



Regionalizing Collaboration through DNA Databases - 21-23 May 20224

DRAFT AGENDA

Track 1: How can DNA evidence Improve Access to Justice for Victims of Gender Based Violence and Femicide?

Overview:

The two days will be structured as follows: On day one, there will be short presentations followed by panel discussions, requiring audience engagement on key developmental areas. On the second day, there will be working group sessions and audience participation. The aim is to collaboratively create a sustainable regional framework with clear steps for implementation.

Day 1 – May 23

07H30-08H00	Registration	Note: A registration table will also be set up on Tuesday evening at the cocktail function for early registration
08H00-08H15 [15mins]	Introduction and Welcome	
08H15-09H00 [45mins]	<p>OVERVIEW of previously identified challenges in Africa</p> <p>5 MAJOR AREAS IDENTIFIED VICTIM SUPPORT – VS FORENSIC NURSE TRAINING – FNT FORENSIC DNA CAPACITY - FDC JUSTICE SECTOR – JS CRSV + DISPLACEMENT - CD</p> <p>*PPT Format</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSEA and Victims Rights Overview (VS) • Limited service provision/support for victims (VS) • Lack of Community Awareness/Education (VS) • Poor/ no training of forensic nurses in the region (FNT) • Poor coordination between key stakeholder groups influencing the chain of custody (FC/FNT/JS) • Delays in DNA testing and the outcome on GBVF cases (FC/JS) • Lack of forensic DNA databases in region (FC) • Lack of DNA legislation in the region (FC/JS) • Poor presentation / understanding of DNA evidence in court (JS) • Conflict related sexual violence + Effects of Displacement (CD)

09H00-10H30 [1HR30m]	VICTIM SUPPORT: Reduction of Secondary trauma: *Panel Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited service provision/support for victims (VS) • Lack of Community Awareness/Education (VS) • Urban vs (semi) rural areas - Kenya and South Africa • Poor coordination between key stakeholder groups (FC/FNT/JS) • Displacement (eg caused by climate change) (CD)
10H30-11H00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11H00-13H00 [PPT: 30 MINS, PANEL, 1HR30M]	Service provision and early detection and collection of DNA *PPT followed by Panel Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensic procedures in obtaining DNA evidence from victims, survivors and offenders (intimate and non-intimate samples) [FNT/FDC] • Training for personnel in the collection of intimate samples from survivors and: Medical doctors vs Forensic nurses – crime scene samples [FNT/FDC] • Poor/ no training of forensic nurses in the region (FNT) • Current training initiatives and need for curriculum development for forensic nurses (crime scene samples) [FNT/JS] • Key Evidence collection items (Global SAK Donation Project) [FDC] • Scarcity of medication following sexual violence: Basic Requirements [VS/FNT]
13H00-14H00	LUNCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LUNCH
14H00-14H30 [30mins]	CRSV *Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War zones (conflict areas) – DRC [CD] • Innovations [CD] • Displacement [CD]
14H30- 15h45 [1HR15m]	DNA Legislation, DNA databases and Court Challenges : *Panel Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of officers of the court: DNA • DNA legislation in region • Regional / DNA databases in the region - establishment and effective use thereof • DNA Policy, regional adoption • Chain of custody (crime scene to lab); issues raised in court (eg.21 affidavits / J88)

15h45-16h00 [15mins]	OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS / AREAS OF CONCERN / WRAP UP
16H00	RIVER CRUISE

Day 2 – May 24

<p>08H00-1 0H00</p>	<p>VICTIM SUPPORT: Reduction of Secondary trauma</p>	<p>Areas of Discussion and proposed solutions and outcomes for what is required to provide a holistic service to victims (ideally in one location)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel required e.g. social worker, forensic nurse, access to appropriately trained police officer • Equipment and facilities • Medical supplies required • MOU's between governmental and civilian stakeholders e.g. Civilian centre providing holistic service and Health, NPA, Justice, Police • Public / community education and awareness • Address discussions from Day 1
<p>10H00-1 0H30</p>	<p>FEEDBACK SESSION</p>	<p>Each group gives key points to facilitator</p>
<p>10H30-1 1H00</p>	<p>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</p>	<p>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>11H00-1 2H30</p>	<p>Service provision and early detection and collection of DNA</p>	<p>Areas of Discussion and proposed solutions and outcomes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Operating Procedures • Forensic nurse training • Registration of nurses (recognition of qualification) e.g. with S.A. Nursing Council • Post trauma medical care (psychosocial and medical) for survivors of GBV (What everyone should realistically get even in a resource limited region such as the African context)
<p>12h30-1 3h00</p>	<p>FEEDBACK</p>	<p>Each group gives key points to facilitator</p>
<p>13H00-1 4H00</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>
<p>14H00-1 5H00</p>	<p>DNA Legislation, DNA databases and Court Challenges</p>	<p>Areas of Discussion and proposed solutions and outcomes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardisation of evidence collection kits • Legislation and establishment of regional DNA Database(s) • Training for officers of the court

15H00-1 5H30	FEEDBACK SESSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each group gives key points to facilitator
15H30- 16H00	OVERALL FEEDBACK SES- SION	
16H00	CLOSURE	