

**PROHIBITION OF INCITEMENT TO NATIONAL, RACIAL OR
RELIGIOUS HATRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL
HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

EXPERT SEMINAR FOR AFRICA

**Organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
at the United Nations Office Nairobi**

6 and 7 April 2011



INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. Background and objectives of the expert workshop

1. In follow-up to its 2008 Expert Seminar on the links between articles 19 and 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) with regard to freedom of expression and incitement to hatred, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) will organize a series of expert workshops on the prohibition of incitement to national, racial or religious hatred which will explore legislative patterns, judicial practices and policies in this regard.

2. By grounding the debate around incitement to hatred in international human rights law, the objective of the series of expert workshops is to gain a better understanding of legislative patterns, judicial practices and policies in the different regions of the world with regard to the concept of incitement to national, racial, or

religious hatred, while ensuring full respect for freedom of expression as outlined in articles 19 and 20 of the ICCPR; to arrive at a comprehensive assessment of the state of implementation of this prohibition of incitement in conformity with international human rights law; and to identify possible actions at all levels.

3. Four workshops will be held throughout 2011 starting with the event for the European region, in Vienna from 9-10 February 2011. The following workshops will be for the African region (Nairobi, 6-7 April 2011), the Asia Pacific region (Bangkok, 6-7 July 2011) and the Americas region (Santiago, 12-13 October 2011).

II. Expert-driven nature of the event

4. A number of experts have been invited by OHCHR to participate in the workshop and have been requested to prepare background papers on the topics of the seminar. These papers come in addition to a commissioned study regarding relevant legislation, examples of jurisprudence and different types of policies in the countries of the region.

5. Each session of the expert workshop will begin with the presentation of background papers prepared by the experts. Each expert will speak for 10 to 15 minutes after which a discussion among expert will ensue. Subsequently the floor will be given to observers to make comments and ask questions to the experts.

6. Member States, United Nations departments and programmes, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and regional organizations, civil society organizations and national human rights institutions are invited to participate in the expert workshop as observers. Expertise on the subject matter is highly recommended for those who may wish to attend the workshop as observer.

III. Provisional agenda for and outcome of the expert workshop

7. A provisional programme of work containing the themes and specific topics to be considered at the expert workshop is available at the following internet address: http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/opinion/articles1920_iccpr/

8. The outcome of each expert workshop will be a report reflecting the discussions and suggestions made during each workshop and, as addendum, the expert papers prepared for that workshop.

IV. Date, time, venue, languages

9. The expert workshop will be held on 6 and 7 February 2011. The morning sessions will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. The afternoon sessions will start at 3:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. The seminar will take place at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, in Conference Room 3.

10. Interpretation will be provided in Arabic, English and French.

V. Visa requirements

11. All travelers arriving in Kenya should have a valid passport. In countries where there is no Kenyan Embassy or High Commission, the British Embassy will generally represent Kenya, and be in a position to issue visas.

12. Citizens of certain countries do not require visas to enter Kenya whereas citizens of other countries either need to obtain visas prior to departure or alternatively may obtain these upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

13. Please note that Kenya entry visas for nationals from Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Georgia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jordan, Mali, Nigeria, DPRK, Pakistan, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan and Yemen require special advance clearance by the Kenyan authorities.

14. It is advised to contact the nearest Kenyan Embassy / High Commission as soon as possible in order to ascertain which visa requirements are applicable to the traveler's situation.

VI. Registration

15. A registration form can be found on the above mentioned website (see under point 7). Participants are requested to register in advance, and at the latest by **Friday, 25 March 2011**. Please send the completed registration form to OHCHR on article20ICCPR@ohchr.org. Delegations of States, international and non-governmental organizations and other organizations participating should have no more than three persons representing their organization and are expected to cover their own expenses related to their participation.

16. At the time of the event, participants not already in possession of a UNON ground pass will be issued conference passes, in the appropriate categories, bearing their name and affiliation. For security reasons the display of conference/grounds passes is necessary for admittance to the conference premises.

VII. Documentation

17. The papers prepared by the experts as well as the background study commissioned by OHCHR will be available at the workshop. These documents will also be accessible ahead of the event on the following website: http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/opinion/articles1920_iccpr/

18. Written contributions by observers are also welcome. Since reproduction capacity will be limited, observers are requested to bring with them an appropriate number of copies of the documents that they wish to make available to the seminar.

VIII. Accommodation

19. Please note that all participants, including expert panelists, will need to directly make their own hotel reservations.

IX. Health

20. The yellow fever certificate is mandatory for all visitors in Kenya and vaccination should be given 10 days prior to departure. For other vaccinations, please consult your local doctor before embarking on your travel.

21. Malaria risk – predominantly in malignant (*P.falciparum*) form – exists throughout the year in the whole country. There is little risk in Nairobi and the highlands (above 2,500 m) of central Rift Valley, Eastern, Nyanza and Western provinces. *P.falciparum* is highly resistant to chloroquine and resistant to sulfadoxime-pyrimethamine has been reported. It is, therefore, recommended to use a combination of paludrine and chloroquine or mefloquine (Larium) or Malarone.

22. In case of an emergency, the following three hospitals are recommended for urgent treatment: Nairobi hospital (+254 (20) 272 2160), Aga Khan Hospital (+254 (20) 374 0000), and M.P. Shah Hospital (+254 (20) 374 2763).

X. Security

23. Kenya is currently at Phase 1 (precautionary phase) of the UN Security Plan with the exception of the following areas in Northern Kenya which are at Phase 3 - Turkana and Marsabit Districts and the whole of North Eastern Province

24. Street muggings can occur at any time of the day and night in both Nairobi and Mombasa so please be alert.

25. It is advisable to deposit your valuables at the hotel reception for safe keeping. When checking out of a hotel ensure that you keep briefcases, handbags and small luggage with you as these items are extremely attractive and have been stolen from inside hotel lobbies whilst guests are busy checking out

XI. Transport

26. Jomo Kenyatta International Airport is situated 16 kilometers (a 20-minute drive during non-peak hours) from the city centre. It is a modern airport providing Kenya with an international air junction served by approximately 25 airlines with flights to most regions in the world

27. Taxis are readily available. Try and take licensed taxis. The local unlicensed taxis are often unreliable, unroadworthy and should be avoided. Always confirm the fare in advance if there is no meter and before getting into the vehicle. Never take a

lift from a stranger. The taxi fare from the airport to Gigiri is approximately Kshs 1,700. The taxi fare from the city centre to the United Nations office in Gigiri, or from Gigiri to the city centre is about Kshs 700.

28. Public transport is not readily available or reliable and should certainly be avoided at peak hours as most transportation is filled to more than its capacity. You are strongly advised not to travel in these at all, however exciting they might look. In the case of matatus, they are often unroadworthy, are usually badly driven and their accident record is appalling, particularly on up-country routes. Pickpockets are known to frequent both buses and matatus, which add to the hazards of travelling on them

29. Taxis: Hilltop (+254 (20) 272 3218), Jatco (+254 (20) 444 8162; +254 (20) 444 6096), Jim Cab (+254 (20) 7122565; +254 (20) 7120 344), Kenatco (+254 (20) 230 771/2; +254 (20) 316611).

Car hire: Avenue (+254 (20) 313297; +254 (20) 317770), Avis (+254 (20) 24977), Budget (+254 (20) 652 144-9), Car Hire Services (+254 (20) 822 090), Concorde (+254 (20) 444 8953-4; +254 (20) 444 8134), Hertz (+254 (20) 331 974; +254 (20) 331 973), Payless (+254 (20) 652144-9).

XII. Services available at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON)

30. Postal services: At the United Nations Office, post office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, closed Saturdays. The post office can help you with speed post (EMS), fax, telex services, local and international calls during office hours. Public phones are available inside the Post Office, for which cash payments may be made at the counter. Pay phones, for use with phone-cards are also available. The cards may be purchased at the Post Office. The DHL Courier Mail Service Office is open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Monday to Friday. It is located on the lower concourse, next to the Post Office, adjacent to the Kenya Commercial Bank. UPS is also located within the UN complex.

31. Banks: The two banks at the UNON complex (United Nations Federal Credit Union and Kenya Commercial Bank) are open between 9 AM and 4 PM from Monday to Friday.

32. Medical services: Emergency first aid will be available throughout the duration of meetings. The services of a doctor will be obtainable if required. A nurse will be on duty during meeting hours, and can be contacted in Block F, room 117, Tel.: (254 20) 62 2267/8. An ambulance is available 24 hours a day. If you are involved in an incident, report it immediately to the United Nations Control Room (762 2999, 762 6666, 721 2000, 762 2334), which is at the United Nations Complex in Gigiri. Tell the officer on duty that you are a United Nations visitor to Kenya. He will be able to contact the Police and assist you.

33. Catering services: The Main Cafeteria: Central Area, Restaurant, Staff Lounge; Crackerjack Café (Old Cafeteria); and Café Royale (5 coffee stations, Bar in block W, Tented Structure between blocks T and U).

34. Travel services: The official United Nations travel agent is **Bunson Travel**, Ext: 4974-80/86/87, E-mail: bunson.travel@unon.org , Attn: Annamarie Kaveke/Jane Ngonze or hema. lumb@bunson.unon.org. **Acharya Travel**, also located at the UN complex, is on the Lower Concourse, next to the Kenya Commercial Bank. Ext: 3824-5,2390, 2392, 2438-9, E-mail: acharya.travel@unon.org

Both agents are open from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

35. Internet: The Cyber Café, located behind the post office at the Lower Concourse, provides free internet services to delegates.

XIII. Inquiries

36. For further information, please contact:

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