



Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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Meeting of States parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Nineteenth meeting

19 October 2023

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

**Election, in accordance with article 17 (1)–(5) of the Convention,
of five members of the Committee against Torture to replace those
whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2023**

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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with article 17 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention is to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 19 October 2023 for the purpose of electing five members of the Committee against Torture from a list of persons nominated by States parties (sect. II), to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2023 (sect. I). Five members will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2025 (sect. III).

2. In compliance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 68/268, the present note contains information on the current situation with respect to the composition of the Committee, reflecting the balance in terms of geographical distribution and gender representation, professional background and different legal systems, as well as the tenure of current members (sects. I and III). The biographical data of current members can be found on the web page of the Committee (<https://www.ohchr.org/en/treaty-bodies/cat/membership>).

3. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly encouraged States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographical distribution, the representation of the different forms of civilization and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies.



I. Members of the Committee whose terms will expire on 31 December 2023

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Mr. Claude Heller	Mexico	2016
Mr. Erdogan Iscan	Türkiye	2020
Ms. Ilvija Pūce	Latvia	2020
Ms. Ana Racu	Republic of Moldova	2016
Mr. Sébastien Touzé	France	2016

II. Persons nominated by States parties

4. In accordance with article 17 (4) of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 20 March 2023, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of five members of the Committee by 16 June 2023. All curricula vitae received by 16 June 2023 are included in the present document (see annex).

5. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee, and the States parties that nominated them.

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Mr. Adil Abilov	Azerbaijan
Mr. Zuhair Mohammed Abdullah Al-Zuman	Saudi Arabia
Mr. Kamel Eddine Ben Hassen	Tunisia
Mr. Lazhari Bouziid	Algeria
Mr. Jorge Contesse Singh	Chile
Mr. Yaré Fall	Senegal
Mr. Claude Heller	Mexico
Ms. Akouavi Inès Laurenda Hadonou Toffoun	Benin
Mr. Lockhdev Hoolash	Mauritius
Mr. Erdogan Iscan	Türkiye
Ms. Marica Pirošiková	Slovakia
Ms. Ana Racu	Republic of Moldova
Mr. Edgar Fidias Taboada Insfrán	Paraguay
Mr. Fabien Tombohavana	Madagascar
Mr. Sébastien Touzé	France
Mr. Peter Vedel Kessing	Denmark
Mr. Henri Wembolua Otshudi Kenge	Democratic Republic of the Congo

III. Members of the Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2025

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Mr. Todd Buchwald	United States of America	2022
Mr. Liu Huawen	China	2020
Ms. Maeda Naoko	Japan	2022
Ms. Abderrazak Rouwane	Morocco	2022
Mr. Bakhtiyar Tuzmukhamedov	Russian Federation	2018

Annex***Adil Abilov (Azerbaijan)**

Date and place of birth: 27 February 1979, Baku, Azerbaijan.

Working languages: English, Russian.

Current position/function

Director of International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Justice, Councilor to Minister of Justice, Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on the Operation of European Conventions on Co-operation in Criminal Matters (PC-OC).

Main professional activities

Implementation of obligations arising from international treaties.

Extradition, including providing guarantees on human rights, presenting cases in court.

Legal assistance in criminal and civil matters.

Providing legal opinions on draft international instruments to be signed by the Government institutions.

Educational background

Baku State University, Master Diploma with distinction (2000)

Human Rights Law and Practice Programme, held by the Institute of European Law of the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom (2002)

"The Role of National Independent Institutions in Human Rights Protection" Regional Training Programme for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, held in the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund, Sweden (2001)

University of Essex, LL.M in International Human Rights Law (2005)

Ph.D. in International Law and Constitutional Law (Extradition Obligations vs. Human Rights)

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Trainer on human rights, including prohibition of torture for judges, judicial candidates and justice servants (Academy of Justice).

Drafting reports to the UN treaty monitoring bodies, including CAT on behalf of Azerbaijan.

Visiting prisons during bilateral visits in order to study and adapt best practices (Germany, Latvia, UK, Chile, Georgia, Algeria, Croatia and the Netherlands).

Cooperation with CPT, drafting commentaries on their reports.

List of most recent publications in this field

Death Penalty as a Cruel and Inhuman Punishment (based on the ICCPR), 2005, Baku.

Diplomatic Guarantees and Extradition, 2006, Baku.

Prohibition of Torture as a Ground to Refuse Extradition, April–May 2007, Baku.

Practice of considering extradition requests in the Council of Europe states, including Azerbaijan 2009, Russia.

Observance of Human Rights: Current Status of Legal Regulation and Prospects, 2014, Ukraine.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Zuhair Mohammed Abdullah Al-Zuman (Saudi Arabia)

Date and place of birth: 29 October 1971, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Working languages: Arabic.

Current position/function

Deputy-Head of the Standing Committee on Responses at the Human Rights Commission from 2016 to date.

Deputy-Head of the Standing Committee for Drafting Reporting on the human rights conventions which the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a party from 2016 to date.

Member of the Public Prosecution Office, since 1996, and currently holds the rank of Appeal Prosecutor.

Main professional activities

Member of the KSA's delegation to review the KSA's Universal Periodic Review report on in Geneva in 2013.

Member of the KSA's delegation to discuss the KSA's report on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, at the UN in Geneva in 2016.

Deputy Head of the KSA's delegation to discuss the KSA's report on the optional protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict and the optional protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, at the UN in Geneva in 2018.

Deputy Head of the KSA's delegation to discuss the KSA's report on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, at the UN in Geneva in 2018.

Deputy Head of the KSA's delegation to discuss the KSA's report on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, at the UN in Geneva in 2018.

Deputy Head of the KSA's delegation to discuss the KSA's report on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, at the UN in Geneva in 2019.

Deputy Head of the KSA's delegation to review the KSA's Universal Periodic Review report, at the Human Rights Council in Geneva in 2019.

Member of the KSA's delegation participating in the first session of the joint dialogue on human rights between the KSA and the EU, which was held in Brussels in September 2021.

Head of the KSA's delegation at the 12th meeting of Their Excellences, Heads of Human Rights Entities in the GCC in 2017.

Head of the KSA's delegation at the meeting of the Standing Committee of Human Rights Specialists in the GCC in 2016 and 2017.

Head of the KSA's delegation at the meeting of the Standing Arab Committee for Human Rights at the Arab League in 2018.

Participation with working papers in many international and local conferences and forums.

Participation in many committees to study a number of draft laws in the KSA.

Educational background

Bachelor of Laws, King Saud University, Riyadh, 1995.

Criminal Law Diploma, Institute of Public Administration, Riyadh, 1997.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Member of the KSA's delegation to discuss the KSA's report on the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, at the UN in Geneva in 2016.

List of most recent publications in this field:

A working paper on the of Trafficking in Person's crimes in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (criminalization and punishment – protection of victims – local and international cooperation) – submitted during The United Nations Thirteenth Conference on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Doha Conference).

A working paper on the role of the Public Prosecution in implementing the Law of protection from abuse, and the role of governmental and private entities in implementing it, presented at the symposium, entitled (The Law of protection from abuse and the role of governmental and private agencies in its implementation) – presented to the Public Prosecution officials.

A working paper entitled (The most prominent reforms and developments in the Kingdom in the field of criminal justice and the judiciary) – presented to the forum of the Kingdom's efforts in the field of human rights, coinciding with the International Human Rights Day.

A working paper on the legal responsibility of criminal justice officials – submitted to the employees of the Control and Anti-Corruption Authority.

A training workshop on the Criminal Procedure Law (procedures – rights – guarantees) – presented for the law enforcement officials.

A working paper on the Criminal Justice and the rights and guarantees of the accused – presented to the Northern Border University, Saudi Arabia.

Kamel Eddine Ben Hassen (Tunisia)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 24 July 1962, La Marsa, Tunisia.

Working languages: Arabic and French.

Current position/function:

Chef de cabinet of the Minister of Justice, responsible for :

- “Carrying out tasks assigned by the Minister
- “Following up on matters submitted to the Minister, such as cases pertaining to the general committee on prisons
- “Keeping the Minister informed of the general activities of the different departments and institutions reporting to the Ministry
- “Transmitting the Minister’s directives to all department managers
- “Promoting international cooperation in the legal, judicial and penitentiary spheres

Main professional activities

Cooperation with the National Authority for the Prevention of Torture established by Act No. 43-2013, monitoring its work in order to facilitate the performance of its duties when visiting prisons and rehabilitation centres for minors.

Contributing to the development of programmes intended to improve the prison and rehabilitation system.

Evaluating the results of programmes intended to improve prisons and the situation of prisoners.

Responsible for conducting visits to prisons and rehabilitation centres for minors.

Member of the commissions tasked with studying the Tunisian prison system and presenting recommendations for reducing prison overcrowding and with assessing health in prisons.

Participating in the development of strategies for the advancement of the judicial and prison systems.

Educational background

Diplôme de fin d'études (graduation certificate) from the Higher Institute of the Judiciary (July 1993).

Maîtrise (degree awarded after four years’ study) in private law from Tunis Faculty of Law (1991).

Licence (university degree) in private law from the Tunis Faculty of Law.

Baccalauréat (secondary-school-leaving certificate), literature option.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Participation in the drafting of the third periodic report of Tunisia on the fight against torture.

Presentation and discussion of the third periodic report of Tunisia to the Committee against Torture, as a member of the Tunisian delegation, from 19 to 22 April 2016 in Geneva.

Trainer in international humanitarian law, having participated in training-of-trainer courses organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Arab Centre for Legal and Judicial Research since March 2015; trainer in legal safeguards during police custody.

Trainer in the fight against human trafficking and Council of Europe HELP tutor in this specialist subject area since March 2019.

Member of the Ministry of Justice working group responsible for cooperation with DIGNITY – Danish Institute against Torture and trainer in the fight against torture.

List of most recent publications in this field

Bill to amend the Prisons Act of 2001.

Draft decree creating probation offices in the courts to improve the application of alternative sentences by enforcement judges.

Training guide on combating the offence of torture, to accompany the organization, as trainer, of specialized training sessions for judges.

Lazhari Bouzid (Algeria)

Date and place of birth: 1 January 1953, Khenchela, Algeria.

Working languages: English.

Current position/function

Prof. of international Law and Human Rights, University of Emir Abdelkader, Constantine, Algeria.

Lawyer accredited before the Supreme court and the state council (Conseil d Etat) Algeria.

Main professional activities

Former Chairman of the National Human Rights of Algeria.

Former Rapporteur of the Human Rights Committee. Geneva.

Former Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council. Geneva.

Former Chairman of the Working Group on Communications of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council. Geneva.

Former Chairman of the Economic and Financial Commission of Algerian Senate (the second chamber of the Algerian Parliament).

Former Chairman of the civil and Political Commission of the Algerian Human Rights Council.

Former Chairman of the scientific council of the Faculty of Law of the University of Constantine, Algeria.

Educational background

Licence en Droit (Bachelor), Faculty of Law University of Constantine, Algeria.

Diploma in International Law, Faculty of Law, University College London, University of London, United Kingdom of Britain and Northern Ireland.

Llm, in International Law Faculty of Law, University College London, University of London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Ph.D in International Humanitarian Law, Faculty of Law, University of Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

1. Prof. of International Law and Constitutional Law and Human Rights for more than Thirty years (30) in the Algerian Universities.
2. Dealing with petitions from persons claiming to be victims of violations of civil and political rights including torture and inhuman treatment, for more than five years (05) as Chairman of the civil and political Commission of the Human Rights Council of Algeria and then as the Chairman of the Algerian Human Rights Council.
3. Dealing with petitions from persons claiming to be victims of torture and inhuman treatment for eight years (08) as a member of the Human Rights Committee established by the 1966 Covenant on Civil and political Rights
4. Dealing with issues of torture and inhuman treatment as a member and then Chairman of the Working Group on Communications of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council according to 1503 Resolution of the Ecosoc.

List of most recent publications in this field

The Algerian Constitutional Court and the protection of Human Rights (in Arabic) an Article published in January 2023 in a book edited by the Constitutional Court of Algeria.

The justiciability of economic and social rights, a lecture given on 7th of May 2023, in the Faculty of law, University of Wed Souf, Algeria, to be published.

Civil servants and freedom of expression a lecture given on the month of December 2022 at the Faculty of Social sciences in the University of Khenchela, Algeria to be published by the University.

Jorge Contesse Singh (Chile)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: Santiago, Chile, 19 February 1977.

Working languages: English, French and Spanish (native).

Current position/function

Professor of Law, Rutgers University, United States.

Adjunct Professor of Law, Diego Portales University, Chile.

Main professional activities

An academic, he teaches classes in international law, human rights, criminal law and comparative constitutional law in the United States and Chile. Visiting professor at universities in the United States (Texas, Miami, Fordham), France (the Sorbonne) and Canada (University of Toronto).

Associate editor of *AJIL Unbound*, an online journal associated with the *American Journal of International Law*, the most prestigious international law journal in the United States.

Consultant to international organizations such as Human Rights Watch, the Ford Foundation and the International Council on Human Rights Policy.

Former director of the Human Rights Centre of Diego Portales University and member of the National Institute of Human Rights (elected by the deans of Chilean law faculties).

Educational background

Licenciatura (degree) in law and social sciences, Diego Portales University.

Master of Laws (LL.M.), Yale University.

Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.), Yale University.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Litigation and submissions before international bodies and courts, such as the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights, the Committee against Torture, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Human Rights Council.

Editor and director of the annual human rights report of Diego Portales University and member of the National Institute of Human Rights. In these roles, he investigated and documented cases of torture in Chile.

As a consultant for Human Rights Watch, he documented cases of torture in Mexico.

Most recent publications in the field

“Authority and Dissent in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights”, *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, vol. 19, p. 1254 (2022).

“The Rule of Advice in International Human Rights Law”, *American Journal of International Law*, vol. 115, p. 367 (2021).

“Judicial Interactions and Human Rights Contestations in Latin America”, *Journal of International Dispute Settlement*, vol. 12, p. 271 (2021).

“Settling Human Rights Violations”, *Harvard International Law Journal*, vol. 60, p. 317 (2019).

“Resisting the Inter-American Human Rights System”, *Yale Journal of International Law*, vol. 44, p. 179 (2019).

Yaré Fall (Senegal)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 30 September 1952, Saint-Louis, Senegal.

Working languages: French and English.

Current position/function:

Lawyer admitted to the Dakar Bar.

Main professional activities

President of the Senegalese section of Avocats sans frontières and Vice-President of the Ligue Sénégalaise des Droits de l'Homme (Senegalese League for Human Rights).

Educational background

Universities of Abidjan and Dakar, *maîtrise* (diploma awarded after four years' study) in law, speciality in business law (1981).

Brevet d'études pratiques d'anglais (certificate of practical studies in English).

Certificate of English Language Study (CELS).

Higher Regional School of the Judiciary (ERSUMA).

Pearson Peacekeeping Centre (course on the practice of law before the International Criminal Court).

Training-of-trainers course on international legal instruments – “the basics”.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Participation in the first seminar of counsel organized by the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights from 3 to 5 August 2017.

Served on several occasions as duty counsel in the situations in Côte d'Ivoire and Burundi.

Currently serving as the legal representative of victims in the situation in the Central African Republic II before the International Criminal Court.

Claude Heller (Mexico)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: 2 May 1949, Mexico City, Mexico.

Working languages: Spanish, English, French and Portuguese

Current position/function

Independent expert on international affairs and human rights.

Lecturer on global affairs and human rights (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, Matías Romero Institute of Diplomatic Studies, American University, El Colegio de México and Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico).

Chair (2021–2023) and Vice-Chair (2016–2019) of the Committee against Torture.

Eminent Ambassador of Mexico since his retirement in 2014.

Main professional activities

Contributor and international affairs analyst at the consultancy Madison Intelligence México (2016 to date).

Research associate, El Colegio de México (2014–2015).

Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations (2007–2011), the Security Council (2009–2010), the Organization of American States (1998–2001), the International Organizations in Vienna (1992–1995) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (2002–2003).

Ambassador of Mexico to Austria and Slovenia (1992–1995), Switzerland (1989–1991), Cuba (1995–1998), France (2001–2007) and Japan (2011–2014).

Educational background

Licenciatura (degree) in international relations from the Centre for International Studies, El Colegio de México (1968–1972).

Master's degree in history and international relations from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva (1972–1974).

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Head of the Mexican delegation to numerous international bodies and United Nations conferences, including the Commission on Human Rights, the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna and the Security Council. Member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the Commission on Human Rights. Chair of the Committee of Juridical and Political Affairs of the Organization of American States. Chaired various bodies and working groups, including the one that culminated in the adoption of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. Chaired the first three Conferences of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and was a facilitator in the negotiations leading to the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, the sanctions committees on Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea and Somalia, and the 1540 Committee.

Recent publications in this field

“El impacto de la pandemia en una era de conflictos” in *Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales*, National Autonomous University of Mexico, vol. 66, No. 242, 2021.

“Historia Mínima de las Relaciones Multilaterales de México”, El Colegio de México, 2021, 305 pp.

“Lecciones aprendidas en el Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU: el papel de los P5 y los E10” in *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica*, October/December 2020, Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico, 2020.

“México y el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos” in *Centenario de la Constitución de 1917. Reflexiones del Derecho Internacional Público*, Jorge Sánchez Cordero (ed.). Legal Research Institute of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, 2017, pp. 141–161.

Akouavi Inès Laurenda Hadonou Toffoun (Benin)

[Original: French]

Date of birth: 3 October 1979.

Working languages: French (fluent), English (fairly fluent).

Current position/function

Research teaching fellow at the Faculty of Law, University of Parakou, Benin.

Director of Human Rights.

Permanent secretary of the National Committee for the Implementation of International Human Rights Instruments.

Human rights programme manager at the Ministry of Justice.

Main professional activities

University lecturer.

Participation in the drafting of initial and periodic reports to the treaty bodies since 2016 and coordination of their validation; member of the delegations that presented said reports (universal periodic review in 2017 and 2023, Committee against Torture in 2019, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 2022 and African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in 2021).

Participated as a panellist in the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, held in Dakar in January 2023.

Steering the reform of the prison service (2017–2018).

Administration of juvenile justice (2020–2022).

Periodic visits to places of detention (2016 to the present).

Human rights education and training of local elected officials, opinion leaders, police officers, students, women and prisoners).

Educational background

Doctorate in law.

Diplôme d'études approfondies (diploma of advanced study) in environmental law and policy from the University of Lomé, Togo, and the University of Maastricht, Netherlands.

Maîtrise (degree awarded after four years' study) in business law and legal professions.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Preparing State party reports to the treaty bodies.

Making domestic legislation more consistent with the provisions of international instruments.

Ensuring compliance with United Nations minimum standards on detention.

Verifying allegations of violations of human rights and humanitarian law and following up complaints of violations, working to protect and defend the rights and freedoms of citizens, persons deprived of their liberty, foreigners and refugees.

Ensuring compliance with the principle of non-discrimination against the most vulnerable groups in society.

As human rights programme manager, coordinating the activities of child protection centres, among others.

Member of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN Benin).

List of most recent publications in this field

“La protection des droits de l’Homme au Bénin dans un contexte de détérioration de la sécurité” (Protection of human rights in Benin in a context of deteriorating security), April 2023.

“Mise en œuvre du mandat du MNP : Désignation-Suivi efficace et coopération Cas du Bénin” (Implementing the NPM mandate: designation, effective monitoring and cooperation. The case of Benin), Dakar, January 2023, during the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.

“L’emprisonnement du mineur au Bénin: tremplin ou pis-aller?” (The imprisonment of minors in Benin: springboard or last resort?), December 2017.

“La filiation adoptive en Afrique noire francophone de 1895 à nos jours: les exemples du Bénin et du Sénégal” (Adoptive filiation in French-speaking black Africa from 1895 to the present day: the examples of Benin and Senegal), 2014.

Lockhdev Hoolash (Mauritius)

Date and place of birth: 13 April 1956, Le Hochet, Terre Rouge.

Working languages: English, French, Hindi.

Current position/function

Retired Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) as from 13 April 2021.

Main professional activities

Deputy Commissioner of Police as from September 2017.

Director General of National Security Service as from January 2016.

Superintendent of Police as from 2011.

Assistant Superintendent of Police as from 2008.

Chief Inspector as from 2002.

Inspector as from 1992.

Police Sergeant as from 1989.

Police Constable as from 1977.

For period 2002 to 2006, I was Vice-Consulate posted at Mumbai Consulate India.

Educational background

Cambridge School Certificate.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

As DCP and Officer-in-charge of several police stations, I conducted lectures on human rights including on torture, domestic violence, violence against children and elderly persons.

List of most recent publications in this field

As DCP and Officer-in-charge of the Police Training School, I published several booklets on:

- (i) Human rights as part of the Constitution of the Republic of Mauritius
- (ii) Introduction to human rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- (iii) Human rights on arrest and Human rights on detention
- (iv) Declarations of the rights of vulnerable groups.

Erdogan Iscan (Türkiye)

Date and place of birth: 14 April 1954, Istanbul, Türkiye.

Working languages: English (excellent), German (medium), French (modest), Turkish (mother tongue).

Current position/function

Member/Rapporteur of the UNCAT (UN Committee against Torture) (2020–2023).

Retired ambassador, over 40 years of career in diplomacy (1978–2019).

Lecturer at Istanbul Kültür University on international organisations, human rights, humanitarian and refugee law, counter-terrorism and the rule of law, conflict analysis and resolutions.

Contributor to several think tanks on the topics mentioned above.

Main professional activities

Member/Rapporteur of the UNCAT (2020–2023).

Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the CoE (Council of Europe) (2014–2018).

Deputy Undersecretary for political affairs, MFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) (2013–2014).

Director General for multilateral political affairs, MFA (2011–2013).

Ambassador to South Korea (concurrently accredited to North Korea) (2009–2011).

Ambassador to Ukraine (2005–2009).

Director for the Council of Europe and Human Rights, MFA (2001–2005).

Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Office at Geneva (1999–2001).

Consul General at London (1996–1999).

Earlier posts include Vienna (arms control negotiations), Bonn, Frankfurt and Doha.

Educational background

Graduate of the Middle East Technical University (METU) in Ankara, studied political science and international law (1978).

Diplomacy Academy, MFA (1979).

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Rapporteur for new complaints and interim measures of the UNCAT (2022–2023).

Agent before the European Court of Human Rights (2014–2018).

Chair of Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention (CoE Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence) (2015–2018).

Chair of Group of Rapporteurs on democracy education and culture (GR-C) of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers (2017–2018).

Member of Governing Board of the European Wergeland Centre (EWC), based in Oslo, promoting education for democratic citizenship and human rights (2017–2018).

Interlocutor to the CPT (European Committee for the Prevention of Torture) (2014–2018).

National liaison officer for the CPT (2001–2005).

National coordinator for the European Court of Human Rights (2001–2005).

List of most recent publications in this field:

Articles on human rights, democracy and diplomacy, <https://t24.com.tr/yazarlar/erdogan-iscan>.

“The Afghanistan Dilemma: The Taliban versus Urgent Need to Respond to the Humanitarian Crisis”, Global Relations Forum, 20.09.2022, [grf-viewpoint-the-afghanistan-dilemma.pdf](#) (gif.org.tr).

“The Crime of Genocide and International Law”, Global Relations Forum, 23.04.2021, [the-crime-of-genocide-and-international-law-a-perspective-on-the-1915-events-2.pdf](#) (gif.org.tr).

“Respect for Social Justice and Human Rights as the Foundation for a Stable International Order”, Global Relations Forum, 10.06.2020, [Respect for Social Justice and Human Rights as the Foundation for a Stable International Order - Erdoğan İřcan.pdf](#) (gif.org.tr).

Marica Pirošíková (Slovakia)

Date and place of birth: 23 September 1976, Banská Bystrica, Slovak Republic.

Working languages: French, English.

Current position/function

From October 2020: attorney at law specialized in International and European Human Rights Law and Constitutional Law.

At the same time I lecture about case-law of the ECHR at national and international level and publish legal articles on how to interpret domestic legislation in accordance with international standards for the protection of human rights.

Main professional activities

As Co-Agent (2002–2007) and subsequently Agent of the Slovak Republic before the ECHR (2007 to 2020) I was responsible not only for the proper defense of the Slovak Republic before the ECHR, but also for the execution of the ECHR judgments. Within this remit, I regularly attended meetings of the CM of the Council of Europe and made reports in this regard for the Slovak Republic. In addition I was very actively involved in harmonizing practice of the general courts and the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic with the case-law of the ECHR, as well as harmonization of legislation with the standards of the European Convention on Human Rights. In this respect, I was in regular contact with the presidents of all courts, including the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic, as well as the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic.

Educational background

From September 2020: Doctorand, Faculty of Law, Matej Bel University.

2004: Post-gradual law examination, Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

2004: Qualifying examination to enter permanent civil service, Ministry of Justice.

2003: Bar examination, Slovak Bar Association, Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

1995–2000: Comenius University, Faculty of Law, Bratislava Slovak Republic.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

2016–2020: Consultant to the Prime Minister’s Committee on Justice analyzing the legislative proposal from international human rights standards.

2016–2022: Member of the Committee of Experts on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights of the Council of Europe (DH-SYSC).

2011: Member of the Committee of Experts on the Reform of the European Court of Human Rights (DH-GDR)

Since 2005–2010: Member of the Committee of Experts for the improvement of procedures for the protection of human rights (DH-PR).

Since 2006: External member of pedagogical staff of the Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic giving regular lectures on the issues concerning case-law of the ECHR.

List of most recent publications in this field

Author of Article: Conditions of detention and execution of imprisonment from the perspective of the international European standards, Bulletin of Slovak Advocacy 2021; Co-author of the following publications: The best interest of the child, 2022; Commentary to the Act of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic, 2020; Author of the monograph: Commentary on the selected Articles of the Convention on the Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, 2007.

Ana Racu (Republic of Moldova)

Date and place of birth: 17 June 1979, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova.

Working languages: English, Russian, French, Romanian (mother tongue).

Current position/function

Member of the United Nations Committee Against Torture (UNCAT), 2016–present, Vice-chairperson of the UNCAT, 2021–present

Vice-chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee for National security, defense and public order, Republic of Moldova, 2021–present

Main professional activities

Examination of the initial and periodic reports to UNCAT prepared by the member states, preparing reviews and concluding observations on the implementation of the UN Convention Against Torture, examination of individual cases submitted to the UNCAT (2016–present); monitoring of places of detention (ad-hoc and planned visits) and drafting visit reports (European Committee for the Prevention of Torture, Council of Europe, 2011–2013); coordination of the Penitentiary Reform Program (NGO “Institute for Penal Reform”, Moldova, 2001–2006); supporting the implementation of the National Human Rights Actions Plan and the Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting component (UNDP Moldova, 2006–2008); managing the external relations of the Moldovan Prison Administration and serving as a focal point for different Human Rights evaluation and monitoring missions within Moldovan prison and criminal systems (UE, UNICEF, WHO, OSCE, UNAIDS, Council of Europe, Pempidou Group, 2008–2011); delivery of trainings to the National Preventive Mechanism members, law enforcement officials, medical doctors and forensic experts, lawyers, prosecutors, judges and probation officers in human rights and torture prevention (2006–2022); drafting of assessment reports, studies and surveys in the field of prison reform, juveniles justice, alternatives of detention and criminal justice (2003–present).

Educational background:

Moldova State University, University degree in Law, 2001, specialization in criminal law and procedure.

Diploma thesis: “Social response to criminality”, including participation in over 60 national and international trainings, workshops and conferences in the field of torture prevention and investigation of acts of torture, human rights observance, prevention of gender-based and domestic violence, criminal justice and penitentiary reforms.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

UN CAT Rapporteur on reprisals, 2018–present; Country rapporteur on the implementation of UN Convention against torture for more than 20 countries 2016–present; Expert of the expert meeting “Global Torture Index”, OMCT (World Organisation Against Torture), 2023; Expert of the OMCT mission on investigation of cases of torture and implementation of UNCAT recommendations, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, 2022; Expert at the International conference, “Subcultures and drug use in prisons. Approaches to improving security and treatment provision”, Council of Europe, 2020; Expert, Senior level expert consultation: “International Guidelines on Human Rights and Drug Policy”, Geneva, 2019; Expert, Regional policy meeting on the rights of victims in pre-trial and immigration detention in Europe, Hague, 2019; Expert, International conference, “Effective Multilateralism in the Fight against Torture: Trends in the OSCE region and the way forward”, Vienna, 2019; Expert at the Training for the representatives of the National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-Up, Reporting to CAT, ICCPR and CRD, Minsk, 2018; Providing support and training to the NPM and Ombudsman Institution (Moldova, 2011–2018); Head of the first Working Group for initial and periodical reports on CAT and ICCPR implementation (UNDP and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moldova, 2006–2007).

List of most recent publications in the field

“Social reintegration of persons released from places of detention”, Monitoring and Evaluation Report, SIDA, Soros Foundation, Chisinau, 2009; “Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices of Police”, study, Terre des hommes, Chisinau, 2014; “Violence and security in prisons”, study, Institute for Penal Reform, Chisinau, 2011; “Individualization of criminal punishment”, study, Council of Europe and EU Delegation, Chisinau 2015; “The human cost of detention, in particular in states affected by armed conflicts: the physical, psychological and societal consequences of deprivation of liberty”, article, Institute for Humanitarian Law, Italy, 2018; Training manual for probation officers, Council of Europe, Chisinau, 2021.

Edgar Fidias Taboada Insfrán (Paraguay)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: 12 October 1968, Asuncion, Paraguay.

Working languages: Spanish and English.

Current position/function

Independent lawyer.

Main professional activities

Currently practising as an independent lawyer. Founding partner of the Paraguayan Institute for Human Rights (2002) and Deputy Executive Director (2006–2008). Civil servant at the Ministry of Justice and Labour, serving as Director General for Human Rights (2003); member of the National Refugee Commission; member of the commission responsible for visiting and monitoring prisons and police stations; member of the commission for the assistance of Indigenous communities; representative and counsel of the Paraguayan State before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; representative of the Ministry of Justice and Labour as part of the official delegation that defended the periodic report of Paraguay before the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Geneva (2007). Representative and adviser of the Paraguayan State in public hearings of the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights. Deputy Minister of Justice (2019–2022).

Educational background

Degree from the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the National University of Asunción (1999). Took specialized courses in human rights, the inter-American human rights system, international humanitarian law and international refugee law. Attended courses for government officials on the use of the inter-American human rights system, and the Inter-American Colloquium on Education and Human Rights. Awarded a full scholarship from the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights based in San José, Costa Rica, to attend the International Human Rights Law Summer School at the University of Oxford (2008).

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Shortlisted for the position of Ombudsman by the Senate in resolution No. 714/2011. External adviser to the Ministry of Education and Worship (2010). Specialized counsel (2011) appointed as coordinator of the human rights unit in charge of handling cases before the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights and other international organizations. Secretary General of the National Institute for Rural and Land Development, Acting Head of the Directorate General of the Western Region, appointed as liaison between the Comptroller General's Office and the National Institute for Rural and Land Development. Head of delegation at the thirty-fourth session of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, held from 2 to 5 April 2022 in Geneva.

Fabien Tombohavana (Madagascar)

Date and place of birth: 26 June 1977, in Vohipeno, Madascar.

Working language(s): French, English.

Current position/function

Head of the Human Rights Department at the Ministry of Justice.

Member of the National Office for the Fight against Trafficking in Persons, Prime Minister Office.

Member of the Drafting Committee of the National Human Rights Reports.

Technical Advisor to the Minister of Public Security and the Minister of Population, Social Protection and Promotion of Women.

Trainer on: Human Rights, on report writing techniques.

Main professional activities

Implementation of Madagascar's human rights obligations and commitments.

Follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group of the UPR, the Treaty Bodies and the Special Rapporteurs.

Drafting of initial and periodic reports on the implementation of human rights legal instruments ratified by Madagascar as well as UPR reports.

Participation in the elaboration of projects or reform of legislative and regulatory texts.

Participation in the elaboration of Policies, Strategies and Action Plans related to human rights.

Participation in the presentation of reports due to the Treaty Bodies and the UPR Working Group 1st, 2nd and 3rd cycle, including the initial report on the implementation of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families and its presentation before the Committee in 2018.

Studies

MAGISTRAT, graduate of the National School of Magistrates and Registrars of Madagascar.

Master in Law and Public Administration from the University of Fianarantsoa/Madagascar.

Studies in DESS in Economics, Option Finance from the University of Antananarivo.

License in Law.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Raising awareness of the fight against torture and ill-treatment.

Studies on respect for fundamental guarantees, implementation of the Mendez principles and the Robben Island guidelines.

Monitoring implementation of treaty obligations and recommendations of the Committee against Torture and the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture.

Training of defence and security forces in the fight against torture and ill-treatment.

Participation in the reform of legislative and regulatory texts on the fight against torture.

Participation in the training of French-speaking African jurists in legislative drafting on torture.

Drafting of Madagascar's periodic reports on the implementation of the Convention against Torture.

List of most recent publications in the field of migration and human rights

«Les migrations constituent des facteurs de prospérité», L'Hebdo Madagascar, éd n°0726, p. 10 et 11.

“Trafficking in persons in Madagascar: the fight continues,” OHCHR/Madagascar Newsletter, 9th ed, 2017, p. 8–9.

“Fighting human trafficking in Madagascar,” OHCHR/Madagascar Newsletter, 6th ed, 2016, page 6.

“Life, in its cruelty, sometimes reserves us unconsciousness” file “Human rights – the death penalty” Hebdo Madagascar, ed. n°061, 2016, p. 5.

“Human rights protect victims” Hebdo Madagascar, ed.n°0617, 2016, p. 11.

Sébastien Touzé (France)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 24 March 1976, Morlaix, France.

Working languages: French and English.

Current position/function

Professor at Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II).

Member of the Committee against Torture (Rapporteur).

Main professional activities

Director of the *Master 2* (master's degree) "Human Rights and Humanitarian Law" at Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II): specialized teaching in international and European human rights law; teaching in public international law.

Director of the René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights.

Educational background

National competitive examination (*agrégation*) in public law, 2008.

Doctorate in law (thesis on diplomatic protection) from Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II).

Diplôme d'études approfondies (diploma of advanced study) in international and European law, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Visiting professor at several universities, teaching numerous specialized courses on international human rights law (Argentina, Switzerland, Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Haiti, Lebanon, Romania and Russia).

Director of the collection Publications de l'Institut international des droits de l'homme (Pedone and Hart Publishing).

Editor of several columns in specialized legal journals.

Member of the Scientific Committee of the journal *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*.

Member of the Editorial Board of the *European Journal of Human Rights*.

Member of the Editorial Board of the *Revue générale de droit international public*.

Member of the Scientific Committee of the *Revue trimestrielle des droits de l'homme*.

Member of the Editorial Board of the *Revista do Instituto Brasileiro de Direitos Humanos*.

List of most recent publications in this field

(ed.) (with E. Dubout), *Refonder les droits de l'homme*, Pedone, Paris, 2018, 230 pp.

(ed.), *L'abolition universelle de la peine de mort*, Pedone, Paris, 2016, 184 pp.

(ed.), *La Cour européenne des droits de l'homme – une confiance nécessaire pour une autorité renouvelée*, Pedone, Paris, 2016, 248 pp.

(ed.) (with J. Andriantsimbazovina and L. Bugorgue-Larsen), *La protection des droits de l'homme par les cours supranationales*, Pedone, Paris, 2016, 270 pp.

(ed.) (with E. Decaux), *La prévention des violations des droits de l'homme*, Publications de l'Institut international des droits de l'homme, Pedone, Paris, 2015, 230 pp.

(ed.), *Droit international et nationalité – Actes du colloque de la Société française pour le droit international*, Pedone, Paris, 2012, 527 pp.

(ed.) (with J.-F. Flauss), *Les mutations de l'activité du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe au titre de la surveillance de l'exécution des arrêts de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme*, Anthemis, Brussels, 2012, 196 pp.

(ed.) (with J.-F. Flauss), *Contentieux international des droits de l'homme et choix du forum: les instances internationales de contrôle face au forum shopping*, Anthemis, Brussels, 2012, 140 pp.

(ed.) (with E. Dubout), *Les droits fondamentaux: charnières entre ordres et systèmes juridiques*, Pedone, Paris, 2010, 336 pp.

La protection des droits des nationaux à l'étranger – Recherches sur la protection diplomatique, Collection de la Fondation Marangopoulos, Pedone, Paris, 2007, 513 pp.

Peter Vedel Kessing (Denmark)

Date and place of birth: 11 May 1962, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Working languages: Danish (native), English (professional), French (reading).

Current position/function

Senior Researcher, Ph.D. (qualified as professor in international law since 2017), at the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), Denmark's National Human Rights Institution, since 2008.

Honorary professor, University of Southern Denmark (SDU), since 2022.

Member of the Danish National Preventive Mechanism (OPCAT), visiting places of detention, since 2009.

External examiner (Censor), International Law, University of Copenhagen, Aarhus University, University of Southern Denmark and at the Royal Danish Defence College.

Main professional activities

Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), (2008–2021).

Chief Counsellor, Department of International Law and Human Rights, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1 April 2020–1 April 2021) (one year leave from the DIHR).

Member of the Danish Refugee Appeals Court, *Non-refoulement* to torture, (2012–2017).

Lecturer in international law, human rights and security law, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, (2005–2016).

Head of International Law Department, Danish Red Cross (2005–2006).

Program Manager and Legal Adviser, International projects on prevention of torture and visiting places of detention, DIGNITY – Danish Institute Against Torture (2001–2004).

Deputy Judge, Copenhagen District Court, (2000–2001).

Program Manager, International projects on human rights and prevention of torture, Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), (1997–2000).

Protection Officers, UNHCR's regional office in Latvia, (1996).

Head of Section, Refugee- and asylum Department, Danish Ministry of Interior, (1994–1996).

Educational background

Qualified as professor in International Law, University of Southern Denmark (2017) and University of Copenhagen (2020).

Ph.D., Dissertation on counter-terrorism and human rights, torture and detention, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen 2005–2008.

LLM, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, 1989–1994.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Interim member of the UN Committee Against Torture (CAT) in 2021.

Prepared and presented *parallel reports* on Denmark for the UN Committee Against Torture, Danish Institute for Human Rights.

Member of the European Committee for Prevention of Torture (CPT) pool of experts (2020–present).

Danish national expert to the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture (SPT) (2014–2019).

Alternate Member of the Management Board, The European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) (2017–2020).

Danish expert to the Moscow Mechanism, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE (2010–2016).

Member of Legal Expert Group established by the UN Special Rapporteur on Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights.

Member of the Project Advisory Group regarding the Role of National Human Rights Institutions in situations of Conflict and Post-Conflict, The European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) (2017–2020).

Member of the Danish Governments' National Committee on International Humanitarian Law (2011–present).

Member of the Board, DIGNITY – Danish Institute Against Torture (2010–2018).

List of most recent publications in this field

Commentary to the European Convention on Human Rights, *DJØF*, (2023 forthcoming).

Extradition to risk of death penalty, *EU-ret & Menneskeret*, 2022, nr. 4, s. 235–250.

Strip-search in Danish prisons, *Juristen*, nr. 2, April 2022, s. 97–109.

Extra-territorial application of the European Convention on Human Rights and UN human rights conventions, *Ugeskrift for Retsvæsen*, U2021B.179.

Liability in Joint Military Operations – The Green Desert Case. When is a State responsible for ill-treatment of prisoners carried out by a partner State, *Journal of Conflict and Security Law*, Volume 25, Issue 2, July 2020, Oxford University Press, Pages 343–366.

No conditional release due to new crimes committed in prison – a criminal offence under article 6 in the ECHR? *Ugeskrift for Retsvæsen*, U.2019B.255.

Solitary confinement as disciplinary punishment in Danish prisons, *Juristen*, nr. 2, 2019.

Preventing Radicalization in Danish prisons – Human rights and due process rights of prisoners, *Prison Service Journal*, January 2019, No. 241, p. 37–49.

Soft Law Instruments Regulating Armed Conflict. Are International Human Rights Standards Reflected? *Human Rights & International Legal Discourse (HR&ILD)*, 2018, Vol. 12, No. 1, p. 79–99.

The Role of Police Oversight Mechanisms in Protecting Human Rights and Preventing torture and Ill-Treatment, May 2018, <https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/police-oversight-mechanisms>.

'Use of Pepper spray by the Danish police' and 'Use of Pepper Spray in Danish Prisons and Detention Centers', *Nordic Journal of Criminal Science*, Vol. 103, No. 1 and No. 3, 2016.

Henri Wembolua Otshudi Kenge (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

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Date and place of birth: 5 August 1969, Kisangani, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Working languages: French and English

Current position/function

Teacher and assistant teacher at CIDEP/Ministry of Higher Education and Universities.

Lawyer at the Kinshasa-Matete Bar (ONA No. 0963) and member of the Avocats sans frontières/B pool and the SOS Torture Litigators Group of the World Organisation against Torture (OMCT).

President of the NGO Alliance pour l'Universalité des Droits Fondamentaux (AUDF).

Head of the protection department at the National Human Rights Commission (freeze measure).

Main professional activities

Teacher and researcher in the law of international organizations and human rights law at CIDEP (formerly the Open University) and Cardinal Malula University.

Visiting places of detention, monitoring and reporting on the human rights situation, hearing and analysing complaints and assisting victims.

Protection of human rights defenders and journalists in partnership with the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office, the Carter Center, Freedom House, the World Organisation against Torture, Avocats sans frontières/Belgique and RCN Justice & Démocratie, among others. Capacity-building for security officers on the fight against torture and other inhuman treatment through the implementation of recommendations received from treaty bodies, including the Committee against Torture and the Human Rights Committee, and under the universal periodic review, with UPR Info.

Educational background

Master 2 (master's degree) in international and European fundamental rights law, University of Nantes, 2010–2011.

Diplôme de 3ème cycle (advanced degree) in fundamental rights, University of Nantes, 2005–2006.

Master professionnel (professional master's degree) on the integration of ICT in university teaching, University of Montreal, 2006–2007.

Licence (university degree) in public law from the University of Lubumbashi, 1996–1997.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Participation in the drafting and validation of the reports of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the treaty bodies and the universal periodic review, from 2008 until the present day, and follow-up of recommendations (see Interministerial Committee on Human Rights). Over 20 years' experience in legislative and administrative advocacy for the promotion and protection of human rights, including in relation to the laws on the National Human Rights Commission and on human rights defenders, the establishment of the national mechanism for the prevention of torture, and capacity-building for public officials and human rights defenders. Investigations, monitoring of violations and holistic assistance for victims of human rights violations, including participation in the joint investigation commissions on the repression of the peaceful demonstrations of 31 December 2017 and 21 January 2018. Twenty-four years' experience as a lawyer and human rights defender, providing legal assistance to victims of torture, arbitrary detention, sexual violence, etc.

List of most recent publications in this field

Advocacy study on the implementation of the 2022 recommendations of the Committee against Torture and 2019 shadow report to the Committee against Torture with OMCT, AUDF and GADF.

De la Déclaration universelle des Droits de l'homme à la Charte de Banjul, Harmattan, 2019.

Réflexions sur la Déclaration universelle des droits de l'homme, Harmattan, 2015.

La lutte contre les détentions préventives longues et la surpopulation carcérale, forthcoming, 2023.
