

The Governments of Chile, Denmark, Ghana, Indonesia and Morocco, as part of the Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI), and co-sponsors, have the pleasure of inviting you — within the context of OHCHR inter-sessional seminar — to a role-play and open debate on

Truth without torture: A role-play on investigative interviewing

5 October 2017

17:00—18:30 hrs., L'Espace Henry Dunant, Red Cross Museum

Followed by a reception launch of the CTI Implementation Tools

The use of torture, other ill-treatment, coercion and intimidation against persons in custody and during interviews by police are prohibited practices by the UN Convention against Torture. Not only that, scientific and historical evidence has found that such practices elicit unreliable information, and result in wrongful convictions and incarceration, and significantly reduce confidence and trust in the authorities.

What alternatives to accusatory, manipulative, and confession-driven techniques are available for police and investigators?

This event will showcase the technique of investigative interviewing through a role-play simulation, and will be followed by an open debate.

The debate will be moderated by:

Ms. Barbara Bernath, Chief of Operations, APT

A reception launch will follow from 18:30.

Opening remarks:

H.E. Mr. Hasan Kleib, Ambassador of Indonesia to the UN in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Julian Braithwaite, Ambassador of the UK to the UN in Geneva

Role Play:

Mr. Asbjørn Rachlew, Superintendent of Norwegian Police

Mr. Sigurd Sundt, Superintendent, Oslo Police District

Discussants:

Ms. Becky Milne, Professor of Forensic Psychology, University of Portsmouth

Mr. Edson Luis Baldan, Police Officer, Sao Paulo Police Academy, Brazil

Closing remarks:

H.E. Mr. Carsten Staur, Ambassador of Denmark to the UN in Geneva