

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

Recent event ROUND TABLE FORUM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008: FROM 10 AM-3PM

(from left to right) Michael Davis, Executive Director Unirights, Veronica Zeitlin, representative of the Trafficking In Persons Office in the US Department of State.

LOCATION: ROOM 2226, THE RAYBURN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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On September 9, 2008 the Unirights Universal Human Rights Network held a Round table Conference on an issue of increasing importance in the global human rights communities. The subject of course was Human Trafficking. The conference was held in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. The conference was in part made possible through the efforts of United States Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee of Texas.

Specifically, the topic of this conference was Human Trafficking in West Africa Cultural Tradition or Human Exploitation? Participants included Mr. Abel Agbebleo first secretary of the embassy of Togo in Washington,DC, Ms. Veronica Zietlin representing the United States Department of State Trafficking in Persons Office and Mr. Martin Edijike Representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Attendees included key aides from a number of congressional and senatorial offices, Representatives from other Federal agencies working to combat the scourge of Human Trafficking, members of the Non Governmental Organizations and prominent Human Rights Activist. This Event will be followed by Conferences on Human Trafficking in other parts of the world.

(from left to right) Karl W. Carter, Jr., General Counsel for Unirights and Adam Barker, Representative from Senator John McCain's Office

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Where: Rayburn House Office Building room 2226

When: September 9, 2008
10:00 – 3:00

Who: Universal Human Rights Network

Program:

Panel One; 10:00 – 12:00
Representatives from the Embassies of
Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo

Lunch Break; 12:00- 1:00

Panel Two: 1:00 – 2:45
Representatives from the Department of State, African Union and the United Nation

Wrap-Up: 2:45 – 3:00

U.S. Congressional Representative