Consider the practical issues in establishing a Victims’ and Survivors’ Forum.
Background

• Consulted on possible role and purpose of a forum
• Now need to focus on:
  - Who might participate
  - How a forum might operate
• Best option for current circumstances
Issues Raised During Consultation

- Information
- Research
- Governance (Influencing Change)
- Lobbying

- Funding
- Accountability
- Bureaucracy
- Health
- Truth Recovery
- Education
- Compensation
- Justice
- Churches
- Rural Transport
What model can best deliver?

• Four possible models for consideration today based on feedback and guiding principles
• Consider the advantages and disadvantages of each option
• Evaluate each option against identified guiding principles
• Establish views on which option is likely to work/command the most support
Guiding Principles

• Independent
• Accountable
• Effective
• Inclusive
• Productive
Option 1
An independent round table forum of individuals and representatives from victims and survivors groups

• A constituted body representative of victims and survivors - venue, secretariat, structure

• Responsible for:
  - Representing the views of v and s
  - Trying to reach consensus on priorities
  - Bringing identified priorities to CVS for action under the work programme
Option 2
A round table forum that builds on the experiences and structures already in place

• Interdepartmental Working Group (reconvened) to include nominated members from
  - Trauma Advisory Panels
  - Victims and Survivors Groups
Option 3
A forum coordinated and driven by the CVS

- The forum would be an integral part of the office of the CVS
- The Commissioner would:
  - develop priorities and action plans with the involvement of victims.
  - consult with experts and stakeholders such as groups, members of TAPs and individuals on specific matters.
  - set up working groups with the expertise to respond to issues affecting victims.
Option 4

A forum using the TAPs as the forum

- TAPs feed into OFMDFM
- OFMDFM links with the CVS
Evaluating the options - some thoughts

• There will not be a perfect option
• It will be a painful process and must be undertaken sensitively
• Consider how it could be a legacy for the future
• Staged approach. Forum will evolve
Task for today

- Take time to consider each option
- Consider the questions asked about each option
- Record the advantages and disadvantages of each option
- Encourage everyone to participate
- Feedback