

**Sri Lanka Roundtable Consultation on International Human Rights and Domestic Activism**

*Held by the Legal Research and Analysis Unit of the Law & Society Trust with the Collaboration of the Asian Human Rights Commission and the World Organisation Against Torture*

	<b>18<sup>th</sup> August to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2004</b> <b>Venue: Pegasus Hotel, Wattala, Sri Lanka</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> August 2004</b> <b>9:00 - 9.15 am</b>	<b>Welcome by the Legal Research and Analysis Unit of the Law and Society Trust</b>
<b>9.15 – 10.00 a.m</b>	<b>Introductions/Presentations of Personal Perspectives by Participants on Session Topics</b>
<b>10:00 - 10.15 a.m.</b>	<b>-Tea</b>
<b>Session1</b>	<b>Linking International Human Rights Norms under the UN systems to Domestic Rights Abuses; Its Importance and Impact</b>
10.15-10.35 a.m.	<b>Speaker: Dr. Deepika Udugama</b> <i>(to be confirmed),</i>  <i>Overview of the UN systems: Charter based mechanisms and Treaty based mechanisms</i>
10.35-10.55 pm	<b>Speaker: Mr. R.K.W Goonesekere</b>  <i>Domestic Application of International Human Rights Standards</i>
10.55 - 11. 05 p.m.	- Discussion
<b>Session Two -</b>	<b>International monitoring systems and Violence Against Women</b>
11.05 –11. 30 a.m.	<b>Speaker: Professor Savitri Goonesekere</b>  <i>CEDAW/ICCPR/ICESCR; Issues relevant to Violence Against Women</i>
11.30- 12.00 p.m	<b>Speaker: Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy</b> <i>(to be confirmed)</i>  <i>Work of the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women</i>

12. 00 – 12. 30 p.m	Discussion
12. 30 – 2.00 p.m	Lunch
<b>Session Three</b>	<b>Implementation of UN-HRC recommendations in Regard To State Obligations under Articles 6, 7, 9 and 10 of the ICCPR</b>
2.00 - 2.20 p.m.	<b>Speaker: Patrick Mutzenberg</b>  <i>– Presenting Shadow Reports under the ICCPR and CAT – Matters that Arose during the presenting of Sri Lanka’s Fourth and Fifth Periodic Reports under the ICCPR at the 79<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the UN-HRC, October-November 2003</i>
2.20- 3.00 pm	<b>Speaker: Basil Fernando</b> <i>The Exceptional Collapse of the Rule of Law in Sri Lanka; Continuing Issues for Discussion</i>
3.00- 3. 30 p.m	<b>Shyamali Puvimanasinghe and Juanita Arulanantham</b> <i>Presentation of monitoring report (November 2003- August 2004) for UN-HRC</i>
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	Tea
4.00 – 4.45 p.m.	Administering of Questionnaire and discussion
4.45 – 5.45 p.m	Screening of video
<b>19<sup>th</sup> August 2004</b>  <b>Session Four -</b>	<b>Analysis of the Role of the State and the Attorney General in Complying with International Obligations</b>
9.00 – 9.20 a.m.	<b>Speaker: Ministry of Foreign Affairs;</b>

9.20 - 9.40 am	<b>Speaker: Representative of the Attorney General's Department</b>
9.40 - 10.15 a.m -	Discussion of Core Issues
10.15 - 10.30 a.m	Tea
<b>Session Five</b>	<b>Analysis of the Role of the Judiciary/the National Human Rights Commission and the Medical Profession</b>
10.30 - 10.50 a.m.	<b>Speaker: Mr N. Selvakkumaran</b> <i>The Role of the National Human Rights Commission</i>
10.50 - 11.10 a.m.	<b>Speaker: Dr J de Almeida Guneratne P.C.</b> <i>Recent Jurisprudence Concerning Rights Violations</i>
11.10 - 11.45 am	Discussion of Core Issues
11.45 - 12.05 p.m.	<b>Speaker: Prof. Ravindra Fernando</b> <i>Duties/Responsibilities of the Medical Profession</i>
12.05 - 12.30 pm	Discussion of Core Issues
12.30 - 2.00 p.m.	Lunch
<b>Session Six</b>	<b>Victims and Activists; Their Perspectives and Experiences</b>
2.00 - 2.15 p.m.	<b>Speaker: Mr Kalyananda Thiranagama</b> <i>Practical Problems in Dealing with Torture in Sri Lanka</i>
2.15-2.30 p.m.	<b>Speaker: Mr. Ganeshalingam</b> <i>Using the ICCPR and domestic laws effectively to help torture victims</i>
2.30 - 2.45 p.m	<b>Speaker: Mr Chitral Perera</b> <i>Grassroots Activism; Helping the Victims and the Importance of Victim Protection.</i>

2.50 – 3.10 p.m.	Discussion of Core Issues
3.10 – 3.25 p.m.	Tea
3.25 – 3.45 p.m.	North-East representative
3.45 – 4.45 p.m.	Torture victims
4.45 – 5.30 p.m.	Discussion of Core Issues
<b>20<sup>th</sup> August 2004</b>  <b>Session Seven</b>	<b>Analysis of the Role of the Army and the National Police Commission</b>
9.00 – 9.20 a.m.	<b>Speaker: Brig. Mohanthi Peiris, Sri Lanka Army</b>
9.20 – 9.40 a.m.	<b>Speaker: Mr Ranjith Abeysuriya P.C.</b> <i>The National Police Commission and Its Mandate</i>
9.40 – 10.05 am	<b>Speaker: Kishali Pinto-Jayawardena</b> <i>Implementing Procedures to Investigate Public Complaints against a police officer/the police service under Article 155G(2) of the Constitution</i>
10.05– 10.30 a.m. 10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	Discussion of Core Issues – <i>Finalisation of Practical Recommendations on the Effective Monitoring of Custodial Violence</i> Tea
<b>Session Eight</b>	<b>Practically Implementing UN-HRC recommendations in Regard To State Obligations under Articles 6, 7, 9 and 10 of the ICCPR</b>
11.00 – 11.30 a.m.	<b>Shyamali Puvimanasinghe and Juanita Arulanantham</b> <i>Further Discussion on Monitoring Report</i>
11.30 – 12.30 p.m.	Wrap-up– Building civil society networks in implementation process/Discussion of a Resolution of Reforms in Relation to State Institutions and monitoring bodies in the light of implementing international obligations
12.30 – 2.00 p.m.	Lunch
2.00 – 3.00 p.m.	Press conference

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