

Side event on Rehabilitation and redress for victims of torture: State obligations and practice

Thursday 30 May
14.00 – 16.00
Room IX

The side event gives an opportunity to reflect on obligations of states in the provision of redress to victims of torture in accordance with Article 14 of the Convention against Torture.

Representatives of the UN Committee against Torture will elucidate obligations to ensure access to redress of victims of torture in the light of the Committee's General Comment 3, constituting the first authoritative guidance of such comprehensive and detailed nature by a UN body.

A presentation on the struggle to seek redress for victims of torture in Georgia and an overview of trends as observed in the context of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture will illustrate obstacles and barriers faced by victims in practice.

A model for rehabilitation centres will be presented, jointly developed by PRI and the organisation Freedom From Torture, giving guidance on the components a rehabilitation centre should incorporate to address the needs of torture victims.

The panel will conclude with closing remarks on the topic by a representative of the Permanent Representation of Denmark, in light of resolution A/HRC/22/L.11, adopted by the Human Rights Council on 15 March 2013.

AGENDA (All Speakers confirmed)

Welcome & Introduction

Andrea Huber, Policy Director Penal Reform International

CAT General Comment 3 on redress (Article 14 CAT)

Claudio Grossman, Chair of the UN Committee against Torture and **Nora Sveaass**, Member of the UN Committee against Torture

The struggle for redress for victims in practice

Lela Tsiskarishvili, Director of the Georgian Centre for Psychological and Medical Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (GCRT)

Global picture and trends on redress for torture victims

Laura Dolci-Kanaan, Secretary of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Publication on a Model for Rehabilitation Centers

Andy Keefe, Director of National Clinical Services, Freedom from Torture

Closing remarks

Representative of the Permanent Mission of Denmark

Discussion



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Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. The side event will be webcast.