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**Preventing Torture: Investigation, Accountability, Monitoring
28-30 April, 2014
Hyatt Regency
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**

April 28, 2014

Day 1: Investigation Mechanisms – Models and International Perspectives

9:00-9:30	Registration	
9:30-10:00	Opening Remarks	<p>Sarah King Tian Shan Policy Center (TSPC)</p> <p>Arman Danielyan Member of the United Nations Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture (SPT)</p> <p>Elisabeth Da Costa Deputy Regional Representative Regional Office for Central Asia Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights</p>
10:00-10:45	Remarks from State Officials of the Kyrgyz Republic	
10:45 – 11:00	Effective and independent investigation of torture and ill-treatment: international standards	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM)
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break	

11:15-11:30		Baktybek Amanbaev Ombudsman of the Kyrgyz Republic
11:30-12:00	Overview of current situation on torture in KR	Civil Society of the Kyrgyz Republic
12:00-12:30	Discussion	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:00	Research on Global Best Practices in Investigation Mechanisms	Sarah King and Matthew Kennis - TSPC
14:00-14:30	Discussion	
14:30-14:45	Coffee Break	
14:45-16:00	Expert Panel – Experiences with Reform of Accountability Mechanisms	Hamish Campbell - Assistant Commissioner, INDECOM Jamaica Ian Scott – Former Director of Special Investigations Unit, Ontario, Canada Daniel Holder – Deputy Director Committee on the Administration of Justice, Northern Ireland
16:00-17:00	Expert Panel Q&A	

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Day 2: Role of National Preventive Mechanisms – national and international perspectives

Investigation Mechanisms in the Kyrgyz Republic – Roadmap for Reform

9:00-9:30	Registration	
9:30-9:45	Opening	
9:45-10:30	The National Preventative Mechanisms of the Kyrgyz Republic 2013 and 2014 actions and strategic planning	Bakyt Rysbekov – Director of the National Center for the Prevention of Torture in the Kyrgyz Republic
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-11:45	Subcommittee on the Prevention of	Arman Danielyan – Member

	Torture: Recommendations for Effective Monitoring in the Kyrgyz Republic	of SPT
11:45-12:15	Experiences, challenges and lessons learnt from other NPMs	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights
12:15-12:45	Discussion re: NPM / NGO / State collaboration and coordination	
12:45-13:45	Lunch	
13:45 - 14:30	Strategic Planning Wrap up re: NPM: What are the current and future challenges to the effective functioning of the NPM and where is national and international support needed?	
14:30-15:00	Investigation Reform – Moving Forward: a Q&A with experts about the challenges	Expert Panel
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break	
3:15-4:30	Strategic Planning What are the next steps considering Institutional and Law Reform? What are the training needs surrounding Investigations?	
16:30-17:00	Wrap up Day 2	

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Day 3: Coalition Strategy Planning

9:00-9:30	Discussion of Agenda	
9:30-10:00	Present TSPC proposals for CPC Amendments	Sarah King, TSPC
10:00-10:45	Small Group Discussion on Law Reform	
10:45-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-11:45	Forum Discussion on Law Reform	

11:45-12:30	Planning of upcoming activities in the framework of the BIM/TSPC EIDHR project	
12:30-1:30	Lunch	
1:00-5:00	Coalition Strategy Planning	

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