

UNAFRI launches four of its recent Reports

Four of the recent reports of the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI) were officially launched and presented to the public at the Institute secretariat, Naguru, Kampala, Uganda on Friday July 11, 2008.



A group picture of UNAFRI Professional staff and invited guests after the launch of UNAFRI's recent reports at UNAFRI secretariat, Naguru, Kampala, Uganda.

The reports presented to the public were:

- a) Report on Children and Women Trafficking in Karamoja- Teso Region, Uganda(2006)
- b) A Study on Causes and Patterns of Trafficking in Human Commodities in Nigeria(2007)
- c) Workshop on Sciences of Criminalistics for Professionals in Uganda (2007)
- d) Workshops on Parole, Probation and Community Corrections in Eastern Africa (2007)



UNAFRI's Director/ Head of Mission, Dr. Masamba Sita presenting one of the recent Reports to the public during the Launch

The Director of UNAFRI, Dr. Masamba Sita, in his statement said the Institute in implementing its programme is guided by topical issues affecting the management of public affairs, particularly the effect of crime on the accomplishment of desired objectives in public and private sectors. He noted that the ultimate objective of achieving sustained socio-economic development in African countries will be easier to realize if the dysfunctional effects of crime in our countries are addressed with deliberate and focused remedial intervention measures.

The realization according to him will be achieved against the backdrop of increased awareness to raise interest in activities, leading to the ultimate production of reports and their wide dissemination will enhance the acquisition of knowledge about crime.

Dr Masamba further noted that the schedule of activities of UNAFRI incorporates plans to develop regional coalitions based on the needs of the Member States to undertake innovative practical measures that maximize the value and promote the use of locally available knowledge/data in enhancing crime prevention and sustaining the criminal justice agenda in Africa.

The Director maintained that the Institute is contacting other Member States and non-governmental organizations with a view to enter bilateral arrangements to further the studies in the matter of human trafficking and any other crime aspects in accordance with the identified needs. He then called upon the donor community to consider funding crime prevention through a regional

mechanism such as UNAFRI, as crime nullifies their efforts to a sustainable development in Africa.

Thereafter, the UNAFRI Director presented the reports one after the other to the guests and members of the press present in a ceremony that marked the launching.

Present at the launch were` representatives from the Diplomatic Corps in Uganda; the Police, Uganda Prisons Service, judiciary, government agencies, and other relevant stakeholders.