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Maunica Sthanki, Supervising Attorney for the Post-Deportation Human Rights Project, presented at the Eighth Annual Detention Watch Network Conference in Washington, DC from September 24-26, 2009. The Detention Watch Network (DWN) is a national coalition of organizations and individuals working to educate the public and policy makers about the U.S. immigration detention and deportation system and advocate for humane reform so that all who come to our shores receive fair and humane treatment. (<http://detentionwatchnetwork.org>) The annual conference entitled, "This is Our Moment! Este es Nuestro Momento!," focused on creating concrete strategies on a variety of detention and deportation issues.

Ms. Sthanki participated in a major panel discussion with the Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, John Morton. Other panelists included Kerri Talbot, Counsel for Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ); David Fraccaro, from Sojourners Visitor Program, Riverside Church; and Janis Rosheuval from Families for Freedom. The panel discussed ICE's proposed detention reforms and Ms. Sthanki represented the legal community's concerns regarding detention. Ms. Sthanki proposed concrete solutions to end human rights abuses in detention, and also addressed the need for increased oversight and ending the detention of mentally ill and physically infirm individuals.

Ms. Sthanki also led a skills building workshop for lawyers at the DWN conference. The workshop topic included creative legal strategies for individuals who have been removed from the United States. Ms. Sthanki spoke about potential remedies for individuals who have been removed, including immigrant visas, non-immigrant visas, humanitarian parole and post-departure Motions to Reopen.