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## Officers Trained on Investigation Skills

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For purposes of internal accountability within the National Police Service, an Internal Affairs Unit (IAU) was established under section 87 of the National Police Service Act. It was based on this background that IMLU organized a three day training for IAU officers with the aim of equipping them with the necessary skills of investigations.

The training held from 2nd to 4th September, 2020 brought together 30 officers from IAU, 26 male officers and 4 women counterparts. The low women participation was attributed to the recruitment process of police officers which largely favours men. The training was graced by Mr. Noor Gabow who is the Deputy Police Inspector General. Also in attendance was the Director of IAU Mr. Mohammed Amin and IMLU’s Executive Director Mr. Peter Kiama.

The Director of IAU insisted on the importance of training staff to the highest possible standards of competence and

the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms and dignity.

The Deputy Police Inspector General Mr Noor Gabow acknowledged that IMLU is an organisation that seeks a torture free society by promoting the right of torture victims and survivors, and which will seek to protect all Kenyans from all forms of torture advocating for policing reforms and monitoring general adherence to Human Rights and capacity building to stakeholders.

“This, therefore, informs the purpose or reason for partnering with key stakeholders in enhancing the capacity of our investigators.” Mr Gabow said.

The training attracted facilitators selected from the DCI, ODPP, IPOA, KNCHR and IAU.



# IMLU Programme Officer Kevin Mwangi Appointed at the ACHPR

Mr Mwangi was appointed as an Expert Member of the Working Group on the Death Penalty, Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings and Enforced Disappearance Africa at the Africa Commission on Human and People's Right (ACHPR) in August 2020. He is the East African appointee of the Working Group.

The working group is mandated to ensure the abolition of the Death Penalty

and to monitor situations relating to extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances in Africa with all its ramifications; collect information and keep a database of reported instances of situations concerning extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances in Africa and collaborate with its stake-

holders and partners including national governments, international and inter-governmental organizations for the successful fulfilment of its mandate.



The Working group has been mandated within the next one year to come up with draft guidelines for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances in Africa and I give input to the document and make it effective and efficient to the African People. I also plan to use my expertise in regional and international human rights law and forensic science to be able to ensure that perpetrators of EJE are held accountable.

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# Professional Counselling and Occupational Wellbeing

Studies have shown that the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a new disease and what could happen can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions. IMLU was part of a special journal put up by the Daily Nation and NTV on professional counselling and occupational wellbeing. The morning show christened #NewNormal where our in

house psychologist Hilda Mukui engaged the audience on the importance of engaging professional counsellors in light of stress occasioned by matters relating but not limited to the Covid-19 pandemic. The one hour programme was able to raise awareness on existing resources and strengths in the provision of psychological services through IMLU professional network across the country.

## Rights of Arrested Person

### #RightsofArrestedPersons

On September 25, 2020, IMLU conducted a one-day training of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) leaders in Kondele, Kisumu County, the training is part of a series of activities supported by the German Embassy in Kenya combating torture and ill-treatment in places of custody during COVID-19.

The training which was spearheaded by Carolyn Lisanza centred on psychological support in places of custody. Among the topics that were covered during the

CBOs training included; the rights of arrested persons, rights of people deprived of liberty and the Prevention of Torture Act, 2017.

We seek to address the systematic challenges that exist creating a fertile breeding ground for torture in detention facilities by ensuring the duty bearers and right holders both play their key roles in the eradication of the vice.

**“The deprivation of liberty may be necessary for certain circumstances but that it must not be arbitrary and be done with respect for the rule of law.”**  
- Caroline Lisanza

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The Independent Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU) is a governance, health and human rights non-profit organization, whose vision is A World free from Torture, Violence and Discrimination. IMLU's work is underpinned by a holistic approach involving litigation, medical and psychosocial rehabilitation of survivors of torture, monitoring government adherence to its human rights obligations and advocacy for policy, legal and institutional reforms.

Over the last two decades, the organization have assisted over 5,000 victims of torture, cruel, degrading and inhuman treatment through the support of a national networks of professionals that include doctors, trauma counselors, lawyers, human rights monitors and journalists.