

Annex 2: “Practice in Action” Workshop Programme

Sri Lanka, 19 – 21 November 2003

Objectives of Regional Workshop:

In terms of **substance**:

- a) To **strengthen a people-centered view of access to justice**
- b) To **enhance substantive practice knowledge** on access to justice, particularly in areas where internal knowledge is most lacking – (i) police and prison reform; (ii) informal and traditional systems; (iii) role of NGOs, community-based organizations and other civil society actors; and most urgently needed – i.e. access to justice in conflict and post-conflict contexts.

In terms of **process**:

- a) To **strengthen and expand the Community of Practitioners**
- b) To **finalize tools** and identify needs for further tool development
- c) To establish **strategies for sustainability**

Programme

Wednesday 19 November 2003

- 10.00 – 10.30 am** **Opening and Introduction**
Welcome message, Christine Spoerel, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Sri Lanka
- 10.30 – 11.30 am** **The Asia Pacific Rights and Justice Initiative: setting the context**
Objective: Recapitulation of the initiative's past months, introduction to A2J framework
Process: Presentation by Stefan Priesner (Deputy Chief, Kathmandu SURF) followed by plenary
- 11.30 – 12.00 pm** **Coffee Break**
- 12.00 – 1.00 pm** **Part I: People-centered access to justice**
Objective: To examine obstacles to access to justice as experienced by disadvantaged groups themselves, and the type of strategies they have developed to overcome such obstacles.
Process: Presentation of preliminary findings of a participatory research study among different disadvantaged groups in India - Mr. Videh Upadhyay, *Society for Participatory Research in Asia* (PRIA)
Facilitation: Sanaka Samarasinha, Rule of Law Advisor, Bangkok SURF
- 1.00 – 2.15 pm** **LUNCH**
- 2.15 – 5.45 pm** **Part II: Strategic entry points on access to justice: What to Programme**
- 2.15 – 3.45 pm** **Consolidated lessons on access to justice**
Objective: General overview of main substantive lessons in two of the sub-practice areas.
Process: Presentations followed by plenary
Normative Protection, presentation by Sanaka Samarasinha, Bangkok SURF
Legal Empowerment, presentation by Monjurul Kabir, UNDP Bangladesh
Facilitation: Amparo Tomas, Task Facilitator
- 3.45 – 4.15 pm**
- 4.15 – 5.30 pm** **Coffee Break**
- Panels on key substantive issues**
Objective: To strengthen knowledge in areas where the Network has identified a need to outreach to external partners
Process: Inputs by external partners through panel discussions, followed by facilitated plenary
- Panel 1: Interface between formal and informal systems for the protection of rights**
Panelist: Dr. Sinclair Dinnen, *Fellow, State Society and Governance in Melanesia Project, Australia National University*. *Reactor:* Dr. William H. Pryor, *Regional Human Rights Education Resource Team (RRRT), Fiji*; Moderator: Rosemary Kalaturakal, UNDP Laos

Thursday, 20 November 2003

- 8.30 – 10.00 am** **Panel 2: Role of NGOs, community based organizations and other civil society actors in strengthening access to justice by disadvantaged groups**
- Panelist:* Stephen Golub, University of California at Berkeley. Reactor – Dr. Mizanun Raman, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; Florin Hilbay, Bantay Katarungan, Philippines
Moderator: Emmanuel Buendia, UNDP Philippines
- 10.00 – 10.15 am** **Coffee Break**
- 10.15 – 11.15 am** **Panel 3: Police Reform**
- Panelist:* J.P. Goshi, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI),
Reactor: – Monjurul Kabir, UNDP Bangladesh
- 11.15 – 12.00 pm** **Panel 4: Prison Reform**
- Resource Person:* Sunil Nanda, Penal Reform International (PRI),
Reactor: Beate Bull/ Ludovic Hood, UNDP Timor Leste
- 12.00 – 12.15 pm** **Break**
- 12.15 – 2.15 pm** **Part III: Responding to growing needs: Access to Justice in Conflict Situations**
- Objective:* To discuss problems of access to justice in conflict and post-conflict contexts and to identify strategies to address them.
Process: Presentations by Andrea Goodman, UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, and Ian Martin, International Center for Transitional Justice, New York; - reactor: Katarina Ammitzboell, UNDP Afghanistan. Followed by plenary.
Facilitation: Sudarshan, Access to Justice Adviser, Beurae for development policy DP/Oslo Governance Center
- 2.15 pm – 3.00 pm** **Lunch**
- 3:00-7:00** **Team-building and recreational activity**

Friday, 21 November 2003

- 8.30 – 12.30 am** **Part IV: How to Programme**
- 8.30 – 9.30 am** **Key Process Lessons on Access to Justice Programming**
- Objective:* Exposing and improving lessons learned on process.
Process: Presentation of key findings (Amparo Tomas, UNDP Asia Pacific Rights and Justice Initiative, Task Facilitator, and Rachel Ellis, Researcher), followed by plenary discussion
- 9.30 – 10.30 am** **Workshop on Disadvantaged groups_**– Case study: Workshop on access to justice by indigenous people
Resource person for workshops: Milet Mendoza, *Tabang Mindanaw, Philippines.*
- 10.30 – 11.30 am** **Presentation of workshop results in plenary**
- 11.30 – 12.30 pm** **Obstacles to rights-based programming**
Objective: To analyse obstacles to A2J programming through a rights-based perspective and strategies to overcome them
Process: Discussion in plenary
Facilitation: Sanaka Samarasinha, Rule of Law adviser, Bangkok SURF
- 12. 30 – 1.00 pm** **Part V: Overview of Draft Tools: AP-A2J Network Website**
- Objective:* Overview of current state of tools.
Process: Presentation of website followed by plenary discussion (Amparo Tomas and Jyotsna Poudyal)
Facilitation: Stefan Priesner, Deputy Chief, Kathmandu SURF
- 1.00– 2.00 pm** **LUNCH**
- 2.00 – 3.30 pm** **Part VI: Next Steps**
- Objective:* To establish mechanisms for Network and Practice development
Process: Plenary discussion facilitated by Sanaka Samarasinha, Rule of Law Adviser, Bangkok SURF
- 3.30 – 5.00 pm** **Part VII: Regional Programming**
Arusha Stanislaus, UNDP regional Bureau for Asia Pacific
- 5.00 – 5.30 pm** **Workshop evaluation and closing**
- 6:00 pm** **Departure for Colombo**