

# ERT Work Itinerary: January – June 2011

**January 11, 2011:** Held one-day project development meeting with Nigerian partner Legal Defence and Assistance Project, in Lagos, Nigeria.

**January 14, 2011:** Participated in a hearing on “Education and Training: Tools for Roma Education”, organised by the European Economic and Social Committee, and spoke on: “Integration of Roma through Education and Training”, in Brussels.

**January 17, 2011:** Participated in a conference “LGBT Rights in the Commonwealth: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Reforms”, organised by Institute of Commonwealth Studies and Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, and spoke on “The Use of Equality and Non-discrimination Law to Advance LGBT Rights in the Commonwealth”, in London.

**January 21, 2011:** Participated in a conference on the implementation of economic and social rights in the UK, organised by Just Fair, Essex University Human Rights Centre, and British Institute of Human Rights, in London.

**January 28-31, 2011:** Made a keynote presentation at a meeting of the Malaysian Equality Forum organised by Tenaganita, entitled “Trends in International Equality Law and Approaches to Race Discrimination in Europe”, and held several meetings with groups of NGOs working on discrimination issues, in Kuala-Lumpur.

**January 29-30, 2011:** Co-organised, with Human Rights Law Network, a Judicial Colloquium on Equality and Non-Discrimination Law, with participation of Indian judges and international lawyers, in New Delhi.

**January 31, 2011:** Held project development meetings with Indian partner Human Rights Law Network, in New Delhi.

**February 2-5, 2011:** Conducted a series of meetings with Belarusian NGOs in the context of a joint project of ERT and Belarusian Helsinki Committee, in Minsk.

**February 8, 2011:** Participated in a delegation to the Indonesian Human Rights Commission calling for an investigation into the killings of three Ahmadiyya individuals on 5 February 2011, in Jakarta.

**February 9-10, 2011:** Served as an Expert and presented a paper at expert workshop on the prohibition of incitement to national, racial or religious hatred (article 20 ICCPR), organised by the UN OHCHR, in Vienna.

**February 14, 2011:** Participated in expert seminar entitled “The Council Directive on Common Standards and Procedures in Member States for Returning Illegally Staying Third Country Nationals (2008/115/EC) - Central Themes, Problem Issues and Implementation”, hosted by the Centre for Migration Law, Radboud University, in Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

**February 15, 2011:** Co-hosted the launch of the book *Equality: A New Legal Framework* by Professor Sir Bob Hepple QC, in London.

**February 21, 2011:** Participated in UK Detention Forum Meeting, in London.

**February 24, 2011:** Delivered training on key concepts of equality law to 40 members of the Law Society of Kenya, in Nairobi.

**February 25, 2011:** Participated in a public debate on proposals for a new comprehensive equality law for Kenya, in Nairobi.

**February 27-March 3, 2011:** Conducted a working visit to Jordan to assist NGOs with their work on non-discrimination, talk to lawyers’ networks on strategic litigation, and meet with legal scholars, in Amman.

**March 8, 2011:** Served as expert witness at a hearing on “The Declaration of Principles on Equality and the Activities of the Council of Europe”, organised by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, in Paris.

**March 10, 2011:** Gave evidence to the delegation of the Council of Europe’s Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, in London.

**March 15, 2011:** Participated in a public seminar attended by Moldovan students, lawyers and judges, which launched the Romanian translation of *The Equal Rights Review*, Volume 5, in Chişinău.

**March 21-26, 2011:** Undertook field research on patterns of discrimination and inequality in Kenya, in Isiolo, Kilifi, Kisumu, Mombassa and Siaya, Kenya.

**March 21-April 2, 2011:** Delivered training on key concepts in equality law, monitoring, documentation and advocacy of discrimination to human rights and women’s activists, in Guadalcanal and Malaita provinces, Solomon Islands.

**March 24, 2011:** Made presentation to the UK Detention Forum on alternatives to detention with a specific focus on statelessness, in London.

**April 12, 2011:** Provided training to the Equal Treatment Commission of the Netherlands on the use of strategic litigation in advancing equality, in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

**May 10-12, 2011:** Contributed to “Roundtable on Alternatives to Detention” organised by UNHCR, OHCHR and the International Detention Coalition and attended by representatives of governments, international organisations and NGOs, in Geneva, Switzerland.

**May 19, 2011:** Hosted a public lecture entitled “Progressive Equality Jurisprudence? The Case of South Africa” delivered by Kate O’Regan, in London.

**May 23, 2011:** Participated in a meeting of initiative group of experts to develop guidelines on the interpretation of Article 20 ICCPR, in London.

**May 23-26, 2011:** Provided training on key concepts in equality law to 40 staff from Guyanese civil society organisations, in Georgetown.

**May 27, 2011:** Participated in UK Detention Forum Meeting, in London.

**May 28, 2011:** Participated in a civil society roundtable to establish a Guyanese Equality Forum, in Georgetown.

**June 9, 2011:** Provided training on key concepts in equality law to 20 postgraduate students from the University College London Student Human Rights Programme, in London.

**June 9-10, 2011:** Delivered training on equality law and advocacy to staff from Belarusian human rights organisations and civil society organisations, in Minsk.

**June 14-15, 2011:** Participated in First EIDHR Seminar, organised by the European Commission, and served as keynote speaker on the issue of the unified perspective on equality and how anti-discrimination projects can be improved, in Brussels.

**June 15, 2011:** Participated in the second UK Parliamentary Meeting on Immigration Detention at the House of Commons, in London.

**June 17, 2011:** Delivered a lecture on statelessness with a focus on the Rohingya problem at the University of Galway “Summer School on Minority and Indigenous Rights”, in Galway, Ireland.

**June 19-29, 2011:** Delivered training on key concepts of equality law, discrimination related to religion and belief and advocacy to staff from Indonesian human rights NGOs, organisations representing people of particular religions or beliefs and civil society organisations, in Bogor, Indonesia.

**June 23, 2011:** Participated in the second Asylum Aid/UNHCR Expert Consultative Meeting on Mapping Statelessness in the UK, in London.

**June 24-26, 2011:** Delivered training on key concepts of equality law and advocacy to 35 Malaysian human rights activists and lawyers, in Kuala Lumpur.

**June 27-28, 2011:** Undertook field research on patterns of discrimination and inequality in Malaysia, in Kuala Lumpur and Seremban, Malaysia.

**June 27- July 1, 2011:** Participated in a workshop attended by UK and African grantee organisations of Comic Relief entitled “Making Rights Real”, to share learning from ERT’s country-based projects, in Johannesburg, South Africa.