



CTI Annual Forum 2017

Tuesday 12 December 2017

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., followed by a lunch

West Terrace, Delegates Dining Room, UNHQ, New York

Improving the administration of justice: UNCAT and SDG16

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Provisional programme

The event will be facilitated by Dr. Alice Edwards, Head of the CTI Secretariat

09:30-10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00-10:15 Welcome and opening remarks

H.E. Mr. Ib Petersen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Denmark to the UN in New York, on behalf of the CTI core States, offering an overview of the work of the CTI in 2017 and its latest successes, as well as reflections on the opportunities and challenges ahead (10 minutes)

Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Director, OHCHR New York Office: a perspective from the OHCHR (5 minutes)

10:15-10:30 Reflecting on major CTI events in 2017: Santiago and Fes

H.E. Ms. Marta Maurás, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the UN in Geneva (5 minutes)

H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Morocco to the UN in New York (5 minutes)

10:30-12:15 Bringing agendas together: An interactive discussion on good State practices, as well as opportunities and challenges to realising the SDGs and UNCAT ratification and implementation

Chair: H.E. Mr. Dian Triansyah Djani, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the UN in New York

- Panelists: Mr. David Steven, Senior Fellow and Associate Director of New York University's Center on International Cooperation: setting the scene and making connections between SDG16 and the torture prevention agenda
- Ms. Felice Gaer, Vice-Chair of the UN Committee against Torture: reflections from the Committee against Torture
- Ms. Ruth Ssekindi, Director of Complaints, Investigations and Legal Services, Uganda Human Rights Commission, Uganda: on Uganda's anti-torture legislation and its implementation and SDG16
- H.E. Mr. Martin Garcia Moritán, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Argentina to the UN in New York: on experiences to administer justice for torture victims, prevent recurrence and realise SDG16
- Ms. Elene Agladze, Deputy Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN in New York: on torture reforms following ratification of UNCAT and links with delivering on SDG16
- 12:15-12:50 **Looking ahead: Friends and other guests will be invited to give any updates on UNCAT developments and opportunities, and provide inputs into areas of focus for the CTI's next two year strategic direction.**
- Chair: Dr. Alice Edwards, Head of CTI Secretariat
- Discussants: The CTI Ambassadors from NY and Geneva will be invited to take the podium, and respond to contributions from the floor, focused on the following questions:
- *What are the key challenges and priorities in torture prevention and eradication going forward?*
 - *What are some of the key constraints to ratification and what can CTI and partners do to help States overcome them?*
 - *What are some of the best arguments for ratification?*
 - *What are other ways or areas the CTI and its Friends could contribute and have added value and impact?*
- 12:50-13:00 **Closing remarks**, by H.E. Mrs. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ghana to the UN in New York, on behalf of the CTI core States
- 13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

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