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**Regional meeting on rehabilitation for victims of torture
for countries in the OSCE region**

23-24 June 2016

Copenhagen, Denmark

Annotated programme

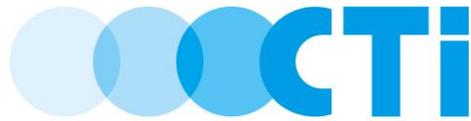
DAY ONE (23 June/Thursday)	
Time	Agenda
0945-1015	Arrival and registration of participants Coffee and Danish pastry will be served
1015-1045	<u>Opening session</u> Welcoming remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">H.E. Mr. Kristian Jensen, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Denmark Opening remarks from partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none">H.E. Mr. Claus Robert Krumrei, Ambassador, Embassy of Germany to DenmarkMs. Karin Verland, General Director, DIGNITY <i>The event will be facilitated by Dr. Alice Edwards, Head of the CTI Secretariat</i>
1100-1115	An interview with a torture survivor – a personal account: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Vincent Cochetel, Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Refugee Crisis in Europe, UNHCR (pre-recorded video)
1115-1300	<u>Session 1:</u> Victim-centred, holistic (whole-of-person) and early intervention: An introduction to

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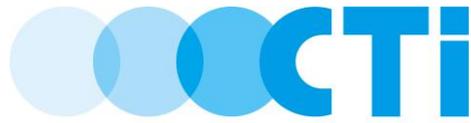
	<p>understanding rehabilitation for victims of torture</p> <p>This session will aim to set the scene for the two days of the meeting, including framing the meeting’s understanding of rehabilitation, in particular by adopting the UN Committee against Torture’s view that rehabilitation should be victim-centred, holistic and cover medical and psychological care as well as legal and social services.</p> <p>The session will be guided by the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is rehabilitation?- What happens to people when they are tortured?- What are the ‘holistic’ needs of torture victims? What is a victim-centred approach?- From a pragmatic perspective, why is it in States’ interests to provide rehabilitation?- What are the possible consequences of non-provision – for individuals, families and communities?- What are the different kinds of rehabilitation services and models?- How does a State evaluate service provision? <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Victor Madrigal-Borloz, Secretary-General of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, Member of the UN Sub-Committee on the Prevention of Torture• Dr. Lilla Hárdi, Psychiatrist and President of the Board of Trustees of the Cordella Foundation for the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims, Hungary• Dr. Nimisha Patel, Professor of Clinical Psychology, University of East London, United Kingdom
<p>1300-1400</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>1400-1430</p>	<p>Skype session – a personal account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Juan Mendez, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture http://antitorture.org/documentary-feature/

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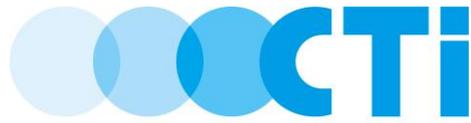
1430-1600	<p><u>Session 2:</u></p> <p>An overview of provisions of the UN Convention against Torture and other global and regional instruments and mechanisms in relation to redress and rehabilitation, as well as good practices and challenges in securing legal guarantees for rehabilitation at the national level</p> <p>This session will introduce Article 14 of the UNCAT dealing with redress and rehabilitation, the UN Committee against Torture’s General Comment No. 3, as well as highlight some of the main legal challenges to accessing rehabilitation at the national level. It will also present the purpose and function of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture and share some lessons they have learned from the Fund’s work in OSCE participating States in delivering rehabilitation services.</p> <p>This session will be guided by the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How is Article 14 of the UNCAT to be understood and applied by States parties in relation to redress and rehabilitation?- What is the relationship between redress and rehabilitation?- What has the Committee against Torture and the Voluntary Fund observed as some of the main challenges regarding States’ implementation of the right to rehabilitation, and have they recommended/learned through their work?- What are the implications of the fact that some jurisdictions require that rehabilitation is contingent on obtaining a prior legal remedy, or of systems that only provide for monetary compensation?- What are the challenges and legal obstacles survivors face (including those with special needs) to access rehabilitation services (including engaging in legal proceedings)?- What are some good practices in providing legal aid/assistance to victims of torture and other support during legal proceedings? <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Jens Modvig, Chair of the UN Committee against Torture• Ms. Carla Ferstman, Director, REDRESS• Mr. Mikolaj Pietrzak, member of the Trustees of the Board of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT)
1600-1630	Coffee break

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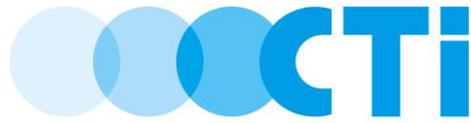
<p>1630-1800</p>	<p><u>Session 3:</u></p> <p>Sharing good practices and challenges to support rehabilitation – rehabilitation services and models - delivering ‘in practice’</p> <p>This session will focus particularly from practitioners’ perspectives of delivering rehabilitation in practice, and will highlight some good services and models (e.g. integrated into State health and other services, versus NGO models, versus hybrid models), guided by the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is the importance of early identification and (early) referral to rehabilitation services?- How do identification and referral mechanisms impact on optimal service delivery and design?- What would guide the selection of a particular service model and why does this model work?- How does funding availability impact on rehabilitation services and how can this be responded to?- What mechanisms for accountability, monitoring and evaluation have been established? What are some of the lessons learned? <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Nora Sveaass, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Oslo (Norway)• Mr. Craig Higson-Smith, Director of Research, Center for Victims of Torture, Minnesota (USA)• Mr. David Oehlenschläger, Director of Rehabilitation, DIGNITY-Danish Institute Against Torture and Ms. Sophie Hæstorp Andersen, President of the Council of the Copenhagen Region (Denmark) (tbc)
<p>1800</p>	<p>Welcome reception hosted by the Danish Ministry for Foreign Affairs</p>

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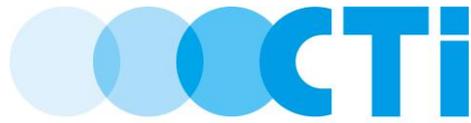
DAY TWO (24 June/Friday)	
Time	Agenda
0900-0915	Wrap-up of day 1
0915-1100	<p><u>Session 4:</u></p> <p>Good practices and challenges in addressing vulnerabilities and persons with special needs – services and models – delivering ‘in practice’</p> <p>This session will share good practices as well as some of the challenges addressing rehabilitation of women victims of torture and sexual violence and asylum-seekers and refugees, guided by the following question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are some of the best responses in terms of rehabilitation for persons with special needs among torture survivors, in particular survivors of sexual violence?- Are there any particular considerations that need to be taken into account in responding to the special needs of refugees and asylum-seekers? What are some good practices? <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Jasna Zečević, President and Director, Association Vive Žene, Bosnia and Herzegovina• Mr. Sven Veigel, Berlin Center for the Treatment of Torture Victims, Germany
1100-1130	Coffee break
1130-1300	<p><u>Session 5:</u></p> <p>Sharing good practices and challenges on delivering rehabilitation – States’ perspectives</p> <p>A facilitated roundtable discussion giving an opportunity for OSCE participating States to share their practices from the floor (max. 5 minutes per State) and to exchange ideas and challenges, guided by the following questions:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Which rehabilitation model is being applied in your country (e.g. integrated into State health and other services, versus NGO models, versus hybrid models)?- On what grounds was this model chosen and why does this model work for your country?- What is the duration of your country's rehabilitation service? Is it driven by funding availability: short-term or longer-term interventions, for whom, when and why?- How does your country address the issue of providing rehabilitation for torture survivors who are asylum-seekers or refugees?- Has a mechanism for accountability, monitoring and evaluation been established? What are some of the lessons learned?- What is the importance of early identification and (early) referral to rehabilitation services?- How do identification and referral mechanisms impact on optimal service delivery and design?- How is the system funded?- What are some of the lessons learned?
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1530	<u>Session 5</u> cont'd
1530-1600	<p><u>Session 6:</u></p> <p>How the CTI, the OSCE and other partners can provide further assistance to States – Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Marie-Louise Wegter, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN in Geneva, on behalf of the CTI core group• Mr. Jens Wagner, Human Rights Division, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Germany• Ms. Stephanie Selg, Advisor on Torture Prevention, ODIHR• Ms. Marina Narvaez Guarnieri, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR/UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

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