

IOI Workshop for NPMs “Strengthening the follow-up to NPM recommendations”

7–9 November 2018 | Copenhagen, Denmark

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“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:

The general objective of the IOI workshop is to support NPMs in their torture prevention work. More specifically, and based on the evaluation of the 3rd 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
- The role of reports and recommendations in achieving change in detention
- Systematization of recommendations and the responses received from authorities, in order to ensure effective follow-up and implementation.
- Follow-up and assessment of the implementation of recommendations, including dialogue with authorities, communication with national actors, including civil society, and cooperation with international bodies.

Acknowledging that different contexts involve different challenges and call for different solutions, this workshop does not aim to provide 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 follow up to reports and recommendations. Participants will have an opportunity to share knowledge and experiences about different tools and approaches that NPMs are using in their respective contexts allowing them to discuss and reflect upon the pros and cons of their own practices.

Besides the evaluation of the 3rd IOI NPM workshop, the topics of this workshop are 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 via the following link: 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 in 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 and reflections on their practices, including:

- Their key achievements and biggest obstacles in relation to implementation of recommendations.
- 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.
- 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.
- The cooperation and communication with other national actors, i.e. interaction with Parliament and with civil society organizations

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 Ludwig Boltzman Institute for Human Rights (BIM), Austria

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ARRIVAL | TUESDAY, 6 November 2018

TIME	TOPIC
All Day	Arrival of participants
19:00 – 21:00	Informal get-together Keynote presentation by Dr. Richard Carver, Oxford Brookes University on the research study <i>Does Torture Prevention Work?</i> (TBC)

DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY, 7 November 2018

TIME	TOPIC
09:00 – 09:45	Session 1: Welcome Facilitator: IOI and the Danish Ombudsman Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To introduce the participants, facilitators and experts. - To introduce the background, objectives, and agenda of the workshop
09:45 – 10:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:00 – 12:00	Session 2: Introducing NPM strategy and the change perspective Facilitator: APT and BIM Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand the place of recommendations within the overall process of NPM work. - To present the BIM comparative study.
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 15:00	Session 3: The change perspective in practice Facilitator: APT Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To look at key achievements of NPMs and understand what worked and what didn't work, as well as the reasons why. - To understand how the different elements of the process each contribute to the success of NPM work.
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15 – 17:00	Session 4: Elements of the process 1: visits. Facilitator: APT Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand how planning, preparation and team composition for visits contribute to the process of achieving change.
	<i>Evening at everybody's free disposal</i>

DAY 2 | THURSDAY, 8 November 2018

TIME	TOPIC
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 5: Elements of the process 2: Drafting effective recommendations and reports. Facilitator: APT Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand how recommendations and reports contribute to change - To understand what goes into a good recommendation and report
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:15	<p>Session 6: Tools for tracking progress Facilitator: Danish Ombudsman Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand the different tools that NPMs use to track their recommendations and how they contribute to change
12:15 – 14:15	<p>Lunch and Meeting at the offices of the Danish Prison and Probation Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of how they see NPM visits and the role of constructive dialogue in achieving change <i>(TBC)</i>
14:15 – 15:45	<p>Session 7: Elements of the process 3: Dialogue with authorities Facilitator: APT Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand the importance of dialogue to a preventive approach and the different ways in which NPMs can use it to achieve change
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Session 8: Elements of the process 4: communication and cooperation with national actors Facilitator: APT Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand the importance of communication and cooperation with national actors and the ways NPMs can interact with different actors in order to achieve change
19:00 – 22:00	<i>Dinner at restaurant (TBC)</i>

DAY 3 | FRIDAY, 9 November 2018

TIME	TOPIC
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Session 9: Elements of the process 5: communication and cooperation with international bodies (SPT and CPT) Facilitator: CPT and SPT Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand how the SPT and the CPT can be of use to NPMs in strengthening their recommendations and follow up.
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Session 10: Elements of the process 5: communication and cooperation with international bodies (CAT) Facilitator: CAT Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand how the CAT can help NPMs in strengthening the follow up to recommendations
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Session 11: Closing and wrap up Facilitator: IOI, APT, Danish Ombudsman Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To bring the different elements together and understand how they contribute to a good outcome - To wrap up and evaluate the workshop
	<i>End of training – departure of participants</i>