

Biographical data form of candidates to the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)

Name and first name

Suzanne JABBOUR

Date and place of birth

1 February 1960 in Ardé, Zghorta, North Lebanon

Working languages

Arabic, English and French

Professional background

Clinical psychologist

Current position/function

- Since 2005 Chief Executive Officer
Restart Center for Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture and Violence
- Since 2020 Chairperson
UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT)

Educational background

- 1985 – 1987 Master's degree in Psychology
Lebanese University, Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences – Beirut, Lebanon
- 1981 – 1985 Clinical Psychology
Lebanese University, Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences – Beirut, Lebanon

Main professional activities

- 2010 – Present Key expert in the MENA region in lobbying for and training on the UN-CAT, the OPCAT, the Istanbul Protocol, the Nelson Mandela Rules, the Bangkok Rules
- 2007 – Present Manager of projects focusing, among others, on detention monitoring, rehabilitation of victims of torture and violence, capacity building of law enforcement and penitentiary personnel;
- 1989 – Present Clinical psychologist, in direct contact with torture victims and survivors, refugees and prisoners
- 2012 – 2016 President
International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)

2010 – 2016 Member and Vice-Chairperson
UN Subcommittee on prevention of torture (SPT)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

- Conducts tailored training programs for law enforcement personnel, such as the Lebanese Internal Security Forces and General Security Forces – on prison management, human rights instruments and conventions related to persons deprived of their liberty, the Lebanese NHRI and NPM, etc.
- Consultant for the DIGNITY Danish Institute against Torture on Detention monitoring in the MENA region (since 2011);
- Consulting and drafting expert on:
 - The Lebanese laws on the creation of the NHRI and NPM (2016), and on criminalization of torture (2017);
 - The Code of conduct for forensic doctors associated with the Lebanese Ministry of Justice;
 - A unified medical protocol for medical centers in Lebanese prisons (2016);
- Created an *Independent Forensic and Psychological Unit* at the Tripoli Justice Palace, which guarantees the right to a comprehensive medical examination for every person under investigation (2015).

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

- *Analytical and legal study on the role of the Lebanese ISF anti-torture committee*, Community Security and Access to Justice, UNDP, 2018
- *The selection process for the appointment of the members of the NHRI and NPM in full compliance with the Paris Principles*, Restart Center, 2018 (green paper)
- *Steps in the right direction: the establishment of the Lebanese National Human Rights Institution and the National Preventive Mechanism*, Legal Agenda, 2017
