

**REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON TREATY
LAW
AND PRACTICE AND THE DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION OF
TREATY OBLIGATIONS**

*Organized by the ECOWAS Commission and
Hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Attorney General's Office,
Ghana*

*In collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme,
the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, the
UNCITRAL Secretariat, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and the
Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*

**Monday, 9 June through Thursday, 12 June 2008
Accra, Ghana**

PROGRAMME

(Time will be allotted after each topic for questions and answers)

Day 1: Monday, 9 June

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| 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Registration of participants |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Roger Laloupo, Representative, ECOWAS Commission President• Mr. Daouda Toure, UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator, Ghana• Ms. Sherry Holbrook, Representative, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, UN Office of Legal Affairs• The Honourable Dr. Charles Brempong-Yeboah, MP, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and NEPAD of Ghana |
| 10.45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Introduction – moderated by UN Office of Legal Affairs
Introduction of Speakers and Participants; participants' understanding of international lawmaking, in particular via treaties; workshop expectations |
| 11:15 a.m.– 11:30 p.m. | Coffee break |
| 11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | The implementation of the ECOWAS Protocols: A challenge to face

Mr. Roger Laloupo, Director of the Department of Legal Affairs, ECOWAS Commission, Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Lunch break |

- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Overview of International Treaty Law, the UN OLA and Treaty Section mandates**
- Ms. Sherry Holbrook, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs
- 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Coffee break**
- 3:45 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. **Depositary Practice of the UN Secretary-General: Overview and How States Participate in Treaties**
- Ms. Sherry Holbrook, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs
- 6:30 p.m. **Cocktail reception at the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel hosted by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, NEPAD and Regional Integration of Ghana**

Day 2: Tuesday, 10 June

- 9:30 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. **Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter: Overview and State Responsibility**
- Ms. Muriel Patricia Djella Ogandaga, Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Coffee break**
- 11:15 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. **Reservations, Declarations and Final Clauses in Multilateral Treaties**
- Ms. Muriel Patricia Djella Ogandaga, Associate Legal Officer and Ms. Sherry Holbrook, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch break**
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Introduction to the UN Office of Drugs and Crime: Mandate, activities, resources available to governments**
- Ms. Loide A. N. Lungameni, Legal Officer, UN Office on Drugs and Crime
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Coffee break**
- 3:30 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. **UNODC’s operational role and the United Nations Convention against Corruption**

Ms. Loide A. N. Lungameni, Legal Officer, UN Office on Drugs and Crime

5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols

Ms. Loide A. N. Lungameni, Legal Officer, UN Office on Drugs and Crime

Day 3: Wednesday, 11 June

8:30 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.

Human Rights Monitoring and Protection: The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Mr. Torsten Schackel, Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva; Secretary of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Coffee break

10:15 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.

The International Human Rights Treaty System

Mr. Torsten Schackel, Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva; Secretary of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

11:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Introduction to UNCITRAL: mandate, working methods, texts, current topics

Ms. Kate Lannan, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat; International Trade Law Division, UN Office of Legal Affairs

12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Lunch break

1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG)

Mr. Jae Sung Lee, Associate Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat; International Trade Law Division, UN Office of Legal Affairs and Justice Samuel K. Date-Bah, Supreme Court of Ghana

United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts (ECC) and related electronic commerce texts

Ms. Kate Lannan, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat; International Trade Law Division, UN Office of Legal Affairs

- 3:00 p.m.– 3:15 p.m. **Coffee break**
- 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York Convention) and the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration**
- Ms. Kate Lannan, Legal Officer and Mr. Jae Sung Lee, Associate Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat; International Trade Law Division, UN Office of Legal Affairs

Day 4: Thursday, 12 June

- 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. **United Nations Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses**
- Ms. Flavia Loures, Freshwater Programme Officer, International Water Law and Policy, World Wildlife Fund
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Coffee Break**
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Participation in multilateral treaties and bilateral treaty-making**
- Review and Preparation of Action Plans in the areas of human rights, crime and corruption, trade, the environment and regional initiatives**
- Participants in training workshop and experts from the United Nations and ECOWAS
- 12:30 p.m.– 1:00 p.m. **Working lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Participation in multilateral treaties and bilateral treaty-making**
- Review and Preparation of Action Plans in the areas of human rights, crime and corruption, trade, the environment and regional initiatives (Continued)**
- Participants in training workshop and experts from the United Nations and ECOWAS
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Workshop wrap–up and evaluation**