



THE POLICE, THE PEOPLE, THE POLITICS: POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY IN EAST AFRICA

12 -13 June 2006

Impala Hotel, Arusha, Tanzania

**A Roundtable facilitated by Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, in
collaboration with the East Africa Law Society**

Day 1 AM

Monday 12 June 2006

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

9:00 – 10.30

Opening session

Welcome Remarks:

Don Deya (CEO, East Africa Law Society)

Maja Daruwala (Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative)

Introduction: Clare Doube (Coordinator, Strategic Planning and
Programmes, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative)

10.30 – 11.00

Tea Break

11:00 – 1:00

Challenges to police accountability

Maja Daruwala (Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative),

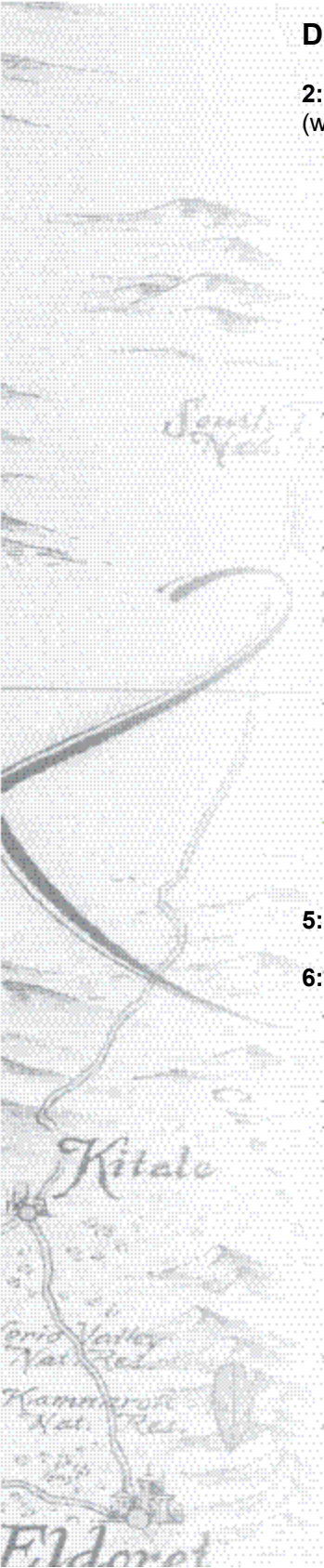
G.P. Joshi (Consultant, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative).

Fred Kiyagi (Commissioner of Police, Uganda Police Force)

This session begins with an open floor discussion of the problems associated with policing in East Africa, including a presentation from a police perspective. Following this, it will look at the solutions for poor policing and the concepts of democratic policing and police accountability. The session will also consider the relationship between the police and the political executive.

1:00 – 2:00

Lunch



Day 1 PM

2:00 – 5:00
(with break)

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Police accountability in the countries of East Africa

Moderator: Don Deya (CEO, East Africa Law Society)

Police accountability in Tanzania

Tanzania – Frances Kiwangi (Legal and Human Rights Commission)

Zanzibar - Maalim Mahadhi (Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and Good Governance)

Police accountability in Kenya

Debbie Ajwang (Kenya Human Rights Commission) and Vincent Kodongo (Independent Medical and Legal Unit)

Police accountability in Uganda

Apolo Kakaire (Foundation for Human Rights Initiative))

Police accountability in the Commonwealth

Daniel Woods (Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative)

- including information on the African Police Civilian Oversight Forum, by Judy Kamanyi (APCOF)

This session will look at the various states of police accountability in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Each speaker will look at the legislative framework for police accountability in their country, consider the state of progress of reform and will mark out future opportunities for reform. The session will close with a general discussion of the state of police accountability in the Commonwealth, with reference to the creation of a Commonwealth Expert Group on Policing.

5:00 – 6:00

Evening break

6:00

Reception – Launch of the East Africa Project reports

Peter Kiguta (Director General, East African Community Customs Union)

Eunice Brookman-Amissah (Board Member, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative)

Maja Daruwala (Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative)

This reception brings together workshop participants, police, civil society and media. During the reception, Peter Kiguta, Director General, East African Community, will launch 5 reports produced during CHRI's East Africa Project.



Day 2

Tuesday 13 June 2006

9:00 – 12:30
(with break)

Practical examples of oversight and accountability

Moderator: Professor Chris Maina Peter

This session will be based around case studies of three different forms of oversight body. Each case study will look at how the oversight body was established, what its structure and mandate is, the challenges it has faced and overcome and its success stories. The case studies will be followed by discussion.

National Human Rights Institutions as police oversight bodies
Rebecca Muniu (Kenya National Commission on Human Rights)
Roselyn Karugonjo-Segawa (Uganda Human Rights Commission)

How to design an oversight body
G.P. Joshi (Consultant, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative)

Police Council in Ghana
Edmund Foley (Project Coordinator, CHRI Ghana)

12:30 – 1:30

Lunch

1:30 – 4:30

Process toward reform

Maja Daruwala (Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative)

During this final session, we will break into three small groups. Each group will discuss how to take police reform forward in Kenya, Tanzania or Uganda, focusing on the particular challenges in the country and past successful advocacy. The groups will rejoin at the end of the session to share a summary of their discussion with the rest of the workshop participants.

4:30 – 5:00

Adoption of statement and close of roundtable