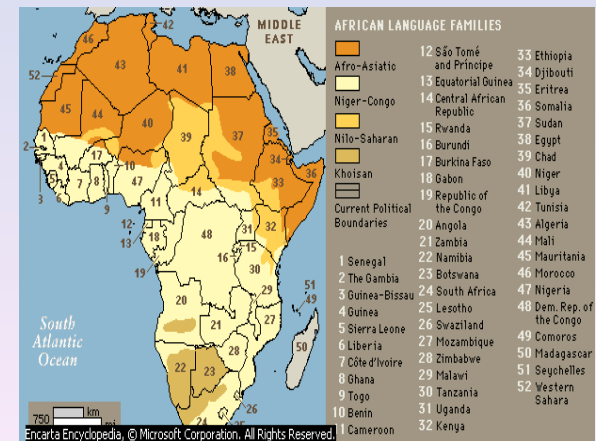




STAKEHOLDERS FORUM

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Opening ceremony on 8 November, 2016



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• INTRODUCTION

- The Stakeholders Forum was a three days event which was organized by OPCW and hosted by the Government of URT. The Forum was conducted from 8-10Nov 16. This pilot event of its kind aimed at helping the CWC States Parties in Africa to advance the status of their national implementing legislation.
- As you all aware, Africa is one of OPCW region where most of members states have not adopted national implementing legislation.
- This scenario is supported by the fact that 41% of SP from the region do not have CWC implementing legislation at all and another 15% have only some initial measures within their legislation.

AIM

- The Aim of this Presentation is to give the members of the Annual Meeting a brief overview/ highlight on Stakeholders Forum which took place in URT.

OBJECTIVES

The forum was expected

- To provide a platform for discussion of the significance of CWC national legislation and the steps to be taken for its adoption.
- The expected results of the event was the roadmaps for all the relevant states on adoption of the national implementing legislation.

PURPOSE

- To assist SP to achieve progress in the process of adoption of the CWC national implementing legislation.

PARTICIPANTS

The participants were representatives of the relevant key stakeholders from governments, parliaments, and other state agencies from the State Parties without national implementing legislation as well as representative of those States with legislation which could share good practices in development and adoption of such legislation.

The State Parties which participated in this event were 11 namely

- URT (the Host)
- Botswana
- Burundi
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Namibia
- Rwanda
- Uganda
- South Africa

There were also representatives from
two Regional organizations and three
International organizations

The Regional organizations were

- EAC
- SADC

While the International organizations were

- UNICRI
- UN 1540 Committee
- PGA

PRESENTATIONS

OPCW

Presentation were mainly on

- Overview of the Requirements under CWC and
- The status of implementation in Africa
- Effective tools modules
- CWC and OPCW
- OPCW legislative support

The International/Regional Org presented respectively as follows

- UNICRI-CBRN Risk Mitigation and Security Governance program.
- PGA- Past and Current Engagements: Disarmament and International Arms Regulation

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- UN 1540 Committee: United Nation Security Council resolution 1540 (2014) and Chemical Weapons Convention: Synergy and Complementary
- SADC- Overview of activities related to WMD Non proliferation in the SADC
- EAC-Perspectives on preparedness Against WMD/Chemical Attacks or Incident
- The participating State Parties W/O legislation presented on Challenges and Mitigation measures
- While those with legislation presented on Experiences and Lessons learned from adoption process and challenges in implementation.

DISCUSSIONS

Discussions were held in Break-up working groups on challenges and good practices in adoption of the legislation whereby each individual participating SP was able to come up with a roadmap for adoption of CWC national legislation.

CONCLUSION

- In conclusion the Stakeholders Forum provided a fora to discuss with national stakeholders; the plan of action for legislation. In case of URT we committed different key stakeholders from various relevant ministries and government agencies and academia
- This resulted in raising their awareness on the importance of CWC

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- Countries without legislation benefited from experience of the countries which already adopted the legislation with all initial measures.
- Lastly; countries w/o legislation developed concrete action plan/roadmaps for further action regarding the process of adoption of the legislation by identifying possible challenges and the ways to address them.
- By and large the objectives and purpose of the Forum were achieved.

Stakeholders Forum on progress



Permanent Secretary Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Prof. Sifuni Mchome, Brig Gen Msanja, Brig Gen Mubofu, Mr Kesrat Sukasam and Sharon Rivera having a light moment after the closure of the Forum



Closing ceremony on 10 November, 2016



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION