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“Monitoring Places of Detention”

Training Session for National Human Rights Institutions

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Representatives of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) from eleven Francophone African countries will from 19th to 22 May 2014 converge in Lomé, Togo, to attend a training session themed “Monitoring places of detention”.

The main objective of this training is to enhance the capacity of the selected African NHRIs to implement their mandate to monitor places of detention. The training will provide a platform for the exchange of best practices, knowledge and skills as well as close cooperation between NHRIs.

The first component of this training kicked off in April 2014 with an online course. The workshop in Lomé will allow participants to continue to deepen their knowledge and technical expertise in monitoring places of detention. In addition, a practical visit to a place of detention shall be conducted during this workshop; that is in a prison and a police station.

This training is conducted in line with the three-year project initiated by the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT) and the Network of African National Institutions of Human Rights (NANHRI), entitled “**A continent United Against Torture**” whose main objective is to strengthen the institutional capacities of NHRIs to prevent torture in Africa. The project enjoys up to 80% funding from the European Union. The National Human Rights Commission of Togo (CNDH) shall host this training session.

For more information about the project, see: <http://www.apr.ch/fr/afrique/> or www.nanhri.org or contact: Charlotte Fèvre, Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT): cfevre@apt.ch (Tel: 00 41 22 919 2168); Lenser Anyango Adongo, Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI): lanyango@nanhri.org; Sourou Wolou, National Human Rights Commission of Togo (CNDH): cndhtogo@yahoo.fr