

THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN ARMENIA'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Public Discussion

Draft Agenda

June 24, 2016

Best Western Congress Hotel, Ball room
1st Italy Street, Yerevan

- 12:00 – 12:15 *Registration of participants*
- 12:15 – 12:30 *Opening remarks*
- Larisa Minasyan**, Open Society Foundations – Armenia, Executive Director
- Miranda Merkviladze**, Penal Reform International – South Caucasus Office, Project Coordinator
- Moderator*
- David Amiryan**, Open Society Foundations – Armenia, Deputy Director for Programming
- 12:30 – 13:40 *National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) in Armenia*
- Arman Tatoyan**, Human Rights Defender of RA
- HRD as the National Preventive Mechanism in Armenia referred to UN OPCAT
- Miranda Merkviladze**, Penal Reform International – South Caucasus Office, Project Coordinator
- Improving Civil Society's Engagement in Strengthening National Preventive Mechanism's
- Capacity for an Effective Prevention of Torture in Places of Detention in Armenia
- Civil Society against Torture*
- Hayk Alumyan**, Justice Group Member, Attorney
- RA legislative regulations referred to UN OPCAT toward absolute prohibition of torture
- Davit Khachaturyan**, Justice Group Member, expert, Ph.D,
- Safeguards against torture in Criminal Justice of Armenia
- Avetik Ishkhanyan**, Justice Group Member, Armenian Helsinki Committee, President
- Current situation and perspectives to prevent torture in compliance with international obligations
- 13:40 – 14:40 **Discussion, Q&A**
- 14:40 – 15:00 **Closing Remarks**