

Anniversary event

Organised by the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)
Thursday, 9 February 2023, 3.00 pm, in hybrid modus and on UN TV

20 YEARS OF OPCAT AND 15 YEARS OF SPT

(Online interpretation will be available for those participating remotely, for a maximum of 30 minutes)

Draft programme

SPT Chair: Suzanne Jabbour (2')

Opening statement: Nada Al-Nashif (Deputy High Commissioner) (5')

Round table 1. Chair: Shujune Muhammad (SPT; 2')

Achievements and challenges for the SPT, for NPMs and other stakeholders in the field of prevention of torture

Introductory statement: Daniel Fink (SPT; 7')

Discussant 1: Denmark (and CTI): H.E. M. Erik Brøgger Rasmussen (5')

Discussant 2: *NPM of Senegal: Cyr Gomis (online; 5')*

Participants (23'): all the above and *NPM of Tunisia (Féthi Jarray, online)*, Chile (H.E. Ms Claudia Fuentes Julio), *Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa (Hatem Essaim, online, TBC)*, Association for the Prevention of Torture (Barbara Bernath), and *Sir Malcolm Evans (Former SPT Chair, online)*. (Total 40')

Round table 2. Chair: Carmen Comas-Mata Mira (SPT; 2')

Policies of prevention and pursuit of synergies in torture prevention

Introductory statement: Maria Luisa Romero (SPT; 7')

Discussant 1: Argentina: Minister Sebastian Rosales (5')

Discussant 2: *NPM of Poland: Wojciech Brzozowski (online; 5')*

Participants (23'): all the above and Rwanda (TBC), European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (Elisabetta Zamparutti), Organisation Mondiale Contre la Torture (Gerald Staberock), and *Lorena Gonzalez (Former SPT Member, online)*. (Total 40')

Break: 10 minutes

Round table 3. Chair: Marie Brasholt (SPT; 2')

Status and roles of NPMs in the prevention of torture

Introductory statement: Nika Kvaratskhelia (SPT; 5') and NPM of France: Dominique Simonnot (5')

Discussant 1: Mongolia: H.E. Ms. Gerelmaa Davaasuren (5')

Discussant 2: *NPM of Brazil: Carolina Barreto Lemos (online, 5')*

Participants (23'): all the above and Morocco (H.E. Mr Omar Zniber), Inter American Commission on Human Rights (TBC), *Penal Reform International (Triona Lenihan, online)*, Federation International des ACAT (Paul Angaman), and *Victor Madrigal Borloz (Former SPT Member, online)*. (Total 45')

Final statements:

Chair of the Committee Against Torture: *Claude Heller (online, 3')*

Special Rapporteur on torture: *Alice Edwards (online, 3')*

Chair of the Board of the Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture: *Lawrence Mute (online, 3')*

Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross: Gilles Carbonnier (3')

Switzerland (as sponsor of the event): H.E. Félix Baumann (3')

SPT Chairperson: Suzanne Jabbour (3')

Reception in the Palais des Nations (Mezzanine, building E)

Reception sponsored by Swiss Permanent mission

Words of closure

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