

**MASHAV - Israel's Agency for International Development  
Cooperation and  
The Golda Meir MASHAV Carmel International Training  
Center (MCTC)  
with**

**The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)  
The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)  
The Anti-Trafficking Unit, Israeli Ministry of Justice  
The Israeli Institute of Advanced Judicial Studies**



**משרד המשפטים**  
Ministry of Justice



**Invite you to apply to  
the 4<sup>th</sup> International Seminar for Judges on:**

**THE CRITICAL ROLE OF THE  
JUDICIARY IN COMBATING  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**14-18 October, 2018  
Haifa, Israel**



## About the Seminar

The growing waves of migration in recent years create conditions prone to trafficking and increases this global phenomenon as more and more migrants are fleeing violent conflict zones and desperately seek refuge in foreign countries. Many find themselves sooner or later victims of trafficking and forced labor.

The latest US state department report on trafficking in persons stresses the importance in the responsibility of governments to “criminalize human trafficking and hold offenders accountable” (U.S. State Department’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, June 2017).

Judges play a central role in combating trafficking in persons. Beyond deciding upon the guilt or innocence of alleged perpetrators in sentencing considerations, judges also make key decisions on the interpretation of trafficking laws and the evidence required to establish the crime. Their decisions also affect victim identification criteria, impact upon assessments of victim credibility and may involve steps to ensure the protection of victims. All of these decisions are critical to the overall success of anti-trafficking efforts. Depending on the jurisdiction, judges may also provide guidance to law enforcement agencies and/or actively participate in the investigation phase. Furthermore, judges may be called upon to cooperate and exchange information with judicial officials from various countries, especially in light of the transnational nature of the crime.

Thanks to Israel's national anti-trafficking coordination mechanism and the strong collaboration between government offices, NGOs, the global community and the Israeli Parliament, the state of Israel has achieved various significant accomplishments in the fight against the phenomenon of trafficking in persons including in legislation, protection of victims and establishment of advanced preventative measures; as well as the eradication of the severe form of trafficking for purposes of prostitution that was prevalent in the previous decade in Israel, and continues to grapple with new patterns emerging. For the past 6 years Israel has been repeatedly ranked as *tier 1*, the highest rank according to the U.S. State Department's rating given to governments acknowledging and making efforts to address the problem of human trafficking. MASHAV, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation through MCTC – the Golda Meir MASHAV Carmel International Training Center shares the Israeli experience in the field and conducts capacity building and knowledge sharing activities in order to strengthen all relevant actors in the public sphere and in civil society towards combating the phenomenon of trafficking in human beings.

The seminar aims to provide participants belonging to the Judiciary, with the opportunity to exchange their experiences, challenges and ideas through interactive discussions, formal and informal meetings. Emphasis will be given to peer learning, using a ‘hands-on’ practical approach. Participants will share best practices, programs and relevant methodologies. The seminar methodology will consist of lectures, panel discussions, case studies analysis and a mock trial. In addition, professional visits to the International Organization for Judicial Training, Israeli Supreme Court and Israeli Parliament will be included.

Throughout the 5 -day seminar participants will share and discuss issues from the different perspectives of countries of origin, destination and transit and become familiarized with the Israeli and international best practices, programs and methodologies. Furthermore, it is hoped that the seminar will contribute towards establishing a network of judges and/or judicial training officials to nurture cross-border collaboration and exchange of information in the common fight against human trafficking.

Topics covered during the seminar include:

- The international framework of combating trafficking in persons
- Key issues and concepts which arise in cases of trafficking
- Patterns of trafficking, forms of exploitation and means used by traffickers
- Evidential issues in trafficking in persons cases
- Psychological challenges faced by victims of trafficking
- Best practices for the protection of victims
- The rights of victims in criminal proceedings including non-criminalization/non-punishment
- Combatting trafficking using multi-disciplinary tools – administrative and civil law
- The importance of international cooperation
- Mock trial for all participants highlighting core issues in seminar

### **MASHAV: Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation**

MASHAV – Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation focuses its efforts on capacity building, sharing relevant expertise accumulated during Israel's own development experience to empower governments, communities and individuals to improve their own lives.

One of the oldest aid agencies in the world, MASHAV is celebrating 60 years of development cooperation. Since its establishment, MASHAV has promoted the centrality of human resource enrichment and institutional capacity building in the development process – an approach which has attained global consensus. MASHAV's activities focus primarily on areas in which Israel has a competitive advantage, including agriculture and rural development; water resources management; entrepreneurship and innovation; community development; medicine and public health, empowerment of women and education. Professional programs are based on a "train the trainers" approach to institutional and human capacity building, and are conducted both in Israel and abroad. Project development is supported by the seconding of short and long-term experts, as well as on-site interventions. MASHAV's mission to ensure social, economic and environmental sustainable development, is in line with the new 2030 sustainable development agenda (SDGs). Since its inception in 1958, close to 300,000 professionals from over 140 countries have taken part in capacity building activities both in Israel and abroad.

### **MCTC: The Golda Meir MASHAV Carmel International Training Center**

MCTC, a training center of MASHAV, was established in 1961 to assist in the training of women engaged in community work in the newly emerging states in Africa and Asia. Since the establishment of MCTC, over 25,000 participants from more than 147 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Oceania and the Caribbean

have attended almost 630 capacity building programs and 30 International Conferences for Women Leaders, conducted in Israel.

MCTC focuses on three areas of study: Community Development, Organization and Management of Microenterprises and Early Childhood Education, all with gender as a cross-cutting issue. In each training program there are up to 30 women and men from 10 to 27 countries. Usually two workshops are conducted concurrently in different languages (English, French, Spanish, Russian or Arabic). The Center is located on Mount Carmel in Haifa. The building consists of living accommodation, classrooms, recreation and dining facilities. A library specializing in education, social sciences and humanities, and a computer laboratory with internet access serve the participants.

### **The Anti-Trafficking Unit, Israeli Ministry of Justice**

The Anti-Trafficking Unit coordinates the government of Israel's efforts to fight trafficking in persons in Israel. It serves as a bridge between governmental agencies and NGOs, encourages cooperation between all relevant actors, identifies new trafficking patterns, diagnoses problem areas, conducts professional trainings and serves as a source of information and expertise.

### **The Institute of Advanced Judicial Studies**

Established in 1984, the Institute of Advanced Judicial Studies operates from offices located at the Supreme Court in Jerusalem, Israel and is granted total independence. The Institute holds seminars open to all judges on topics including Court Administration, Judgment Writing, Credibility of Witnesses, Child Abuse, Immigration and Refugee Law, Class Actions, Decision-making, Game Theory and Law, and Media and the Law. The Institute's curriculum stresses the need for an efficient judicial system and therefore focuses these training seminars on increasing the efficiency of the judges' work, including their administrative tasks. In addition to training by subject, special seminars are held for courts of special jurisdiction, such as family courts and labor courts.

### **OSCE: Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings**

The OSCE is a regional security organization comprising 57 participating States founded on the principle of cross-dimensional and comprehensive security. The OSR-CTHB was established in 2003 to raise the public and political profile of combating trafficking in human beings, assist participating States in the implementation of OSCE commitments, such as the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Beings and its Addendums (2005 and 2013) and, work in close cooperation with internal and external partners. Strategic priorities of the OSR-CTHB include enhancing strategies and action to better prevent THB, raising the profile and quality of the criminal justice response, promoting the protection of victims' rights, and strengthening partnership in the Alliance against Trafficking in Persons.

### **UNODC: The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

UNODC is the guardian of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its supplementary Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children. As such, its primary goal is to promote global adherence to these international instruments and to assist states in their effective implementation and in particular – assisting states in bringing their domestic legislation in line with the Protocol and in developing

effective criminal justice responses to human trafficking. UNODC provides training to Member States and especially to criminal justice practitioners and has developed a series of central tools tailored to this important target audience which includes judges.

## Participation Requirements

### Participants:

The seminar targets supreme court judges, active criminal judges, administrative and civil law judges and judges who lead judicial training activities within their own jurisdiction (such as national judicial training institutes), with a view to a broader dissemination of knowledge and tools in the long term. Judges are required to have a professional background and experience in hearing criminal cases, and in particular, any experience hearing cases of trafficking in human beings.

**Language:** The seminar will be conducted in English. Applicants must have a high level of English proficiency.

### Application questionnaires:

[Click here](#) to download the questionnaires. Completed questionnaires, including the medical form, should be sent no later than **3th August 2018** to the relevant Israeli mission/embassy in your respective country and to Ms. Shachar Re'em at [shachar@mctc.org.il](mailto:shachar@mctc.org.il).

## General Information

### Arrival and Departure

Arrival date: 14 October 2018 (Morning)  
Opening date: 14 October 2018 (Evening)  
Closing date: 18 October 2018 (Afternoon)  
Departure date: 18 October 2018 (Evening)

### MASHAV Scholarship

MASHAV scholarships cover the cost of the training program including lectures and field visits, full board accommodation, health insurance (see below) and transfers to and from the airport. **Airfares and daily allowance are not included in the scholarship.**

### Location and Accommodation

The Seminar will be held at the Golda Meir MASHAV "Carmel" International Training Center, situated in Haifa, Israel. Participants will be hosted at hotels in Haifa and Jerusalem for accommodation.

### Health Services

Medical insurance covers medical services and hospitalization in case of emergency. It does not cover the treatment of chronic or serious diseases, specific medications taken by the participant on a regular basis, dental care and eyeglasses. Health authorities recommend that visitors to Israel make sure they have been inoculated against tetanus in the last ten years. Subject to the full binding policy conditions. Participants are responsible for all other expenses.

## **For further information, please contact:**

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