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# “Monitoring places of detention”

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On 19-22 November, representatives of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) from 11 African countries will gather in Kampala, Uganda, for a workshop on how to monitor places of detention.

To effectively prevent torture, the institutions in charge of protecting human rights need to build and strengthen knowledge and skills on detention monitoring particularly with regards with the methodology of preparing, conducting and following up on visits. This is something that the Swiss-based Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), in partnership with the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI), wants to address through a regional training workshop on “*Monitoring Places of Detention*”, which will be hosted by the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC).

The overall aim of this training is to enhance the capacity of African NHRIs to implement their mandate to monitor places of detention through a blended learning including a peer-to-peer exchange.

This training started in October with an online distance learning course. The Kampala workshop will now bring participants together to further exchanges on good practices on detention monitoring. A practical “visiting exercise” to a place of detention will be also carried out.

This workshop is an integral part of the blended learning 3-year APT-NANHRI project “A continent against torture”. The objective of the project is to strengthen the institutional capacity of African National Human Rights Institutions to prevent torture in their countries.

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