



**ASYLUM SYSTEMS QUALITY INITIATIVE IN EASTERN EUROPE AND SOUTH CAUCASUS  
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**Seminar on Evidence Assessment in Refugee Status Determination (RSD) Procedures  
5-6 December 2013**

**Armenia Marriott Hotel (Ashot Yerkat Hall)**

**Day 1, 5 December**

- 9:30 – 10:00**      **Registration and coffee**
- 10:00 – 10:15**      **Opening remarks**  
*UNHCR, State Migration Service*
- 10:15 – 11:15**      **International Standards on Assessing Evidence in RSD Procedures**  
*UNHCR Armenia*
- 11:15 – 11:45**      **Practical Challenges of Assessing Evidence in RSD Procedures**  
*State Migration Service of Armenia*
- 11:45 – 12:00**      **Coffee break**
- 12:00 – 13:00**      **Credibility Assessment in RSD Procedures**  
*Prof. Audrey Macklin, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto*
- 13:00 – 14:00**      **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 14:30**      **Credibility Assessment in RSD Procedures (cont.)**
- 14:30 – 15:30**      **Forward-looking Risk Assessment based on Country of Origin Information (COI)**  
*Barbora Messova, Lawyer at Human Rights League NGO, Slovakia*
- 15:30 – 15:45**      **Coffee break**
- 15:45 – 16:15**      **Forward-looking Risk Assessment based on COI (cont.)**
- 16:15 – 17:00**      **Verification of Identity Documents**  
*Ms. Satenik Simonyan, Criminal-Forensics Department of the Police of Armenia and Ms. Syuzanna Pilosyan, Border Guard Troops of Armenia*
- 17:00 – 17:15**      **Wrap-up**

**Day 2, 6 December**

- 9:30 – 11:00**      **National administrative law standards on evidence assessment**  
*Mr. Arman Zrvandyan, Assistant Professor, American University of Armenia*
- 11:00 – 11:15**      **Coffee break**
- 11:15 – 12:45**      **Practical Application of International Standards on Evidence Assessment in RSD**  
*Case study facilitated by prof. Audrey Macklin and UNHCR Armenia*
- 12:45 – 13:00**      **Closure of the event**
- 13:00 – 14:00**      **Lunch**