



UNHCR-OHCHR
Agenda
Global Roundtable on Alternatives to Detention
11-12 May 2011 – Room XI ILO

DAY 1

08.30-09.00 Registration of Participants

09.00-09.30 Welcome

Ms. Erika Feller, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR
Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, Director of the Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division, OHCHR

Setting the Scene

09.30-10.45 Plenary Session 1: The international legal framework – detention and alternatives to detention

This session will provide an overview of the existing and developing international legal framework concerning detention of refugees, asylum-seekers, stateless persons and irregular migrants and examine emerging legal obligations around alternatives to detention.

Chair: Ms. Janice Marshall, Deputy Director, DIP, UNHCR

Speakers:

- Mr. Vladimir Tochilovsky, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention
- Ms. Alice Edwards, UNHCR
- Mr. Amal de Chickera, Equal Rights Trust
- Ms. Pia Oberoi, OHCHR

10.45-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 Plenary Session 2: Human rights impact of detention

This session will provide an overview of the human rights consequences and social costs of detention.

Chair: Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam, Member, UN Committee on Migrant Workers

Speakers:

- Mr. Hatem Kotrane, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
- Ms. Nicola Whittaker, Lawyers for Human Rights, South Africa
- Mr. George Tugushi, Council of Europe Committee for the Prevention of Torture
- Mr. Philip Amaral, Jesuit Refugee Service-Europe



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12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Plenary Session 3: Introduction to alternatives to detention

This session will provide a synopsis of the main examples of alternatives to detention in the immigration context, including discussion of the benefits in terms of costs and cooperation, as well as human rights considerations in implementing such alternatives.

Chair: Ms. Mona Rishmawi, Chief, Rule of Law, Equality and Non-discrimination Branch, OHCHR

Speakers:

- Ms. Robyn Sampson, La Trobe University, Victoria, Australia
- Mr. Adriano Silvestri, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights
- Ms. Alice Edwards, UNHCR
- Mr. Pablo Ceriani Cernadas, Centre for Human Rights, National University of Lanus, Argentina

15.30-15.45 Coffee break

Alternatives to detention and their practical implementation – selected examples

15.45-18.00 Plenary Session 4: Alternatives to detention for new arrivals

This session will explore the practical application of alternatives to detention for new arrivals whether they are new migrants or asylum seekers. This session will highlight mechanisms such as screening and assessment, documentation, individual undertakings and release to community arrangements.

Chair: Ms. Janice Marshall, Deputy Director, DIP, UNHCR

Speakers:

- Mr. Grant Mitchell, International Detention Coalition
- Mr. Remco Terpstra, Government of The Netherlands
- Mr. Chow Wing Hang, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (China)
- Mr. Rick Jones, Refugee Action, United Kingdom

18.30-20.00 Reception and Launch of the Studies on Alternatives to Detention – UNHCR premises (94, Rue de Montbrillant)

DAY 2

09.00-11.00 Plenary Session 5: Community supervision, bail and conditional release

This session will explore a range of community supervision and conditional release mechanisms being used in a range of contexts, including asylum and returns. This will include monitoring, reporting, supervision, bail, guarantor and surety arrangements.

Chair: Ms. Alice Edwards, Senior Legal Coordinator, DIP, UNHCR

Speakers:

- Mr. Felipe González Morales, Inter-American Commission of Human Rights
- Ms. Teresa Harvey, Government of Canada
- Mr. Dave Scott, Toronto Bail Program
- Mr. Mike White, New Zealand Human Rights Commission
- Ms. Megumi Ban, Japanese Refugee Association

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Plenary Session 6: Alternatives to detention – Case management in the returns context

This session will explore alternatives to detention in the context of refused asylum-seekers and irregular migrants facing removal. This includes case management models and return preparation programs.

Chair: Ms. Pia Oberoi, Migration Advisor, OHCHR

Speakers:

- Mr. Niclas Axelsson, Government of Sweden
- Mr. Pieter Stockmans, Flemish Refugee Action, Belgium
- Ms. Karen Visser, Government of Australia
- Ms. Ana Fonseca, IOM

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Informal break-out sessions to discuss a range of practical issues related to implementing alternative to detention programmes:

Working group 1: Screening tools and assessment of suitability (*Room XI*)

- *Facilitator/Rapporteur:* Ms. Phyllis A. Coven, US Government

- *Note-taker:* Mr. Alexander Beck, UNHCR

Working group 2: Community case management arrangements, including Government-NGO cooperation models (*Room VII*)

- *Facilitator/Rapporteur:* Mr. Remco Terpstra, Government of The Netherlands

- *Note-taker:* Ms. Alice Edwards, UNHCR

Working group 3: Alternatives for vulnerable groups and families with children (*Room X*)

- *Facilitator/Rapporteur:* Mr. Ruben Fondevilla, Government of the Philippines

- *Note-taker:* Ms. Pia Oberoi, OHCHR

15.30-15.45 *Break*

15.45-17.00 **Informal break-out groups** (*continue*)

17.00-18.00 **Plenary: Report back on lessons learned from informal break-out groups**

Chair: Ms. Janice Marshall, Deputy Director, DIP, UNHCR

18.00-18.30 **Closing remarks**

Ms. Erika Feller, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR