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HOW THE CTI CAN HELP

There are a number of ways that the Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI) can assist States that are considering ratification and States that have already ratified but are seeking advice on how to implement the Convention better.

Regional outreach: The CTI arranges “study visits” to Geneva for non-States parties to the Convention who have shown an interest in learning more about what it means to be a State party. The visits generally consist of expert briefings and meetings with high level UN and other Government officials to ensure delegations are briefed on the obligations of the Convention and the importance of ratification.

Expert visits: CTI can arrange for experts to visit States to provide assistance on a range of issues relating to the ratification and implementation of the Convention. Examples include advice on training police and other officials, reviews of legislation and how to initiate public awareness campaigns

Regional meetings: CTI works with local partners to arrange regional meetings on themes of relevance to States in a region. These meetings offer a unique opportunity for States to share experiences on the challenges and opportunities provided by ratification and implementation of the Convention with a view to building strong relationships between States at regional level.

High level events: The CTI holds regular meetings at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva and the UN General Assembly in New York. Through these meetings, the CTI brings together States and torture prevention experts to discuss progress and opportunities for increased ratification and better implementation of the Convention.

Tools and guides: The CTI works with expert partners to prepare tools intended to assist officials to understand and implement the Convention more effectively. The tools are available and free of charge on the CTI’s website (www.cti2024.org).

The tools that have been or are being prepared include:

- A tool to assist officials understand the [ratification process](#) with a view to briefing their senior managers and ministers effectively on what steps need to be taken to ratify the Convention.
- An [online torture law guide](#) which provides a valuable resource to state officials and legal advisers on the legislative amendments that may be required to meet the Convention obligations in respect of anti-torture legislation.
- A number of [Implementation Tools](#) which exchange practical examples to assist States to support implementation of the UNCAT
- A [series of blogs](#) that share the experiences of new States parties to UNCAT or OPCAT, with a view to inspiring other States to consider ratifying.
- A [compilation of training material](#) which will enable states to educate and inform officials and the general public to understand their rights and obligations under the Convention.
- CTI [videos and short films](#) highlighting key thematic areas in preventing torture and providing redress and rehabilitation to torture victims.

If you believe you could benefit from participating in any of the above activities or you have a suggestion for another useful tool or guide, please contact the CTI Secretariat for more details.