

CTI Annual Forum 2016
Chateau des Bois, Geneva
Tuesday 13 December 2016, 14:00-18:00
Followed by an end-of-year reception

Programme

- 13:45-14:00 Registration
- 14:00-14:10 An interview with a torture survivor – a personal account: “Rehabilitation for victims of torture: Restoring their Humanity” – Vincent Cochetel (short film)
- 14:10-14:20 Welcome by H.E. Ambassador Sammie Eddico, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the UN in Geneva, on behalf of the CTI core group
- 14:20-14:30 Introduction to the day’s proceedings by “Master of Ceremony”, Dr. Alice Edwards, Head of the CTI Secretariat
- 14:30-15:00 “TEDx style” talk: Dr. Jennifer Bryson, Director of Operations and Development at the Center for Islam and Religious Freedom (CIRF) in Washington DC, and former Guantanamo interrogator:
- “How Being an Interrogator Led Me to Reject Torture”**
- 15:00-15:10 Response from Mr. Asbjørn Rachlew, researcher at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (on leave from his position as Superintendent of Norwegian police)
- 15:10-16:00 Discussion and Q&A
- 16:00-16:20 Coffee break
- 16:20-16:35 **“2016 in view and looking ahead to 2017 and beyond”** by H.E. Ambassador Carsten Staur, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the UN in Geneva, on behalf of the CTI core group
- Ambassador Staur will present a summary of the CTI’s activities and achievements for the year 2016 in relation to ratification and the thematic implementation priority areas set out in the [2016-17 Ratification and Implementation Strategy](#). CTI previewed activities for 2017 will be shared along with projected/revised ratification targets.
- 16:35-16:50 Updates by Friends and other partners on UNCAT developments and opportunities, and feedback on the CTI Ratification and Implementation Strategy 2016-2017

Forum participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback to the CTI on realising the strategic goals and activities, as well as to update the Forum on any major events or efforts on UNCAT ratification or implementation in 2017.

16:50-17:50 Panel discussion: **“Towards the Third Cycle of the UPR”**
Moderated by Mr. Marc Limon, Executive Director, Universal Rights Group

As 2017 welcomes the beginning of the third cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), the Forum will take the opportunity to convene a panel discussion on how CTI’s core group and Friends can engage more meaningfully and effectively with the UPR mechanism to achieve universal UNCAT ratification and improved implementation, drawing on some good State experiences in this regard.

Panelists:

- H.E. Ambassador Yvette Stevens, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the UN in Geneva
- H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Auajjar, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the UN in Geneva
- Ms. Manuela Teixeira Pinto, Deputy Permanent Representative of Portugal to the UN in Geneva
- Mr. João Lucas Quental Novaes de Almeida, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations, on behalf of Ambassador Dunlop
- Mr. Roland Chauville, Executive Director, UPR Info

17:50-18:00 Closing by H.E. Ambassador Triyono Wibowo, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the UN in Geneva

18:00-20:00 Reception