obstacles in relation to implementation of recommendations.
  - o How to develop and maintain information management systems (databases) in order to secure systematic and consistent follow-up and effectively track progress made to implement recommendations.
  - o The dialogue with authorities and the usage of various tools such as follow-up visits, written dialogue and exchange of information, action plans, meeting and personal exchanges with the authorities, working groups, training, individual complaints and investigations, etc.
  - o The cooperation and communication with other national actors, i.e. interaction with Parliament and with civil society organizations
- Specific expert inputs will serve to further clarify key issues, such as for example the APT’s double SMART criteria.



### **Participants (maximum 30):**

- 1 representative of each NPM (max. 2, depending on availability)
- IOI Secretary General + staff

### **Facilitator**

- Representative from the APT
- Representatives from the Danish NPM

### **Experts**

- Representative from the UN SPT
- Representative from the UN CAT
- Representative from the CPT
- Representative from BIM
- Representative from the APT

## Draft Agenda

### ARRIVAL | TUESDAY, 6 November 2018

TIME	TOPIC
All Day	Arrival of participants
19:00 – 21:00	Informal get-together at ...  <b>Meeting point</b>

### DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY, 7 November 2018

TIME	TOPIC
09:00 – 09:45	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Round of introduction</li> <li>- Background, objectives and agenda of the training</li> </ul>
09:45 – 10:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:00 – 12:00	Introducing NPM strategy and the change perspective. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding the place of recommendations within the overall process.</li> <li>- Presentation of the BIM comparative study - “Strengthening the effective implementation and follow-up of torture monitoring bodies in the European Union”</li> </ul>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 15:00	The change perspective in practice. Looking at key achievements of NPMs and at key obstacles to implementation of recommendations. Deconstructing the different elements of why things work and why they don't. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nature of problems that recommendations seek to address (procedures, material conditions, attitudes, practices, laws).</li> <li>- What are the different types of obstacles to implementation for each type of problem? What are the different justifications given?</li> <li>- How each type of problem involves a different audience and requires a different approach.</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15 – 17:00	Elements of the process 1: visits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How do planning, preparation and team composition for visits contribute to the process of achieving change?</li> </ul>
	<i>Evening at everybody's free disposal</i>

## DAY 2 | THURSDAY, 8 November 2018

TIME	TOPIC
09:00 – 10:30	Elements of the process 2: Drafting effective recommendations and reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The APT's double SMART criteria</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:30	Tools for tracking progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What tools do NPMs currently use for managing and keeping track of their recommendations over time?</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Elements of the process 3: Dialogue with authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are the different ways in which NPMs engage in dialogue in order to achieve change? Including: follow-up visits, written dialogue and exchange of information, action plans, meeting and personal exchanges with the authorities, working groups, training, individual complaints and investigations, etc.</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15 – 17:00	Elements of the process 4: Communication and cooperation with national actors
19:00 – 22:00	<i>Dinner at restaurant ...</i>

## DAY 3 | FRIDAY, 9 November 2018

TIME	TOPIC
09:30 – 10:15	Elements of the process 5: Communication and cooperation with International bodies – the SPT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How can SPT help NPMs in strengthening the follow-up on recommendations?</li> </ul> <p><i>All participants together with representatives from SPT</i></p>
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 – 11:15	Elements of the process 6: Communication and cooperation with International bodies – the UNCAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How can NPMs utilize State reporting procedure to the UNCAT?</li> </ul> <p><i>All participants together with representatives from UN CAT and SPT</i></p>



11:15 – 12:00	Elements of the process 6: Communication and cooperation with International bodies – the CPT - How can NPMs utilize the work of CPT? <i>All participants together with representatives from CPT</i>
12:00 – 12:10	<i>Lunch</i>
12:10 – 13:00	Bringing the different elements together What leads to a good outcome?
13:00 – 13:45	Plenary Session - Closing remarks - Evaluation of training experience
	<i>End of training</i>