

14TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

Torture and other ill-treatment: The role of National Human Rights Institutions

6-7-8 November 2023, UN City, Copenhagen, Denmark

AGENDA

Plenary sessions are in the Auditorium in basement floor

MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER	
07:45–08:45	SECURITY AND REGISTRATION (Bring your valid national ID/passport)
09:00–09:45 Plenary (Auditorium) (45 minutes)	<p>OPENING CEREMONY (45 minutes)</p> <p>The opening ceremony will set the scene with welcoming and introductory remarks from speakers representing the event organizers, hosts, and partners.</p> <p>CHAIR: Louise Holck, DIHR Executive Director (5 minutes)</p> <p>PANELISTS (30 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dmytro Lubinets, Ukrainian Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights. (5 min) Maryam Al Attiyah, GANHRI Chairperson (5 minutes) Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (video statement-4 min) Eamon Gilmore, Special Representative for Human Rights of the EU (5 min) Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator video (4-5 minutes) introduced by Henrik Fredborg Larsen, Director UNDP Nordic Representation Office. Ulf Melgaard, Director of International Law and Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (5 min) <p>GANHRI VIDEO SCREENING (2 min)</p>
09:45–10:45 Plenary (Auditorium) (60 minutes)	<p>Session 1: Cementing a Cornerstone of International Human Rights Law for the 21st Century: The fundamental roles of NHRIs in addressing torture today (60 minutes)</p> <p>This session will set the scene to the thematic topic of the conference, by providing an overview of the international law prohibition of torture and other ill-treatment, and its continued significance for NHRIs today, and to review the key roles that</p>

	<p>NHRIs play with respect to addressing these issues, as part of their mandates and functions.</p> <p>CHAIR: Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary (5 minutes)</p> <p>PANELISTS (30 min)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mykola Gnatovskyy, Judge, European Court for Human Rights (5 min online presentation) 2. Claude Heller, Chairperson, UN Committee Against Torture (5 min) 3. Alice J. Edwards, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture (video message) (3min) 4. Ammar Al-Dwaik, Director General of the Independent Commission for Human Rights of Palestine - online (5min) 5. Levan Ioseliani, Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender of Georgia (5 min) 6. Ruth Ssekindi, Director, Uganda Human Rights Commission (5 minutes) <p>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION (25 minutes)</p>
<p>10:45–11:15 (30 minutes)</p> <p>Coffee Break at Basement floor: Lounge of the Auditorium</p>	
<p>11:15–12:15 Plenary (Auditorium) (60 minutes)</p>	<p>Session 2: National Prevention Mechanisms (NPMs): Their specific roles and implications for the work of NHRIs on Torture Prevention: Critical lessons and good practices for effective complementarity (60 minutes)</p> <p>The purpose of this session is to provide an overview on the work of NPMs as Treaty Body-mandated mechanisms for torture prevention under the OPCAT, and to reflect on their implications for the work of NHRIs, including in respect of effective and practical complementarity, and lessons and opportunities. The panel will take the form of an interactive discussion.</p> <p>CHAIR: Barbara Bernath, Secretary General, Association for the Prevention of Torture (5 minutes)</p> <p>PANELISTS (30 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aisha Shujune Muhammad, SPT Vice-Chairperson for NPMs 2. Yaovi Sronvie, President, National Human Rights Commission of Togo 3. Juan Carlos Anabalon, Judicial advisor, Human Rights Institute of Chile tbc 4. Mimin Ddwi Hartono, Senior Policy Analyst, Indonesia National Human Rights Commission, Komnas HAM (online participation) tbc 5. Lorraine Finlay, Human Rights Commissioner, Australia Human Rights Commission.

	<p>6. Klavs Kinnerup Hede, Director of International Relations, the Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman.</p> <p>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION (25 mins)</p>
<p>12:15–13:45 (90 minutes)</p> <p>LUNCH at Ground floor: Pacific Lounge and Atlantic Lounge</p>	
<p>13:45–14:45 Plenary (Auditorium) <i>(60 minutes)</i></p>	<p>Session 3: The Roles of NHRIs in Protecting At-Risk Persons and Marginalized Groups from Torture and Other Ill-Treatment: Critical perspectives on evolving intersectional challenges (60 minutes)</p> <p>The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of some of the key critical challenges facing NRHIs with respect to the prohibition and prevention of torture/CIDT today, with a particular focus on victims and at-risk persons and groups.</p> <p>CHAIR: Sirpa Rautio, GANHRI Regional Chairperson (3 minutes)</p> <p>PANELISTS (30 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Najat Maalla M'jid, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence Against Children (5 min) 2. Victor Madrigal-Borloz, UN Independent Expert on Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (video intervention- 3 min) 3. Daniel Bekele Mulugeta, Chief Commissioner, Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (5 min) 4. Luis Andrés Fajardo, Deputy Public Defender, Ombudsman Office of Colombia (5 min) 5. Claudia Mahler, UN Independent Expert on older persons (video intervention) (4 mins) 6. Richard Palpal-Latoc, Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (5 min) 7. Sinéad Gibney, Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (5 min) <p>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION (20 minutes)</p>
<p>15:00–16:15 Working Groups (Auditorium and WG)</p>	<p>Session 4: Practical Perspectives on the Work of NHRIs: Using NHRIs' mandates and functions to protect at-risk persons and marginalized groups from torture and other ill-treatment today (75 minutes)</p> <p>The objective of the Working Groups is to identify good practices from amongst NHRIs' different and varied approaches, specifically in re: protection of at-risks persons and marginalized groups, in light of their diverse mandates and, and to explore avenues for more effectively undertaking their work in practice.</p>

rooms on ground floor) (75 minutes)	<p>FORMAT: Working Group discussions in <u>ten breakout groups</u> designated in advance, each led by a Facilitator, Discussant, and Rapporteur.</p> <p>You will receive an email with the room name you have been assigned to. A list of participants for each Working group is also available in the lounge of the auditorium and on the documentation page.</p> <p>Spanish, French, Arabic Working Groups: Auditorium</p> <p>English Working Groups: <u>Ground floor</u> in rooms Yenisei, Mekong, Colorado, Yukon, Huang He, Congo, Rio de la Plata, Amazon, Yangtze</p>
16:15–16:45 (30 minutes)	
Coffee Break at Lounge of the Auditorium and Lounge on ground floor	
16:45–17:30 Plenary (Auditorium) (45 minutes)	<p>Session 5: Reporting back from Working Groups (45 minutes)</p> <p>REPORTING ON WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS BY WORKING GROUP RAPPORTEURS (35-40 minutes)</p> <p>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION (15-20 minutes)</p>

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER	
07:45–8:45	SECURITY CHECK (Bring your valid national ID/passport)
09:00–10:15 Plenary (Auditorium) (75 minutes)	<p>Session 6: Practical perspectives on prevention: Monitoring, inspections, and documentation in places of deprivation of liberty (75 minutes)</p> <p><i>The objective of this session is to provide practical perspectives on the key work of NHRIs on issues related to monitoring, inspecting, and documenting instances of mistreatment in places of detention, both within the criminal justice system as well as in other custodial settings such as immigration detention centres, centres for children, aged care facilities, psychiatric institutions and the compulsory drug rehabilitation centres.</i></p> <p>CHAIR: Joseph Whittal, GANHRI Africa Regional Chairperson elect (3 minutes)</p> <p>PANELISTS (30 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Carmen Comas-Mata, Vice-president of Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture. (5 min) Jens Modvig, Medical Director, Dignity (5 minutes)

	<p>3. Nedal Magableh, Director of the International Relations Department, Jordan National Centre for Human Rights (5 minutes)</p> <p>4. Blanca Izaguirre, Commissioner, National Commission of Human Rights of Honduras (5 minutes)</p> <p>5. Miguel Feldmann, Head of the National Preventive Mechanism, Portuguese Ombudsman’s Office (5min)</p> <p>6. Yookyong Park, Human Rights Officer, National Human Rights Commission of Korea (5min)</p> <p>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION (35 minutes)</p>
<p>10:15- 10:45 Coffee Break at Lounge of the Auditorium</p>	
<p>10:45–12:00 Plenary (Auditorium) (75 minutes)</p>	<p>Session 7: Practical perspectives on protection: Complaints, investigations, access to justice, and reparations (75 minutes)</p> <p>The objective of this session is to provide practical perspectives on the key work of NHRIs with regards to access to justice and the pursuit of accountability, particularly in respect of the receipt and handling of complaints, and the provision of redress and reparations to victims of torture/CIDT.</p> <p>CHAIR: Justice Arun Kumar Mishra, Chairperson of National Human Commission of India, representing GANHRI Regional Asia Pacific Chairperson (3 minutes)</p> <p>PANELISTS (35 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abdel Wahab Hani, International Expert on Human Rights, Former member of the UN Committee Against Torture. 2. Nicole Buerli, Senior Human Advisor for Asia, World Organization Against Torture (OMCT) 3. Angie Cruickshank Lambert, Chairperson, Costa Rica National Human Rights Institution (5min) 4. Roseline Odede, Advocate, Kenya Commission on Human Rights (5 minutes) 5. Morten Chjeffer Rasmussen, Chief Adviser, Danish Institute for Human Rights (5 minutes) <p>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION (35 minutes)</p>
<p>12:00–13:30 (90 minutes) LUNCH at Ground floor: Pacific Lounge and Atlantic Lounge</p>	
<p>13:30–14:30</p>	<p>Session 8: Practical perspectives on promoting the right to freedom from torture: Advocacy, education, training, awareness-raising, and reporting (60 minutes)</p>

<p>Plenary (Auditorium) (60 minutes)</p>	<p>This session will aim to provide perspectives on NHRIs' work in the areas of education, training, awareness-raising (including public opinion), and reporting and engagement with international mechanisms (such as for instance UN Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures).</p> <p>CHAIR: Pedro Francisco Callisaya Aro, GANHRI Regional Americas Chairperson, Defensor del Pueblo de Bolivia (3 minutes)</p> <p>PANELISTS (30 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lisa Henry, Secretary General, International Rehabilitation Council for Victims of Torture (5 min) 2. Mary Robert, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (5 min) 3. Patrick Eba, Deputy Director, Law and Policy, Division of International Protection, UNHRC (online intervention) 4. Veronica Hinestroza, Senior Legal Adviser, Fair Trails International (5 min) 5. Kwanele Pakati, Head, South African Mechanism Secretariat, South Africa Human Rights Commission (5 min) <p>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION (30 minutes)</p>
<p>14:45 – 16:00</p> <p>Working Groups (Auditorium and WG rooms on ground floor) (75 minutes)</p>	<p>Session 9: Practical perspectives on how NHRIs work on issues of torture and other ill-treatment: Good practices, challenges, and opportunities (75 minutes)</p> <p>Same modalities and configurations as for Session 4's / the previous day's Working Groups. You are assigned to the same room of day 1.</p>
<p>16:00–16:30 (30 minutes)</p> <p><i>Coffee Break at Lounge of the Auditorium and Lounge on ground floor</i></p>	
<p>16:30–17:30</p> <p>Plenary (Auditorium) (60 minutes)</p>	<p>Session 10: Reporting back from Working Groups (60 minutes)</p> <p>Chair: Ben Buckland, Senior Adviser, Association for the Prevention of Torture.</p> <p>REPORTING ON WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS, WORKING GROUP RAPPORTEURS (30 minutes)</p> <p>OPEN DISCUSSION (25 minutes)</p>

17.30-19.30	RECEPTION: Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the UDHR and the 30th anniversary of the Paris Principles (Ground floor: Pacific Lounge and Atlantic Lounge)
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WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER	
07:45–08:45	SECURITY CHECK (Bring your valid national ID/passport)
09:00–10:15 Plenary (Auditorium) (75 minutes)	<p>Session 11: Participation, Partnerships, and Cooperation: Paths and Strategies for Effective Engagement for the Future (75 minutes)</p> <p>The objective of this session will be to identify and consolidate avenues for ongoing and future engagement and collaboration between NHRIs, including through GANHRI and NHRI regional networks, and between NHRIs and other key actors.</p> <p>CHAIR: Vladlen Stefanov, Chief, National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section, Fields Operations and Technical Cooperation Division, UN OHCHR (5 minutes)</p> <p>PANELISTS (45 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Eduardo Leblanc, Public Defender, Ombudsman of Panama <i>tbc</i> (5min) Mohammed Benajiba, CNDH member and Coordinator of NPM of Morocco (5min) Jerald Joseph, Chairperson, Executive Committee Forum Asia; Director, Pusat KOMAS, Malaysia (5 min) Christian Salazar Volkmann, Director of the Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (5min) Samantha Chaitkin, Project Officer, Global Europe Human Rights and Democracy Thematic Programme (5 min) <p>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION (35 minutes)</p>
10:15-10:45 (30 minutes) Coffee Break at Basement floor: Lounge of the Auditorium	
10:45–11:45 Plenary (Auditorium) (60 minutes)	<p>Session 12: Presentation and Adoption of the Conference Declaration (60 mins)</p> <p>CHAIR: Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary (5 min)</p> <p>PANELISTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Joseph Whittal, GANHRI Regional Africa Chairperson (5 min)

	<p>2. Pedro Francisco Callisaya Aro, GANHRI Regional Americas Chairperson (5 min)</p> <p>3. Justice Arun Kumar Mishra, Chairperson of National Human Commission of India, representing GANHRI Regional Asia Pacific Chairperson (5 min)</p> <p>4. Sirpa Rautio, GANHRI Regional Europe Chairperson (5 min)</p> <p>OPEN DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION (30 minutes)</p>
<p>11:45–12:05</p> <p>Plenary (Auditorium)</p>	<p>CLOSING CEREMONY (20 minutes)</p> <p>CHAIR: Dmytro Lubinets, Ukrainian Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights (5 min)</p> <p>PANELISTS (15 minutes)</p> <p>1. Louise Holck, DIHR Executive Director (5 min)</p> <p>2. Christian Salazar Volkmann Director of the Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (5min)</p> <p>3. Amina Bouayach, GANHRI Secretary (5 min)</p> <p>GROUP PICTURE</p>
<p>12:30–14:00 (90 minutes)</p> <p>LUNCH Ground floor: Pacific Lounge and Atlantic Lounge</p>	
15:30-16:30	Optional: Guided visit of the Danish Parliament (by registration only)