

ERT Work Itinerary: January – June 2013

January 18, 2013: Conducted a focus group with Ukrainian civil society organisations involved in work on discrimination, inequality and other human rights concerns, in order to assess the capacity-building needs of this group, Kiev.

February 6, 2013: Conducted a seminar at Oxford Law Faculty, entitled “International Human Rights Law and National Equality Legislation: Mapping the Gaps”, Oxford.

February 12, 2013: Convened a strategic consultation meeting on combating ethnic and religious discrimination in Central Asia, Bishkek.

February 16-17, 2013: Conducted a research workshop for the Rohingya Project research team, Mahidol University, Bangkok.

February 23-24, 2013: Delivered training to civil society organisations and lawyers on discriminatory torture and ill-treatment of people with disabilities, New Delhi.

February 25, 2013: Convened a roundtable of key governmental and non-governmental stakeholders of India to discuss recommendations for the prevention of the torture and ill-treatment of people with disabilities, New Delhi.

February 27-28, 2013: Delivered training to civil society organisations and lawyers on discriminatory torture and ill-treatment of people with disabilities, Lagos.

March 1, 2013: Convened a roundtable of key governmental and non-governmental stakeholders of Nigeria to discuss recommendations for the prevention of the torture and ill-treatment of people with disabilities, Lagos.

March 8-21: Conducted field research in Sudan on patterns of discrimination, toward a country report on inequality in Sudan.

March 26, 2013: Convened a conference “Legal Reform on Equality and Non-discrimination”, bringing together key governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in Kenya to discuss recommendations from ERT’s report *In the Spirit of Harambee: Addressing Discrimination and Inequality in Kenya*, Nairobi.

March 27-31, 2013: Convened a roundtable for members of the Journalists for Human Rights Network of Sudan to discuss the network’s organizational and advocacy strategy.

April 4, 2013: Participated in a stakeholder roundtable on the use of strategic litigation to improve the application and implementation of anti-discrimination legislation, Sarajevo.

April 4-5, 2013: Provided training for members of the judiciary and public prosecutors in Bosnia and Herzegovina on the application of international law and best practice on the right to equality, Sarajevo.

April 15-19, 2013: Provided training for staff from 57 community-based organisations as part of an initiative to develop community-based legal services for victims of gender discrimination, Nairobi.

April 22, 2013: Delivered training on statelessness and human rights to European Network on Statelessness associate members in the Western Balkans Region, Belgrade.

April 25, 2013: Convened a roundtable for governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, with Ukrainian LGBTI-rights organisation Nash Mir and the Coalition for Combating Discrimination, Kiev.

May 1, 2013: Participated in Expert Roundtable Discussion on Immigration Detention, organised by the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London.

May 20-21, 2013: Delivered a keynote presentation and provided training for staff from the Office of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights as part of a Seminar on Equality and Non-discrimination, Kiev.

May 27, 2013: Delivered a presentation on “International Standards on Discriminatory Torture and Ill-treatment” at a meeting of the National Equality Forum of Azerbaijan, Baku.

May 31, 2013: Participated in UK Detention Forum Working Group on Indefinite Detention Meeting, London.

June 4, 2013: Gave a public lecture, “On the Principles of Equality and Affirmative Action in Higher Education”, hosted by Central European University, Budapest.

June 6, 2013: Convened and participated in an international expert roundtable on socio-economic rights and equality in conjunction with University College London’s (UCL) Institute for Human Rights, London.

June 6, 2013: Organised and chaired a public panel discussion entitled “Poverty and Rights: Can and Should the Law Promote Socio-Economic Equality?”, London.

June 6, 2013: Spoke at University of Essex, Annual Human Rights in Asia Conference, on the human rights of the Rohingya, London.

June 6, 2013: Participated in televised panel discussion on the human rights of the Rohingya, aired on the Islam Channel, London.

June 9-10, 2013: Participated in first annual UNHCR statelessness retreat for civil society organisations working on statelessness issues, Geneva.

June 11, 2013: Conducted joint advocacy meeting on Rohingya issue with representatives of permanent missions in Geneva, at US Embassy, Geneva.

June 11-13, 2013: Attended Annual UNHCR NGO Consultations, served as NGO Focal Point, organised and presented at the Statelessness Session at the Consultations; moderated a side meeting to the Consultations on the Rohingya issue, Geneva.

June 12, 2013: Conducted meetings with UNHCR and OHCHR; organised and attended the European Network on Statelessness Side Meeting at the UNHCR NGO Consultations, Geneva.

June 14, 2013: Attended the International Detention Coalition Advisory Committee Meeting, Geneva.

June 24, 2013: Drafted, coordinated and published a joint civil society statement on the Rohingya issue that was endorsed by 76 organisations.

June 26, 2013: Conducted a seminar on “The Role of Strategic Litigation for the Advancement of Roma Rights”, University of Leeds, UK.