**Minutes of Joint Networking Meeting**

**TLSP, Karachi**

Minutes of the Joint Network meeting held on May 27, 2015, at Mehran Hotel Karachi to share the progress update of the centers with other Rights Based Organizations (RBOs) and discuss and develop ways to increase and strengthen coordination and collaboration among these organizations within the district.

**Background:**

The main purpose of the Joint Network Meetings with stakeholders including Rights Based Organizations, Bar Associations, and relevant government departments including Social Welfare Department, Women Shelter Homes, Bail-ul-Maal, and Zakat & Ushr etc. was to have their support for access to justice program in the districts.

**Participants of the Meeting:**

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| Participant name | Organization |
| 1. Kashif Anthony Javed | NCJP |
| 1. Kamran Akhtar | Journey Of Hope |
| 1. Liaquat Munawar | Mass |
| 1. Noman Peter | NCJP |
| 1. Sanjesh | Pakistan Hindu Seva |
| 1. Ramesh Mana | Pak Hindu Welfare Organization |
| 1. Mangla Sharma | Pakistan Hindu Council |
| 1. Sonia | PHC |
| 1. Zafar Ali | Global Development Foundation |
| 1. Abdul Rehman Moosvi | Lyari Community Project |
| 1. Furqan Haider | Behn Beli |
| 1. Hafiz Zainul Abidin | United Society |
| 1. Usama | Saaz Theater Group |
| 1. Zeeshan Sarshar | Anchal Social Welfare |
| 1. Farhat Perveen | NOW Community |
| 1. Usama Zahoor | Insaf Network Pakistan |
| 1. Khurrum | Insaf Network Pakistan |
| 1. Sabiha Shah | Women Development Foundation Pakistan |
| 1. Dr Waqas Javed | Life Care Foundation |
| 1. Asma Afzal | DLAC-Karachi |
| 1. Tasnim Zaidi | JDC Karachi |
| 1. Safiudin Awan | The Law Society Pakistan |
| 1. Safina | Peace And Development |
| 1. Sajid Awan | United Social Welfare Development Organization |
| 1. Shahid Hussain | Rufaqa Community |

**Agenda of the Meeting:**

Agenda Item 1: Follow-up on Action Points

Agenda Item 2: Purpose of the network, naming network/ Justice Cluster and its TORs/ mechanism

Agenda Item 3: Recommendations for Justice Cluster/ Network

Agenda Item 4: Charter of Justice and Justice Cluster

Agenda Item 5: Action Points for future meetings

**Key Discussion Points:**

Agenda Item 1:

* The meeting was initiated by formal introduction of *Access to Justice* Project. Center counselor Asma Afzal briefed about *DLAC’s* structure and services. Updated progress was discussed along with importance of justice network.

Agenda Item 2-4:

* Executive Director of The Law Society Pakistan briefed about the importance and mechanism of justice cluster. It was highlighted that the ultimate goal of the network is to have all organizations working on human rights at a central point together to develop a Justice cluster and to highlight the main issues by raising their voice at a single platform.
* The participants appreciated the project and DLAC’s initiative and assured their full support and cooperation
* With majority consensus justice cluster name was finalized as ***“Network for Access to Justice Karachi”.***
* The participants discussed in detail about the type of organizations that will become part of network. It was decided that this network membership will remain open and all like-minded organizations and persons who believe in gender equality and accept equal status of religious and ethnic minorities can become a part of this network.
* It was also decided to develop a basic membership form for becoming part of network containing information about organization’s name, organization’s profile, focal person and contact number.
* It was suggested to utilize the present forum on reviewing legal procedures for example simplifying FIR registration procedure for the citizens.
* Participants stressed that Access to justice network should focus on grass root level by raising communities’ awareness on human rights and promoting justice system.
* Access to Justice Network organizations will develop through collaborative efforts some action points to be agreed upon by all to enhance/ improve access to justice in Karachi.
* The participants’ also recommended to publish success stories from the forum of their network and to generate funds for the network by the efforts of organizations part of this network for enhancing ownership.
* For sustained collaboration it was recommended that network meetings should be on monthly basis. It was recommended that in this regard, the meetings may be convened by other organizations part of this network.
* It was suggested to utilize social media in generating awareness and connecting Access to Justice Network participants.

**Action Points:**

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| **Action(s) Required** | **Responsibility** |
| Coordination with selected participants for sustained and effective operation of network | DLAC |
| Development of a membership form of network and then based on that development of a resource directory of Access to Justice Network | DLAC |
| Development of network objectives and TORS to be shared with the participants before the next meeting | DLAC & Access To Justice Network partners |