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1. Introduction

This is a report of the *Regional Workshop on National Human Rights Institutions and Internally Displaced Persons* which was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 26-28 October 2005 and included a one-day field visit to the southern Sri Lankan city of Galle.

The workshop was hosted by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) and was organised by the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF), in collaboration with the Brookings Institution - University of Bern Project on Internal Displacement (Brookings-Bern Project). Financial support for the workshop was provided by the New Zealand Agency for International Development and the Ford Foundation.

2. Background

At the Sixth Annual Meeting held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in September 2001, members of the APF expressed interest in developing their capacity to promote and protect the human rights of IDPs. APF members instructed their Secretariat to raise funds to assist national human rights institutions (NHRIs) in this endeavour.

At the meeting, APF members recognised that NHRIs can make an important contribution to national efforts to promote and protect human rights. They enjoy official recognition by governments and also often command significant respect within national societies as they are usually headed by influential and eminent people including retired judges or respected human rights activists. In countries with internal displacement, NHRIs have a valuable role to play in protecting and promoting the human rights of IDPs, as indeed has been recognised and encouraged by governments in UN resolutions.

Although many NHRIs, especially in developing countries, lack capacity, they are beginning to increasingly focus attention on the issue of internal displacement. In support of these efforts, the APF has developed a project to assess the capacities of its member institutions with regard to internal displacement and has mobilised assistance to help them enhance their capacities.

In January 2004 the APF entered into a partnership with the leading research and policy institute in this field, the Brookings Institution-University of Bern Project on Internal Displacement. Jointly, the APF and the Brookings-Bern Project have succeeded in securing financial and human resources to implement a two-year project on internal displacement which includes the following components:

- (i) individual assessments of six NHRIs located in countries experiencing internal displacement (India, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand) conducted from April to December 2004;
- (ii) the co-sponsoring of a regional workshop on the role of NHRIs in addressing the situation of IDPs hosted by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka from 26-28 October 2005. The workshop provided an

- opportunity for national human rights institutions to exchange ideas, challenges and practices within a regional context; and
- (iii) mobilising support and assistance (both financial and technical) to strengthen the capacities of the above six NHRIs based on projects and activities developed by the NHRIs.

An additional activity that should be noted was a one-day regional seminar on human rights, IDPs and the tsunami, held in Bangkok, Thailand on 4 March 2005. This seminar was held in the aftermath of the tsunami that hit south and south-east Asia on 26 December 2004. The meeting was attended by the Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, Dr Walter Kälin and representatives of the NHRIs of India, Indonesia, the Maldives, Sri Lanka, Thailand and the APF Secretariat.

An important outcome of this meeting was the decision by NHRIs to develop Guidelines or a common methodology for the role of NHRIs with regard to IDPs in the context of natural disasters based on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (Guiding Principles). These Guidelines have recently been finalised as a resource for NHRIs (see <http://www.asiapacificforum.net/training/idp/brookings-bern/guidelines.doc>).

The October 2005 *Regional Workshop on National Human Rights Institutions and Internally Displaced Persons* was held in Colombo over a three day period and included a one-day field visit to the southern city of Galle to meet with people displaced by the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004.

3. Organisation and Participation

The HRCSL hosted the *Regional Workshop on National Human Rights Institutions and Internally Displaced Persons* in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 26-28 October 2005 and was represented by its Chairperson, Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy, fellow Commissioners and staff. The workshop was jointly organised by the APF/Brookings-Bern Project and the HRCSL.

Commissioners and senior staff representatives from the NHRIs of Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, the Maldives, Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand and Sri Lanka attended the workshop. The workshop also included participants from civil society organisations from India, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and international and regional non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and research institutions from Thailand, Norway and the United States. The Government of Sri Lanka also participated in the workshop.

Also participating were representatives from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UN Country Team (Sri Lanka), the APF and the Brookings-Bern Project.

The full list of participants is attached at Appendix 1.

4. Workshop Objectives

Generally, the aim of the *Regional Workshop on National Human Rights Institutions and Internally Displaced Persons* was to bring together NHRIs, NGOs and other institutions and individuals that had participated in the national consultations on internally displaced persons, conducted by the APF-Brookings Bern project in 2004.

The workshop had four primary objectives:

1. to enable national human rights institutions and other organisations and individuals to exchange experiences and strategies relating to the protection of internally displaced persons;
2. to increase regional knowledge and understanding of human rights issues relevant to internally displaced persons;
3. to develop further capacity-building initiatives for national human rights institutions to address situations of internal displacement; and
4. to strengthen collaboration among national human rights institutions in relation to internal displacement through the development of an IDP Focal Point Network.

5. Workshop Program

The workshop program provided for two full days of discussion in plenary sessions and a full day field visit to Galle. (Workshop papers are available at www.asiapacificforum.net/training/workshops/idp/papers/index.htm.)

5.1 *Inauguration Ceremony*

Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy, Chairperson of the HRCSL, Mr N Selvakkumran, Commissioner, HRCSL, Mr Dennis McNamara Special Adviser to the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator and Director of the Inter-Agency Division on Displacement of OCHA, and Mr Haram Peiris, Director-General, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconciliation and Spokesman for the President of Sri Lanka, addressed the inauguration ceremony. In their opening statements the speakers noted the importance of the role of national human rights institutions in encouraging the use of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement to protect and promote the rights of people displaced by conflict, natural disasters and development. The vote of thanks was given by Ms Pip Dargan, Deputy Director on behalf of APF and the Brookings-Bern Project.

5.2 *Session 1: Introduction and International Principles on Internal Displacement*

Ms Pip Dargan, Deputy Director of the APF Secretariat provided an introduction to the APF/Brookings-Bern Project and an overview of the application of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement by NHRIs. Ms Roberta Cohen, Co-Director of

the Brookings-Bern Project explained that NHRIs can use and are using the Guiding Principles:

- First, as a framework for understanding the problem;
- Second, as a tool for raising national awareness about internal displacement;
- Third, as a monitoring tool;
- Fourth, as an advocacy tool;
- Fifth, as a basis for the development of policies and laws; and
- Finally, as an empowerment tool.

Mr Selvakkumaran, Commissioner of the HRCSL, provided an overview of the Commission's experience in using the Guiding Principles in relation to both conflict and disaster related displacement. Dr Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury of the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group provided an overview of the application of the Guiding Principles in South Asia, including in situations of development-induced displacement. The importance of adopting a comprehensive approach to internal displacement, including conflict, natural disaster and development-induced displacement, was emphasised by the participants.

5.3 Session 2: National Policy and Legal Development

The second session examined how NHRIs can engage with national legal and policy processes to promote the rights of internally displaced persons. Ms Roberta Cohen outlined twelve steps or benchmarks that constitute a *National Responsibility Framework*. Developed by the Brookings-Bern Project, the Framework is intended to assist governments in addressing internal displacement and can be used as a tool to help NHRIs and NGOs in monitoring government performance. The benchmarks identified are those that governments are expected to take to effectively discharge their national responsibility in situations of internal displacement. They include:

- i Prevention
- ii Raising national awareness of the problem
- iii Data collection
- iv Training
- v A National Legal Framework
- vi A National Policy of Plan of Action
- vii Creation of a National Institution Focal Point
- viii A Role for National Human Rights Institutions
- ix Participation of IDPs in Decision Making
- x Supporting Durable Solutions
- xi Allocation of Adequate Resources
- xii Cooperation with International and Regional Organisations

Mr Mario Gomez spoke about the challenges and opportunities for NHRIs to develop an agenda for advocacy and action, using the situation in Sri Lanka as an example. This session also learned from Mr Madhuresh Kumar of the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group about the incorporation of gender issues into national responses, particularly the urgent need to collect data on gender among IDPs, conduct a gender analysis in all relief and reconstruction programs and the importance of constructing a gender framework on the differential impact of displacement on men and women. The

session also heard from Mr Homero Rusiana about the experience of the Philippines Commission on Human Rights in the development of a National IDP Strategy, including the importance of identifying, consulting with and ensuring the participation of all vulnerable groups, and the need for national human rights institutions to develop an agenda for effective advocacy and action.

5.4 Session 3: A summary of NHRI activities and recent initiatives on IDPs

The third session provided an opportunity for all NHRIs present to inform the workshop about their respective national experiences. Representing the NHRIs were: Ms Fatan Quraishi and Mr Noor Wali Khan (Afghanistan); Mrs Aruna Sharma and Dr K.C. Pathak (India); Mr Taheeri Noor and Mr Pihri (Indonesia); Ms Uma Joshi and Mr Madhav Gautam (Nepal); Mr Homero Rusiana and Ms Roalina Tolosa (Philippines); Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy, Dr Deepika Udagama, Mrs Senanayake, Mr Selvakkumaran and Dr Zainudeen (Sri Lanka); Lady Khunying Ambhorn Meesook and Ms Rataya Kobsirikarn (Thailand); and Mr Ahmed Saleem and Ms Ashiyath Shiuna (Maldives).

Participants in this session addressed three main issues: i) the human rights issues relevant to internally displaced persons in their country; ii) the work of their institution in addressing the situation of internally displaced persons; and iii) the work that remains to be done by their institution in addressing the situation of internally displaced persons.

The range of NHRI programs and activities included:

- Data collection;
- Monitoring the human rights of IDPs, with particular attention to vulnerable groups – women, children, indigenous groups, and ethnic and religious minorities;
- Investigating and acting upon individual cases involving violations of the human right of IDPs;
- Bringing cases to higher courts, including the supreme court;
- Promoting laws and policies based on the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement;
- Conducting educational awareness programs;
- Providing legal aid to IDPs;
- Registering IDPs to vote;
- Helping IDPs to secure documents;
- Advocating with local and national authorities;
- Training government officials in the rights of IDPs and the obligations of national and local authorities toward them;
- Establishing networks among IDPs; and
- Working together with civil society, in particular NGOs, to enhance the effectiveness of the programs and activities.

In the course of the meeting, many challenges were mentioned. The first is the challenge of persuading governments to recognise internal displacement as a human rights issue within the mandate of NHRIs. Several NHRIs pointed out that IDPs are

often not recognised as a special category of persons requiring protection and assistance from governments. Other challenges include:

- The difficulty of monitoring IDPs in areas controlled by armed non-state actors, applying government policies in these areas, and promoting the return of those evicted by these groups;
- The absence of mechanisms for dealing with disputes over land and property;
- The need to raise attention to education and psychosocial needs, which are often neglected;
- Ineffective coordination of aid distribution and reconstruction; and
- An overextended role played by the military in certain areas, in particular in overseeing housing and in coordinating aid.

5.5 Session 4: Case studies on displacement

The fourth session examined the use of case studies by NHRIs to focus on key issues and strategies relating to the protection of the rights of IDPs and to identify steps forward. In this session the workshop examined the work of four of the APF's member institutions:

- Sri Lanka – the Human Rights Commission's response to the tsunami, including the establishment of an IDP monitoring project;
- Thailand – a human rights approach to community development for Ethnic Highlanders;
- Indonesia – the work of Komnas HAM with regard to conflict displacement; and
- Nepal – key issues and challenges in relation to conflict displacement.

This session demonstrated the valuable role of NHRIs in working alongside local NGOs and displaced communities.

5.6 Field Visit to Galle

On Thursday 27 October 2005, the second day of the workshop, participants travelled to the southern Sri Lankan city of Galle to meet with people displaced by the Indian Ocean tsunami of 26 December 2004.

The objective of the field visit was to enable participants to engage directly with displaced persons and to examine how the Guiding Principles can be applied in the field.

Workshop participants were divided into three groups and visited three separate IDP camps in Galle. They discussed with IDPs a range of human rights issues, including gender issues, children, non-discrimination in the delivery and receipt of aid, resettlement, livelihood issues, education, property rights, the pace of reconstruction, voting rights and personal documentation.

5.7 Session 5: NHRIs and IDPs in the context of natural disasters

The fifth session examined human rights issues in the context of natural disasters and the role of NHRIs in providing protection to the displaced, including any disparities in treatment between those displaced by conflict and disaster.

Ms Laurel Fletcher of the Human Rights Center of the University of California, Berkeley, presented the findings of the Center's report on the human rights situation in the aftermath of the tsunami. The report found many shortcomings in the response, in particular: an exacerbation of prior human rights violations; inequities in aid distribution; impunity and lack of accountability; poor coordination of relief aid; lack of confidence in the coastal redevelopment process; lack of community participation; and made recommendations for improvement.

This session also discussed the role of NHRIs in ensuring a rights-based approach in dealing with internal displacement caused by natural disasters. In this respect, Mr Ruki Fernando of Forum-Asia encouraged NHRIs to engage with all relevant actors including governments and national authorities such as the military and police services; statutory authorities (including the Auditor General, Electoral Commissions, Women's Commissions); NGOs; international financial institutions; intergovernmental organisations; the UN and sub-regional bodies such as ASEAN and SAARC.

In addition to their involvement in and advice on disaster relief policies and programs, NHRIs were encouraged to become more involved in the development of regional and national disaster prevention and preparedness systems. For example, workshop participants agreed that NHRIs should make use of the opportunity to engage with the United Nations Office of the Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery.

5.8 Session 6: Cooperating with partners

The sixth session identified the main areas in which NGOs and UN agencies can collaborate with NHRIs and the strategies to ensure that such collaboration is effective. A common theme that was reiterated in this session was the need for NHRIs to engage with the entire UN system at the country as well as the international level, considering the multiple agencies involved in addressing situations of internal displacement. Mr Rory Mungoven of the UN Country Team in Sri Lanka spoke of the UN and Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka's collaboration in post-tsunami reconstruction as a positive example of the ways in which NHRIs and the UN can work together.

A number of participants spoke about the need for a greater commitment from both NGOs and NHRIs to work together and build constructive partnerships, including in the areas of information sharing and facilitating access to IDPs.

5.9 Session 7: Regional, sub-regional and bilateral cooperation between NHRIs

The seventh session identified and recommended a range of activities to improve cooperation between NHRIs in the Asian region. Workshop participants agreed that an APF Focal Point Network on Internally Displaced Persons would be a useful

means of continuing engagement and cooperation between national human rights institutions at a regional level. Other recommendations included:

- The development of a manual on how NHRIs can respond to internal displacement;
- The inclusion of the issue of internally displaced persons and the role of NHRIs on the agenda of sub-regional bodies such as ASEAN and SAARC;
- The inclusion of the issue of internally displaced persons and the role of NHRIs on the agenda of sub-regional meetings of NHRIs (eg the forthcoming meeting of NHRIs in the ASEAN region scheduled for March 2006);
- The inclusion of a section on internal displacement in the annual reports of NHRIs;
- Staff exchanges between relevant NHRIs; and
- Improved information sharing and communications.

5.10 Session 8: Adoption of Concluding Statement and Closing Remarks

The eighth session saw the development and presentation of the workshop's Concluding Statement and Recommendations (see Appendix 3). The organising partners and a select number of key speakers assisted in the development of the draft recommendations, which were then circulated to all participants for their consideration and comment. Following discussion, a consensus outcome was achieved.

Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy and Ms Roberta Cohen made final closing remarks to the workshop.

6. Workshop Outcomes

The major immediate outcome of the workshop was the Concluding Statement and Recommendations which is attached at Appendix 3. The papers presented can be found on the website of the APF.

6.1 Assessment of Achievement of Workshop Objectives

The workshop's overall objectives (see above 4) were met. An exchange of experiences and strategies was achieved by bringing representatives of the six NHRIs involved in the APF/Brookings-Bern Project's 2004 national consultations on internal displacement together to discuss their experiences and strategies with representatives of other NHRIs of the region, UN agencies and international, regional and local NGOs.

The workshop increased regional knowledge and understanding of human rights issues relevant to IDPs. This was achieved by the development of a comprehensive program with a wide range of speakers with expertise and experience on the issue of internal displacement at the international, regional and national levels. The workshop's keynote speaker, Mr Dennis McNamara, provided an invaluable overview of the situation of internal displacement globally and in the Asian region in particular.

Mr Haram Peiris provided the perspective of the Sri Lankan government while Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy of the Sri Lankan Human Rights Commission described the role national human rights institutions could play. Ms Roberta Cohen, discussed the human rights issues relevant to IDPs as set forth in the Guiding Principles. The national perspective was provided by each of the eight NHRIs present at the meeting from Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Maldives, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Local NGOs and experts also provided valuable information about human rights and IDPs.

The development of further capacity-building initiatives for NHRIs was achieved by workshop participants agreeing to a range of practical steps to be taken to protect and promote the rights of internally displaced persons (see the Concluding Statement and Recommendations, in particular, paragraphs 12, 14, 18, 38-51, 57 and 59). In addition, the workshop provided the impetus for NHRIs to consider the development of further projects in their countries on internal displacement, for example, in Nepal and the Philippines.

Strengthening collaboration among national human rights institutions through the development of an IDP Focal Point Network was achieved with workshop participants agreeing to the development of an APF IDP Focal Point Network (see Concluding Statement and Recommendations, in particular, paragraphs 41 and 60).

7. Evaluation

An evaluation questionnaire was developed by the APF and the Brookings-Bern Project and distributed to all participants at the workshop. The questionnaire requested feedback on each individual workshop session and on aspects of the administration of the workshop. Participants were asked to ‘grade’ the quality and usefulness of the workshop using a four point scale ranging from “Excellent” to “Poor”. Eighteen completed questionnaires were returned to the Secretariat and these rated the ‘content’ and ‘administration’ of the workshop very highly. Most respondents rated the workshop as being either ‘extremely’ or ‘very’ helpful to them. Respondents stated:

In its entirety the workshop is an eye-opener and is well-paced in terms of substantial information. The structure is well defined.

Encouraging discussions and facilitations was good. Also range of topics. Field trip brings in realism to the subject at the workshop.

Congratulations for a job well done!

When asked how the workshop could have been improved, respondents replied:

Group work and other activities could be included in the agenda.

There should have been some group discussion...

For the voice of IDPs: showing short films can be just as effective to make sure that the voice of IDPs can be heard during such workshops.

Good combination of impromptu contact with IDP's and organised contact. Would help if there could be meetings with smaller numbers of IDPs and participants in focus group format so could hear from more people.

Following the conclusion of the workshop, a number of participants e-mailed the project organisers and other participants thanking them for the usefulness of the workshop.

A full record of all responses to the evaluation questionnaire is available at Appendix 4.

8. Recommendations for Follow-Up Activities

The workshop, through its concluding statement, made a series of recommendations to governments, NHRIs, international NGOs, inter-governmental organisations and the APF (see Appendix 3 for the full list of recommendations).

9. Appendix 1 – Participants List

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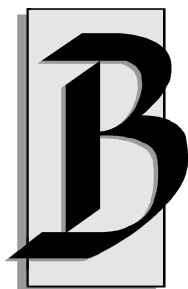
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10.Appendix 2 – Workshop Program



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APF/Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement

**Regional Workshop on National Human Rights Institutions and
Internally Displaced Persons**

Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th October 2005
(Inauguration on evening of Tuesday 25th October)

Galadari Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Hosted by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka



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TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER (EVENING)

Room: Salon Anthurium

- 6.30 Lighting of the oil lamp
- 6.35 Inauguration ceremony
- 6.35 – 6.45 Welcome by Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy, Chairperson, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka
- 6.45 – 7.05 Keynote address by Mr Dennis McNamara, Special Adviser to the UN Emergency Relief Co-ordinator, and Director of the Inter-Agency Division on Displacement, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- 7.05 – 7.15 Address by Mr Selvakkumaran, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka ‘*The role of the Human Rights Commission on IDPs*’
- 7.15 – 7.30 Guest of Honour: Mr Harim Peiris, Director General, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconciliation and Presidential Spokesperson
- 7.30 – 7.35 Vote of Thanks by Ms Pip Dargan, Deputy Director, Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions, and Ms Roberta Cohen, Co-Director, Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement and Principal Adviser to the Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons
- 7.35 Cocktails

WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER

Room: Salon Anthurium

8.00 – 9.00 Workshop registration

9.00 – 10.00– Session 1: Introduction and International Principles on Internal Displacement

Session objective: to provide an introduction to the application of the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement by national human rights institutions.

Chair: Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy, Chairperson, HRCSL

- 9.00 – 9.10 Ms Pip Dargan, Deputy Director, APF Secretariat to speak on the background to the APF/Brookings-Bern Project on IDPs and workshop.
- 9.10 – 9.30 Mr Selvakkumaran, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka and Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.
- 9.30 – 9.45 Ms Roberta Cohen, Co-Director, Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement ‘*The UN Guiding Principles and their relevance to NHRI’s.*’
- 9.45 - 10.00 Dr Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group ‘*The Application of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement in South Asia.*’
- 10.00 – 10.30 Discussion, questions and answers

10.30 – 11.00 Morning tea

11.00 – 12.30 - Session 2: National Policy and Legal Development

Room: Salon Anthurium

Session objective: to understand how NHRIs can engage with national legal and policy processes to promote the rights of IDPs.

- Chair:** Lady Ambhorn Meesook, National Human Rights Commission of Thailand
- 11.00 – 11.10 Ms Roberta Cohen, Co-Director, Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement “*National Responsibility Framework*”
- 11.10 – 11.25 Mr Homero Rusiana, Commission Secretary, Commission on Human Rights, Philippines, ‘*Towards a national strategy: how the CHR is engaging*’
- 11.25 - 11.40 Dr Mario Gomez, Program Associate, Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies ‘*An agenda for advocacy and action*’
- 11.40 – 11.55 Mr Madhuresh Kumar, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group ‘*Incorporating gender issues into national responses*’
- 12.00 – 12.30 Open discussion, questions and answers: what are the key lessons and emerging good practices when it comes to NHRIs engaging at the national and policy level?
- 12.30 – 1.30 Lunch: California Grill Restaurant, Rooftop*

1.30 - 3.30– Session 3: A summary of NHRI activities and recent initiatives on IDPs (10 minutes each)

Room: Salon Anthurium

Session objective: to introduce the work of NHRIs to the workshop.

Chair:	Mrs Cressida Senanayake, Commissioner, HRCSL
1.30 – 1.40	Mrs Aruna Sharma, Joint Secretary, National Human Rights Commission of India
1.40 – 1.50	Ms Rosalina Tolosa, Human Rights Director, Region XII Office, Commission on Human Rights, Philippines
1.50 – 2.00	Mr Taheri Noor, Commissioner, Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights
2.00 - 2.10	Ms Uma Joshi, Protection Officer, National Human Rights Commission of Nepal
2.10 – 2.20	Lady Ambhorn Meesook, National Human Rights Commission of Thailand
2.20 – 2.30	Mr Senaka Dissanayake, Coordinator, IDP Project, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka
2.30 - 2.40	Ms Fatana Quraishi, Transitional Justice Assistant, Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission
2.40 - 2.50	Mr Ahmed Saleem, Commissioner, Maldives Human Rights Commission
2.50 – 3.30	Facilitated discussion, questions and answers

Facilitator: Mr Ulf Edqvist, Norwegian Refugee Council

Key issues:

- **What are the main human rights aspects relating to IDPs?**
- **What have NHRI's done regarding IDPs?**
- **What could NHRIs do about IDPs?**

3.30 - 4.00 Afternoon Tea

4.00 – 6.00 – Session 4: Case studies on displacement

Room: Salon Anthurium

Session objective: is for NHRIs to use case studies to focus on key issues and strategies relating to the protection of the rights of IDPs and future steps forward.

Chair:	Dr. Deepika Udagama, Commissioner, HRCSL
4.00 – 4.20	Mr Lionel Fernando, Head, Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit, HRCSL, ' <i>HRC's response to the tsunami</i> '
4.20 – 4.40	Lady Ambhorn Meesook, Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Thailand and Ms Pochanat Intarmanon, Chiang Rai Ratchaphat University, ' <i>A New Paradigm Towards Ethnic Highlanders' Community Development: A Human Rights Approach</i> '
4.40 – 5.00	Mr Taheri Noor, Commissioner, Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights ' <i>the work of the Indonesian Commission and conflict displacement</i> '
5.00 – 5.20	Mr Madhav Prasad Gautam, Complaint Handling and Investigation Officer, National Human Rights Commission of Nepal ' <i>The NHRC and conflict displacement: key issues and challenges</i> '
5.20 – 6.00	Facilitated discussion, questions and answers
Facilitator:	Mr Christophe Beau, Senior Country Analyst/Training Coordinator, Norwegian Refugee Council

Key issues:

- **What are the key issues and challenges?**
- **How are the displaced engaged in possible solutions?**
- **What have been some of the achievements?**

Free evening

THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER – FIELD VISIT TO GALLE

This day will be spent on a field trip to Galle to meet with people displaced by the tsunami of 26 December 2004.

The objective of this field trip is to enable participants to directly engage with IDPs and apply the UN Guiding Principles to an 'on-the-ground' situation. Participants will engage with displaced people on human rights issues with particular reference to gender, children, non-discrimination in receipt of aid, resettlement, livelihood issues, land, voting rights and personal documentation.

5.45: Meet in hotel foyer for departure

6.00: Departure from hotel (breakfast will be provided for on the bus)

6.00 – 9.00: three hour bus trip to Galle

9.00 – 12.00: participants will be divided into three groups and dropped off at three separate sites for discussions with IDPs with the assistance of SLHRC interpreters.

12.30 – 2.30: Lunch at Rampart Hotel, Galle

2.45 – 6.00: Return trip to Colombo

FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

8.30 – 10.30 – Session 5: NHRIs and IDPs in the context of natural disasters

Room: Salon Orchard

Session objective: to examine human rights issues in the context of natural disasters and the role of NHRIs in providing protection to the displaced, including any disparities between those displaced by conflict and disaster.

Chair:	Ms Masti Notz, Deputy Representative, UNHCR
8.30 – 9.00	Participant feedback and observations from visit to Galle
9.00 – 9.20	Ms Laurel Fletcher, Clinical Professor of Law, Boalt Hall School of Law and Director, Globalization Project, Human Rights Center, University of California, Berkeley <i>‘After the Tsunami: Protecting the Human Rights of Vulnerable Populations.’</i>
9.20 – 9.40	Mr Rukshan Fernando, Coordinator - Human Rights Defenders Program, Forum Asia <i>‘The role of NHRIs in ensuring a Rights Based Approach in dealing with internal displacement caused by natural disasters: lessons and way forward after the tsunami’</i>
9.40 – 10.00	Dr K C Pathak, Director (Research) National Human Rights Commission of India to introduce the <i>Guidelines for NHRIs on IDPs in the context of natural disasters: a common methodology.</i>
10.00 -10.30	Facilitated discussion, questions and answers
Facilitator:	Mr Jeevan Thiagarajah, Director, Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies, Sri Lanka

Key issues:

- **What have we learned?**
- **What are the elements of an effective response?**

10.30 – 11.00 Morning Tea

11.00 – 12.30 – Session 6: Cooperating with partners

Room: Salon Orchid

Session objective: to identify main areas in which NGOs and UN agencies can collaborate with NHRIs and the strategies to ensure such collaboration happens and is effective

Chair:	Mr Lionel Fernando, HRCSL
11.00 – 11.15	Mr Christophe Beau, Senior Country Analyst/Training Coordinator, Global IDP Project, Norwegian Refugee Council <i>‘Protecting IDPs: how NGOs can support NHRIs’</i>
11.15 – 11.30	Ms Lou dela Cruz, Executive Director, BALAY Rehabilitation Center, Inc, Philippines
11.30 – 11.45	Ms Masti Notz, Deputy Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
11.45 – 12.00	Mr Rory Mungoven, Senior Human Rights Advisor, UN Country Team, Sri Lanka
12.00 – 12.30	Facilitated discussion: what are the key lessons and emerging good practices for NHRIs when it comes to working with NGOs and the UN?
Facilitator:	Ms Laurel Fletcher, Clinical Professor of Law, Boalt Hall School of Law and Director, Globalization Project, Human Rights Center, University of California, Berkeley

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch: Sheherezade Arabic Restaurant, Lobby Level

1.30 – 3.00 – Session 7: Regional, sub-regional and bilateral cooperation between NHRIs

Room: Salon Orchid

Session objective: to identify and recommend activities to enhance cooperation between NHRIs.

Facilitator: Ms Pip Dargan, Deputy Director, APF

This session is an open roundtable discussion for practical recommendations on:

- How can NHRIs share their experiences/expertise?
- Can an APF Focal Point system be used?
- NHRI Staff exchanges?
- Cooperation with other actors?

3.00-3.30 Afternoon Tea

3.30-5.00 – Session 8: Adoption of Concluding Statement

Room: Salon Orchid

Chair: Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy, Chairperson, HRCSL

Discussions on draft concluding statement and adoption

5.00 – 5.30 - Closing Remarks

Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy, Chairperson, HRCSL

Ms Roberta Cohen, Co-Director, Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement and Ms Pip Dargan, Deputy Director, APF.

7.00- 9.00 Cultural Event and Dinner at Salon Anthurium, Galadari Hotel.

11. Appendix 3 – Concluding Statement and Recommendations

CONCLUDING STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regional Workshop on National Human Rights Institutions and Internally Displaced Persons

Colombo, Sri Lanka, 26 – 28 October 2005

Hosted by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

Introduction

1. National human rights institutions ('**NHRIs**') of Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, the Maldives, Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand and Sri Lanka met in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 26 to 28 October 2005 to hold a regional workshop on NHRIs and internally displaced persons ('**Workshop**').
2. The Workshop was attended by civil society organisations from India, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and international and regional non-governmental organisations ('**NGOs**') and research institutions from Thailand, Norway and the United States. The Government of Sri Lanka was also represented.
3. Also participating were representatives from the United Nations ('**United Nations**') High Commissioner for Refugees ('**UNHCR**'), UN High Commissioner for Human Rights ('**OHCHR**'), UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs ('**OCHA**'), UN Country Team (Sri Lanka), the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions ('**APF**') and the Brookings Institution – University of Bern Project on Internal Displacement ('**Brookings-Bern Project**').
4. Participants thanked the Special Adviser to the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator and Director of the Inter-Agency Division on Displacement, OCHA, Mr Dennis McNamara, for his keynote address delivered at the Workshop inauguration and expressed their gratitude to the Guest of Honour, Presidential Spokesperson and Director General, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconciliation, Sri Lanka, Mr Harim Peiris.
5. Participants expressed their appreciation to the host, the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, and to the organising partners: the APF and the Brookings – Bern Project, and the New Zealand Agency for International Development and the Ford Foundation for their financial support.

Participants of the Workshop

6. *Recognise* the three primary causes of internal displacement in the Asian region: conflict, natural disaster and development projects.

7. **Recognise** the special needs of vulnerable groups such as indigenous people, ethnic and religious minorities, children, women, disabled groups, the elderly and other disadvantaged groups.
8. **Reaffirm** that the primary focus for the protection of internally displaced persons ('IDPs') is at the national level and that therefore it is the primary responsibility of States to ensure that the human rights of IDPs are respected, promoted, protected and fulfilled.
9. **Reaffirm** the important role of NHRIs in working with governments as well as IDPs, civil society and local communities to promote the establishment and execution of a rights-based approach to internal displacement.
10. **Emphasise** the importance of maintaining the independence of NHRIs and the need to ensure that NHRIs can work in safety.
11. **Welcome** the decision of APF members taken at the APF Annual Meeting held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from 26 to 28 August 2005 to 'take effective steps to protect and promote the rights of IDPs in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.'
12. **Recognise** the need of NHRIs to build their capacity to address the human rights needs of IDPs.
13. **Welcome** the endorsement by APF members of the Guidelines on Internally Displaced Persons in the Context of Natural Disasters: a Common Methodology for National Human Rights Institutions ('**Guidelines**') at the Annual Meeting of the APF held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 26 to 28 August 2005.
14. **Urge** NHRIs to use the Guidelines and the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement as tools to assist them undertake their roles in the protection of the human rights of IDPs, including such tasks as monitoring situations of displacement, conducting studies and encouraging independent research into the causes, effects and means of preventing displacement, identifying the human rights aspects of all forms of displacement, receiving and acting on complaints, and advocating with local and national authorities to enhance protection for IDPs.
15. **Recognise** the importance of governments developing and implementing laws, programmes and policies on displacement in line with international standards, including international human rights standards, and the role that NHRIs can play in advising governments about the application and implementation of these standards.
16. **Express** their appreciation of the work of the APF/Brookings-Bern Project and request that the APF continue its efforts, in connection with the Brookings-Bern Project and the Norwegian Refugee Council, to build the capacity of NHRIs to address the human rights aspects of internal displacement.
17. **Welcome** the initiative of the NHRIs of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand to raise the issue of IDPs at their sub-regional meeting scheduled for January 2006.

18. **Emphasise** the importance of working closely with international organisations in the protection of the human rights of IDPs, including the Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of IDPs and other special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights, the Emergency Relief Coordinator, the UN Special Envoy on Tsunami Recovery, OCHA and UNHCR, as well as UNICEF, the World Food Programme, the UN Development Programme and other agencies involved with IDPs.
19. **Welcome** the decision by the international community to designate UNHCR as the agency with responsibility for addressing IDP protection, emergency shelter and camp management within the UN collaborative approach.
20. **Reaffirm** that giving international organisations unimpeded access to disaster areas and conflict zones should be considered as a sign of responsible sovereignty and must reinforce rather than substitute for national efforts.
21. **Emphasise** that non-state actors, such as militant groups, transnational corporations and international financial institutions, should abide by international human rights law, international humanitarian law and the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.

Recommendations for Governments

22. **Urge** Governments to note, and address positively, the full range of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights concerns raised during this Workshop.
23. **Urge** Governments to acknowledge the different types of displacement, whether by conflict, communal strife, natural disaster or development projects, and take steps to address the human rights dimension of the problem without discrimination of any kind, including on the basis of ethnic origin, caste, gender, religion, legal status, political or other persuasion or between those displaced by conflict and natural disaster. It is important to recognise such peoples as IDPs entitled to the rights contained in the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.
24. **Encourage** Governments to look into situations of displacement by reason of development projects and to adopt measures that would arrest, if not eradicate, violations of IDPs.
25. **Urge** Governments to address the root causes of displacement, especially in the context of conflict and to move toward a peaceful resolution of underlying issues.
26. **Urge** Governments to recognise the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement as an important international framework for the protection of IDPs and to disseminate and promote the Principles and use them as a basis for the development of laws, policies and programmes on internal displacement.
27. **Urge** Governments to pay particular attention to Principle 25 of the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and recognise that international humanitarian organisations and other appropriate actors have the right to offer their services in

support of the internally displaced. Consent thereto shall not be arbitrarily withheld particularly when authorities concerned are unable or unwilling to provide the required humanitarian assistance.

28. **Urge** Governments to ratify the core international human rights and humanitarian treaties without reservation, and, where appropriate, to remove reservations and to seek technical assistance in the implementation of their treaty obligations.
29. **Urge** Governments, even where they have not ratified international human rights treaties, to strive to protect basic human rights of IDPs through incorporation of human rights guarantees in constitutions or appropriate legislation, through the implementation of relevant programmes and policies and through the undertaking of education and training.
30. **Propose** that Governments take a rights-based approach to the prevention of displacement and the protection and rehabilitation of IDPs based on human rights standards.
31. **Encourage** Governments to set up complaints mechanisms and other procedures to increase accountability and transparency for public and private aid providers.
32. **Encourage** Governments to provide counseling for IDPs, especially women and children, suffering from trauma caused by displacement.
33. **Request** Governments to work in close consultation and cooperation with IDPs, civil society, local communities and NHRIs, and in collaboration with the APF, UN bodies and all other appropriate and effective organisations in the promotion and protection of the human rights of IDPs.
34. **Urge** Governments to formulate reconstruction programmes based on needs assessments that have been finalised in consultation with IDP representatives and civil society organisations.
35. **Encourage** Governments to cooperate with the work of the Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of IDPs, the UN Special Envoy on Tsunami Recovery and international humanitarian, human rights and development organisations.
36. **Encourage** Governments to adopt an open, transparent and accountable process in the use of funds with regard to relief and reconstruction relating to IDPs.
37. **Encourage** Governments to implement the recommendations of NHRIs.

Recommendations for NHRIs

38. **Urge** NHRIs participating in the APF/Brookings-Bern Project to review and take steps to implement the recommendations made in the reports arising from the needs assessment missions conducted by the APF/Brookings-Bern Project.

39. **Encourage** NHRIs participating in the APF/Brookings-Bern Project to submit to the APF, if they have not already done so, capacity-building proposals in relation to IDPs.
40. **Encourage** NHRIs to engage with non-state actors, as appropriate, in order to promote access and attention to IDPs in areas controlled by these groups.
41. **Encourage** NHRIs that have not already done so to appoint an IDP Focal Point to develop and coordinate NHRI programmes in relation to IDPs.
42. **Request** NHRIs to encourage the development of national laws and policies based on the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.
43. **Call on** the members of the APF to implement and disseminate the Guidelines and apply or expand them as appropriate to situations of conflict, development or massive human rights violations.
44. **Request** NHRIs to continue working with governments as well as IDPs and their representatives, civil society and local communities to promote the establishment and execution of a rights-based approach to internal displacement.
45. **Encourage** dialogue and collaboration with additional international actors, including international financial institutions.
46. **Urge** NHRIs to provide to the APF Secretariat on a regular basis information and documentation about their IDP activities, as well as an update at APF Annual Meetings.
47. **Recognise** that displacement is often a result of state-sponsored violence, and therefore NHRIs have a special role to place in bringing an end to impunity.
48. **Encourage** the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation ('SAARC') and the Association of South East Asian Nations ('ASEAN') to consider addressing internal displacement as an issue of concern for the region.
49. **Call on** the international community and donors to strengthen support for the promotion and protection of the human rights of IDPs and development programmes to reinforce the work of NHRIs on behalf of IDPs.
50. **Urge** NHRIs to recommend to Governments with significant IDP populations to invite the Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of IDPs to visit their country.
51. **Urge** NHRIs to proactively engage with all UN human rights procedures and to monitor the implementation of the country-specific recommendations of UN special procedures, in particular the Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of IDPs.

Recommendations for international NGOs and inter-governmental organisations

52. **Urge** international NGOs and inter-governmental organisations to work constructively with governments to ensure that relief is speedy and effective,

consistent with the relevant international standards of care and to ensure that they meet their commitments set out in reconstruction programmes in a timely fashion.

53. *Urge* international NGOs and inter-governmental organisations to set up mechanisms for transparency and accountability in service delivery, including complaints procedures, to ensure redress to IDPs whose rights have been violated.
54. *Urge* the international community to set up an early-warning system with capacity to alert Indian Ocean countries in situations of natural disaster.
55. *Call on* international NGOs and inter-governmental organisations to develop their projects and programmes of reconstruction in consultation with affected populations and their representatives.
56. *Urge* the international community to commemorate the tragedy of the tsunami of 26 December 2004 in Aceh on 26 December 2005 by supporting the participation of representatives from the countries affected by the tsunami at a special event.

Recommendations for APF

57. *Encourage* the APF to approach the OHCHR on the development of a manual on engagement of NHRIs on IDP issues.
58. *Encourage* the APF to become more involved with ASEAN and SAARC, including inviting them to future APF activities relating to IDPs.
59. *Explore* the potential for staff exchanges between NHRIs to further expand their capacity and cooperation in protecting the human rights of IDPs.
60. *Call on* the APF to facilitate an IDP Focal Point Network drawn from NHRIs.
61. *Call on* the international community and donors to strengthen support for the continued regional promotion and protection of the human rights of IDPs and development of programmes to reinforce the work of the APF in this area.

Adopted 28 October 2005

12. Appendix 4 – Evaluation

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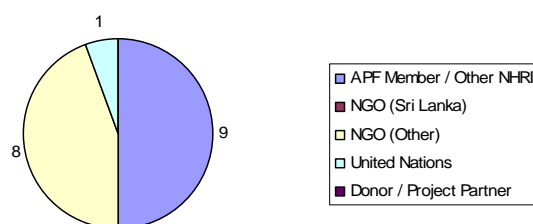
Workshop Evaluation Form: Analysis and Summary

This document is a summary and record of responses contained in eighteen evaluation forms completed by participants at the *Regional Workshop on National Human Rights Institutions and Internally Displaced Persons* which was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 26-28 October 2005.

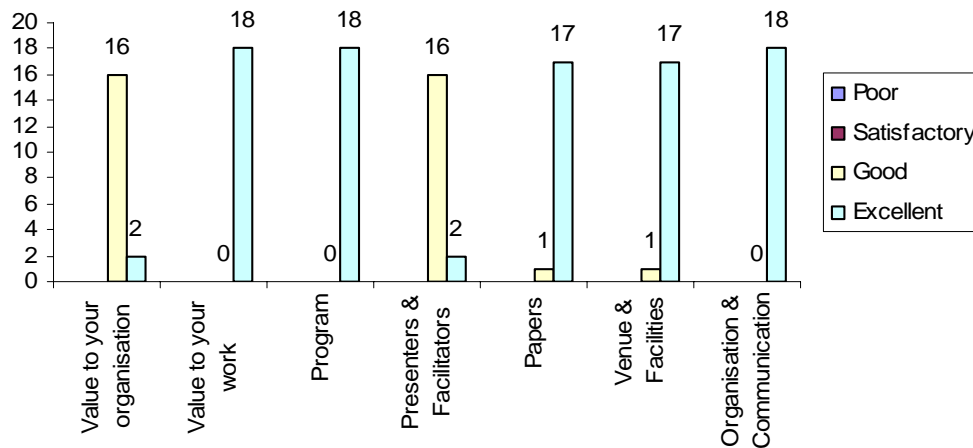
Part 1 is an overview of the quantitative and qualitative data contained in the responses to the questions in the evaluation form. Part 2 records all the responses to the evaluation form, including written comments (copied directly from the original evaluation forms).

PART 1: OVERVIEW OF RESPONSES TO THE WORKSHOP EVALUATION FORM

Breakdown-by-organisation of eighteen workshop participants who completed the evaluation questionnaire.



Question 1: IDP Workshop – please rate the following aspects of the IDP Workshop

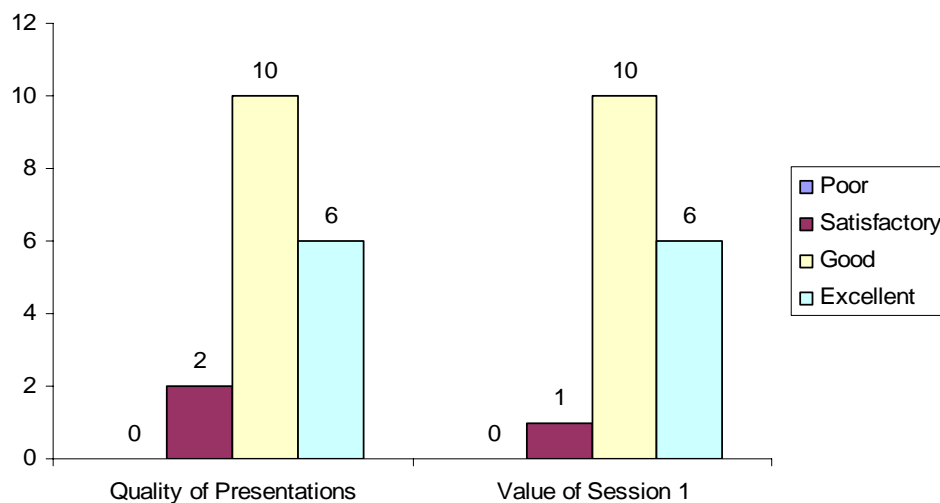


Eight participants provided further comments on the above ratings.

One participant described the workshop as “an eye opener...in its entirety” and described the workshop structure as “well defined” and “well-paced in terms of substantial information.”

A number of participants commented that more time was needed for general discussion after the formal presentations. One participant suggested that “there should have been some group discussions.”

Question 2: Session 1 – Introduction and International Principles on Internal Displacement

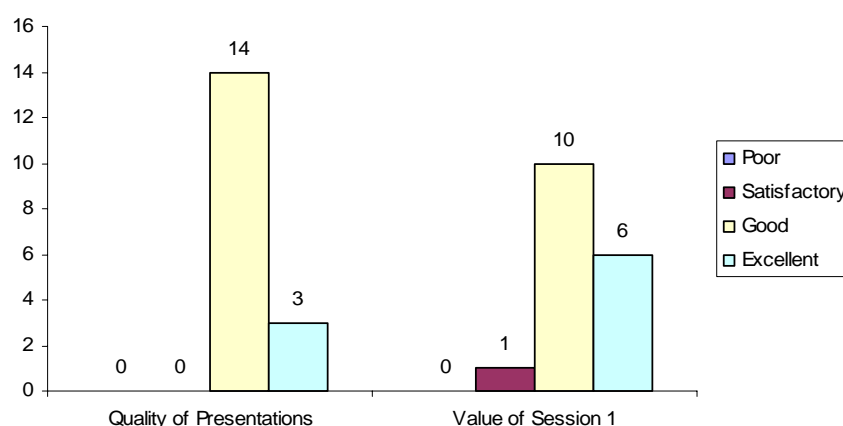


Three participants provided further comments on the above ratings.

One participant said that this session was useful in providing information about the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and their application by national human rights institutions in Asia.

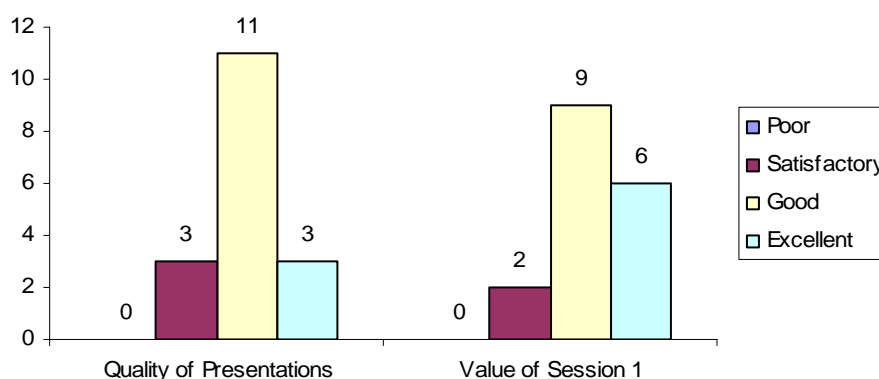
Another participant suggested that the workshop presumed that participants had access to information about the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and recommend that participants be advised of the necessary preparations prior to the workshop in this regard.

Question 3: Session 2 – National Policy and Legal Development



No participants provided further comments on the above ratings.

Question 4: Session 3 – A summary of NHRI activities and recent initiatives on IDPs

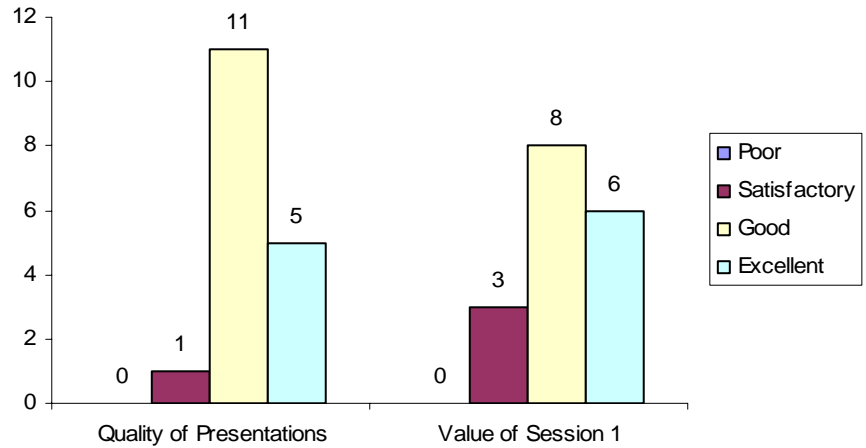


Three participants provided further comments on the above ratings.

One participant described the presentations as providing “good coverage [and] information” about the activities and initiatives of national human rights institutions on internally displaced persons.

One participant suggested that it “would help to have the speakers direct some part of their comments to the specific objective of [the] session – this is a general comment about [the] format.”

Question 5: Session 4 – Case Studies on Displacement

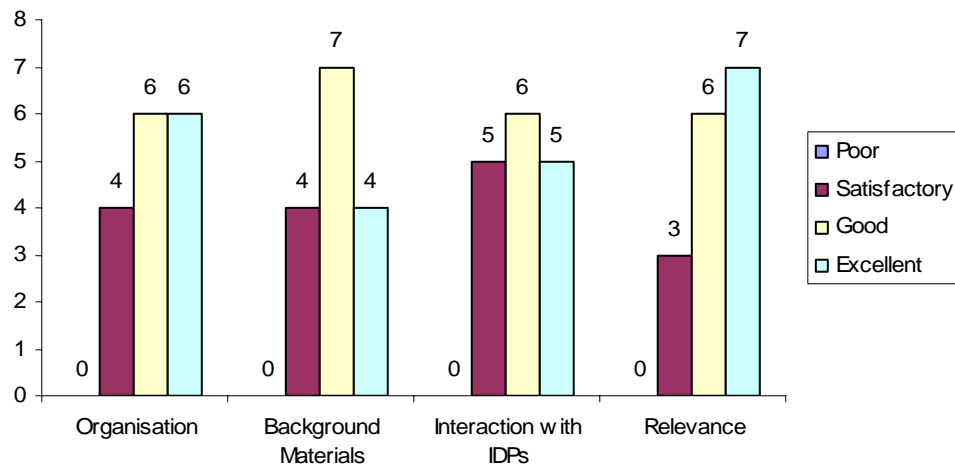


Two participants provided further comments on the above ratings.

One participant noted the importance and encouragement that comes from ‘success stories’ which were discussed in this session.

Another participant suggested that it “would help to have the speakers direct some part of their comments to the specific objective of [the] session – this is a general comment about [the] format.”

Question 6: Field Visit to Galle

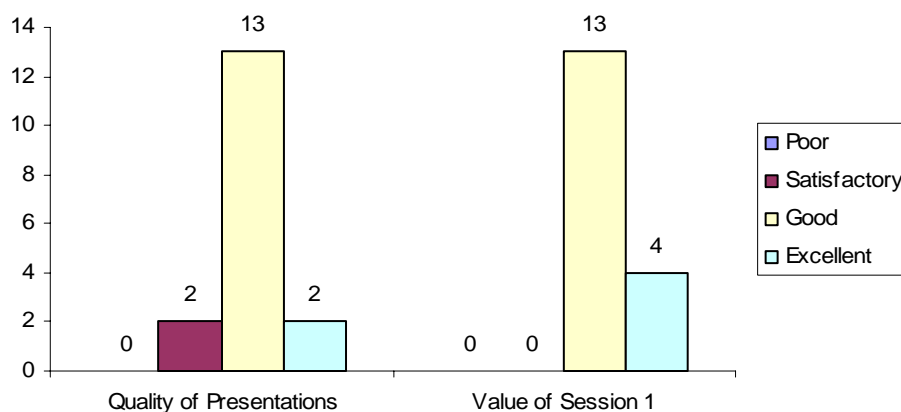


Eight participants provided further comments on the above ratings.

One participant described the field visit to Galle as a “good combination of impromptu contact with IDP’s and organised contact” but suggested it would have been helpful to have had smaller focus group meetings involving IDP’s and workshop participants.

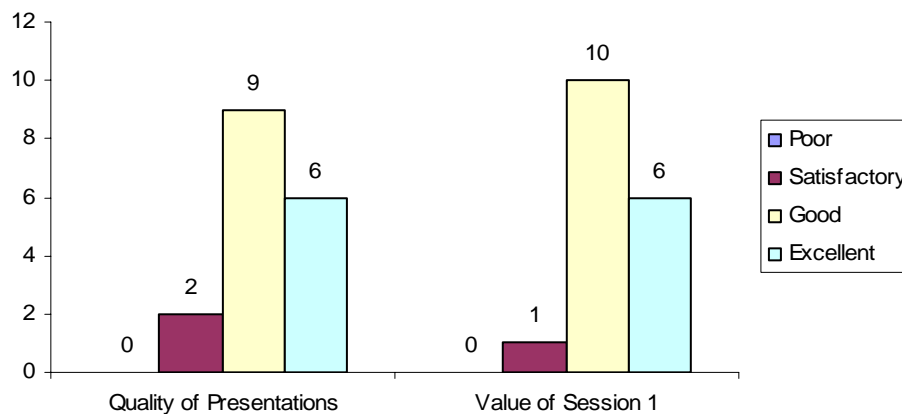
A number of participants said that it would have been useful to have received a formal briefing about the IDP communities that workshop participants were visiting. One participant commented: “May be [a] more structured meeting / dialogue with the IDPs could have been more effective. Meeting with the relevant authorities at the local level could have been interesting. The visit could also have been prepared the day before, through [the] briefing of the groups, discussion on the objectives of the visit, etc.”

Question 7: Session 5 – NHRIs and IDPs in the context of natural disasters



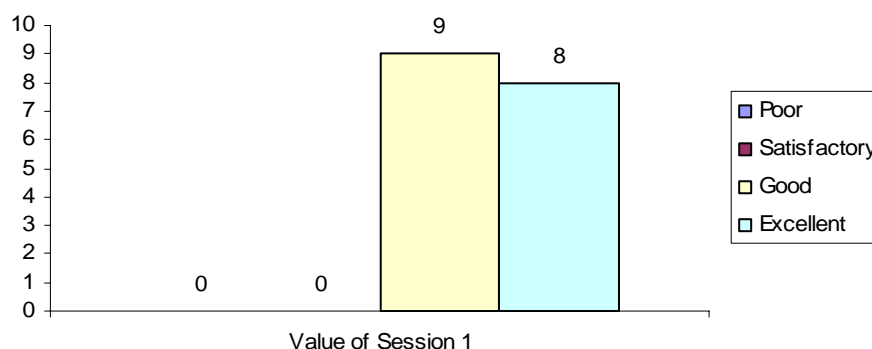
Two participants provided further comments on the above ratings.

Question 8: Session 6 – Cooperation with partners



One participant provided further comments on the above ratings.

Question 9: Session 7 – Regional, sub-regional and bilateral cooperation between NHRIs



One participant provided further comments on the above ratings.

**PART 2: RECORD OF ALL RESPONSES TO THE WORKSHOP
EVALUATION FORM**

Question 1: IDP Workshop – please rate the following aspects of the IDP Workshop

Response	Value to the work of your organisation	Value to your work	Program format	Presenters & facilitators	Papers & other materials	Venues & facilities	Secretariat's organisation & communications
1	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
2	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Good	Good	Excellent
3	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
4	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Good
5	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
6	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Good
7	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent	Excellent
8	Good	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent
9	Excellent	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
10	Good	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Good	Excellent
11	Good	Excellent	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
12	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
13	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
14	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Excellent	Excellent
15	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good
16	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Excellent	Satisfactory	Excellent
17	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
18	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Satisfactory	Excellent	Good	Excellent

Response	Comments
1	In its entirety the workshop is an eye-opener and is well-paced in terms of substantial information. The structure is well defined.
2	Program format- As if it was like lectures every-time. It was so long. There should have been some group discussion too.
3	Encouraging discussions and facilitations was good. Also range of topics. Field trip brings in realism to the subject at the workshop.
4	Coming on time is much necessary and important too.
5	Group work and other activities could be included in the agenda. On the whole: congratulations for the work done! For the voice of IDPs: showing short films can be just as effective to make sure that the voice of IDPs can be heard during such workshops. BALAY has shot very good short...films, which are very good to show
6	*
7	*
8	*
9	*
10	*
11	Well-prepared workshop
12	*
13	Participation are well and materials are also well but time constraint from discussion is little bit
14	*
15	*
16	*
17	Time keeping: enough time for the open forum
18	*

Question 2: Session 1 – Introduction and International Principles on Internal Displacement

Response	Quality of Presentations	Values of session in meeting its objective
1	Excellent	Excellent
2	Excellent	Excellent
3	Good	Good
4	Good	Good
5	Good	Good
6	Excellent	Excellent
7	Excellent	Satisfactory
8	Good	Good
9	Excellent	Excellent
10	Good	Good
11	Good	Excellent
12	Good	Good
13	Good	Good
14	Satisfactory	Good
15	Excellent	Excellent
16	Good	NO RESPONSE
17	Good	Good
18	Satisfactory	Good

Response	Comments
1	The workshop presumes participants have previous information about UNGPD. Participants when selected needs to be advised of the preparations they need to undertake.
2	*
3	Got knowledge on the GP's and their application in NHRI's in Asia
4	It is much important to pull more and more pressure on participants to come on time. Because we have losed so much time during these three days.
5	*
6	*
7	*
8	*
9	*
10	*
11	*
12	*
13	*
14	*
15	*
16	*
17	*
18	*

Question 3: Session 2 – National Policy and Legal Development

Response	Quality of presentations	Value of session in meeting its objective
1	Excellent	Excellent
2	Good	Excellent
3	Good	Excellent
4	Good	Satisfactory
5	Good	Good
6	Good	Good
7	Good	Good
8	Excellent	Excellent
9	Good	Good
10	Good	Excellent
11	Good	Good
12	Good	Good
13	Good	Good
14	Good	Good
15	Excellent	Excellent
16	NO ANSWER	NO ANSWER
17	Good	Good
18	Good	Good

Response	Comments
1	*
2	*
3	*
4	*
5	*
6	*
7	*
8	*
9	*
10	*
11	*
12	*
13	*
14	*
15	*
16	*
17	*
18	*

Question 4: Session 3 – A summary of NHRI activities and recent initiatives on IDPs

Response	Quality of presentations	Value of session in meeting its objective
1	Excellent	Excellent
2	Good	Excellent
3	Excellent	Excellent
4	Good	Good
5	Good	Good
6	Satisfactory	Good
7	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

8	Good	Excellent
9	Good	Good
10	Good	Good
11	Good	Good
12	Good	Good
13	Good	Excellent
14	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
15	Excellent	Excellent
16	NO ANSWER	NO ANSWER
17	Good	Good
18	Good	Good

Response	Comments
1	*
2	*
3	Good coverage. Broad across the broad information
4	*
5	*
6	*
7	*
8	*
9	*
10	*
11	*
12	*
13	Recent initiative on IDP is given broader picture after IDP so it is well
14	*
15	*
16	See comment # 5 (below)
17	*
18	*

Question 5: Session 4 – Case Studies on Displacement

Response	Quality of presentations	Value of session in meeting its objective
1	Excellent	Excellent
2	Excellent	Excellent
3	NO ANSWER	NO ANSWER
4	Good	Satisfactory
5	Good	Good
6	Good	Good
7	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
8	Good	Excellent
9	Excellent	Excellent
10	Excellent	Good
11	Good	Good
12	Good	Excellent
13	Good	Good
14	Good	Good
15	Excellent	Excellent
16	Good	Satisfactory
17	Good	Good
18	Good	Good

Response	Comments
1	*
2	*
3	Did not attend
4	*
5	*
6	*
7	*
8	*
9	*
10	*
11	*
12	*
13	Success stories is quite important and encouragable.
14	*
15	*
16	Would help to have the speakers direct some part of their comments to the specific objective of [the] session – this is a general comment about format. Maybe use discussants who can do some of this work. Would / could make discussion more on topic.
17	*
18	*

Question 6: Field Visit to Galle

Response	Group Number	Organisation of field visit	Quality of background info materials	Quality of interaction with IDP and others	Relevance of visit to your work or organisation
1	NO ANSWER	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent
2	DID NOT PARTICIPATE	NA	NA	NA	NA
3	DID NOT PARTICIPATE	NA	NA	NA	NA
4	2	Good	Good	Good	Satisfactory
5	2	Satisfactory	Good	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
6	1	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
7	2	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Good
8	3	Good	Good	Good	Excellent
9	3	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
10	3	Good	Good	Excellent	Good
11	3	Good	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Good
12	3	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent
13	1	Excellent	Good	Good	Good
14	3	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Excellent	Good
15	3	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
16	1	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent
17	NO ANSWER	Satisfactory	NO ANSWER	Good	Good
18	2	Good	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Excellent

Response	Comments
1	*
2	*
3	*
4	*
5	May be [a] more structured meeting / dialogue with the IDPs could have been more effective. Meeting with the relevant authorities at the local level could have been

	interesting. The visit could also have been prepared the day before, through [the] briefing of the groups, discussion on the objectives of the visit, etc.
6	*
7	*
8	*
9	There should be a person who inform the participants on what place, which group, or the details of journey. Other things are well done.
10	*
11	Verbal communication should be added more.
12	*
13	Organisation of the field visits and good management.
14	More time for interaction with people affected & perhaps some roundtable discussion with relevant actors. E.g. NGO's govt. etc. – practically less than two hours was spent with people from affected communities
15	*
16	Good combination of impromptu contact with IDP's and organised contact. Would help if there could be meetings with smaller numbers of IDP and participants in focus group format so could hear from more people.
17	A briefing beforehand would help
18	The participants could have been provided more guidelines and have time for briefing on the next day program at least group level

Question 7: Session 5 – NHRIs and IDPs in the context of natural disasters

Response	Quality of presentations	Value of session in meeting its objective
1	Excellent	Excellent
2	Good	Good
3	Excellent	Excellent
4	Good	Good
5	Good	Good
6	Good	Excellent
7	Satisfactory	Good
8	Good	Excellent
9	Good	Good
10	Good	Good
11	Good	Good
12	Good	Good
13	Good	Good
14	Satisfactory	Good
15	Good	Good
16	NO ANSWER	NO ANSWER
17	Good	Good
18	Good	Good

Response	Comments
1	*
2	*
3	Enjoyed BALAY & her presentation. Very interesting and goal oriented.
4	*
5	*
6	*
7	*
8	*
9	*
10	*
11	*

12	*
13	NHRI efforts to IDP in the context of natural disasters
14	*
15	*
16	*
17	*
18	*

Question 8: Session 6 – Cooperation with partners

Response	Quality of presentations	Value of session in meeting its objective
1	E	E
2	E	E
3	G	G
4	G	G
5	G	G
6	G	G
7	G	G
8	G	E
9	E	E
10	S	S
11	G	G
12	E	E
13	E	G
14	G	G
15	E	E
16	NO ANSWER	NO ANSWER
17	G	G
18	S	G

Response	Comments
1	*
2	*
3	Good
4	*
5	*
6	*
7	*
8	*
9	*
10	*
11	*
12	*
13	Time management and in context of NGO's role/support of NHRI's
14	*
15	*
16	*
17	*
18	*

Question 9: Session 7 – Regional, sub-regional and bilateral cooperation between NHRIs

Response	Value of session in meeting its objective
1	Excellent
2	Excellent
3	Good
4	Excellent
5	Good
6	Excellent
7	Good
8	Good
9	Excellent
10	Good
11	Good
12	Excellent
13	Excellent
14	Good
15	Excellent
16	NO ANSWER
17	Good
18	Good

Response	Comments
1	*
2	*
3	Good
4	*
5	*
6	*
7	*
8	*
9	*
10	*
11	*
12	*
13	To open the floor about NHRI initiative and exchange about IDP's issue.
14	*
15	*
16	*
17	*
18	*

Other General Comments

RESPONDENT 14

- Good to invite more IDP/local NGO groups to regional meetings such as this – from all/ most of the countries that NHRI's participant come
- Try to make it more participatory
- Field visit a great idea

RESPONDENT 17:

- Congratulations for a job well done!