

## COUNTER-TRAFFICKING TRAINING IN NEW YORK

The second of the trainings of the 2015 New York migration Series was held on 26-27 March on the topic “Trafficking in Persons”. This two-day course offered by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and funded by PRM, was facilitated by Mr. Laurence Hart, Head of the Migration Assistance Division, and Ms. Michela Macchiavello, Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants Specialist. Additional presentations were provided by Mr. Michael Moran, Assistant Director Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation of INTERPOL and Ms. Viviana Valastro, Head of the Migrant Children Protection Unit, of Save the Children Italy, both by videoconferencing. A third presentation was provided by Ms. Anne-Christine Eriksson, Deputy Director of UNHCR NY on the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT).

Participants attending the training included representatives of NGOs, academia, police, Permanent Observers and Permanent Missions.

This course on trafficking in persons provided the audience with basic knowledge of this issue by focusing on several aspects: protection in international law and the international legal instruments to fight trafficking; identification of victims of trafficking; international cooperation, coordination and prevention; as well as challenges and opportunities for protecting victims. The course received very positive feedback from the present participants.



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## SECOND GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE ON RECEPTION AND ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION - TORONTO

As part of the Global Strategy-Beyond Detention 2014-2019, which has the ultimate goal of ending the routine detention of asylum-seekers, UNHCR held its second Global Roundtable on Reception and Alternatives to Detention in April 2015, in Toronto (Canada). This event, with the support of The Oak Foundation and the International Detention Coalition (IDC), enabled the opportunity for frank exchanges between governments, international organizations and civil society on how to manage systems dealing with asylum-seekers and other migrants without, or with more limited, recourse to detention and through the use of alternatives to detention, as appropriate.

The Roundtable was complemented with visits to specific structures in Toronto, considered as alternatives to detention. MAD was present with Laurence Hart who was invited to illustrate AVRR as an alternative response to detention, generating considerable interest from many participants, who were representing governments worldwide, academia, NGOs, UNICEF as well as the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, Francois Crepeau.



## ARTICLE IN DIPLOMATIE MAGAZINE

Tara Brian (International Cooperation and Partnerships), Mathieu Luciano and Michela Macchiavello (Migrant Assistance Division) contributed to the 26th edition of the French magazine “Diplomatie”, centered on the topic “Mafia and Criminality”, with an article on Trafficking and Smuggling titled “Traite des personnes et trafic de migrants : Quand l’objet du deal est humain”. The article focuses on what human trafficking and smuggling are, on their differences and similarities and on how best to curb these crimes. The article moreover touches on how these crimes exploit and abuse individuals and on IOM’s work, on the protection and assistance to victims.



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