

## CTI GROUP OF FRIENDS



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### The Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI)

CTI is a 10-year inter-governmental, cross-regional initiative of the Governments of Chile, Denmark, Fiji, Ghana, Indonesia and Morocco, launched at the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention against Torture (UNCAT) in March 2014.

The Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI) provides technical advice, support and cooperation among States parties as well as non-States-parties to the Convention – in order to help States overcome technical and capacity-related obstacles to ratification and implementation of the Convention.

### CTI Group of Friends

The CTI is achieving progress with the help of its many Friends. Governments, international, regional and non-governmental organisations and experts sharing the vision and the ambition of the CTI are invited to join the Initiative by becoming members of the CTI Group of Friends.

**Who:** The CTI Group of Friends consists of UN Member States and Non-Governmental Friends. All 193 UN Member States are invited to participate in the Group of Friends. NGOs, international and regional organisations, experts, researchers and academics are invited on the basis of expertise, track-record and potential for contributing to the objectives of the CTI.

**What:** The Group of Friends serves as a platform for the exchange of knowledge, experience and ideas on how to overcome obstacles to ratification and implementation of the UNCAT.

Friends of the CTI are involved in the achievements, progress and development of the CTI through various forums. In particular, Friends are invited to attend the CTI's Annual Forum which provides an opportunity for Friends to inter alia provide input and advice on the overall strategic direction of the CTI, as well as to address specific regional and thematic challenges in the ratification and/or implementation of the Convention.

Membership of the Group of Friends does not come with specific obligations or commitments; however, Friends are expected to share the vision and goals of the CTI and to work positively to those ends. The CTI Secretariat welcomes specific offers of support.

**Current members** (updated on a rolling basis):

*States:* Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Costa Rica, Egypt, Finland, France, The Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Luxembourg, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Myanmar, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA.

*Non-Governmental, International and Regional Organisations:* ACAT France, African Center for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (ACTV - Uganda), Amnesty International, Center for Victims of Torture (USA), Centre for Civil and Political Rights, DIGNITY (Denmark), FIACAT, International Aid Network, International Bar Association, International Commission of Jurists, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Omega Research Foundation, Penal Reform International, REDRESS Trust, SAVE CONGO, Shield for Justice Foundation (Kenya), Universal Rights Group, University of Bristol, UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

*Experts:* A wide number of experts working in the field of torture prevention and response, as well as the policing, intelligence, corrections and justice sectors are included in the CTI Friends.

The full list of CTI Friends can be found at:

<https://cti2024.org/en/group-of-friends/>

**How:** Interest in joining the CTI Group of Friends can be indicated by letter or email to the CTI Secretariat [info@cti2024.org](mailto:info@cti2024.org).