

# Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

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6 to 7 April 2016

Palais Wilson, Geneva

## Expert Workshop on redress and rehabilitation of children and adolescent victims of torture and the intergenerational transmission of trauma

### Programme of Work

Wednesday, 6 April 2016

9:30-10:00	<i>Registration of participants</i>	
10:00-10:10	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>	Mr. Salama, Director Human Rights Treaties Division (OHCHR)  Chair, Board of Trustees UN Fund for Victims of Torture
10:10-10:30	<b>Keynote address</b>	Ms. Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
10:30-10:45	<b>Workshop overview</b>	Ms. Oré Aguilar, Fund's Trustee and Facilitator of the Workshop
10:45-11:45	<b>Panel 1: (7 minutes per panellist)</b>	Ms. de Mendonça (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel) Mr. Barudy (EXIL, Spain) Ms. Combrink (CSVR, South Africa) Ms. Hamzeh (RESTART, Lebanon). Mr. Mezmur (CRC) Mr. Bruni (CAT)
11:45-12:45	<b>Focus questions for panel group</b>	Plenary discussion
12:45-13:00	<b>Summary and action points</b>	Chair of the Panel
13:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
15:00-15:45	<b>Panel 2: (7 minutes per panellist)</b>	Ms. Pinto (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel) Ms. Carnemalm (Swedish Red Cross, Sweden) Ms. Patal (ECAP, Guatemala) Ms. Carayon (REDRESS, UK) Ms. Ndoye (CAPREC, Senegal)
15:45-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	

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16:00-17:15	<b>Focus questions for working groups' discussions</b>	Participants will be divided in two groups
17:15-17:45	<b>Working groups' debriefing, summary and action points</b>	Chair of the Panel
18:00	<i>Cocktail with workshop participants</i>	

## Thursday, 7 April 2016

9:30-10:00	<b>Welcome, actions for day 1 and overview of day 2</b>	Ms. Oré Aguilar, Fund's Board Member and Facilitator of the Workshop
10:00-10:45	<b>Panel 3: (7 minutes per panellist)</b>	Mr. El-Shazly (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel) Ms. Quattoni (Association Mana, France) Ms. Sirkin (Physicians for Human Rights, USA) Ms. Tsiskarishvili (GCRT, Georgia)
10:45-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00-12:15	<b>Focus questions for working groups' discussions</b>	Participants will be divided into two groups
12:15-12:45	<b>Working groups' debriefing, summary and action points</b>	Chair of the Panel
12:45-14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30-15:30	<b>Panel 4: (7 minutes per panellist)</b>	Mr. Pietrzak (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel) Mr. Orieny (CVT, USA) Ms. Escamilla (CADHAC, Mexico) Ms. Sumrain (Noor Al-Hussein Foundation, Jordan) Ms. Muqit (Justice Centre, Hong Kong, China)
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45-16:15	<b>Conclusions and Recommendations</b>	Plenary discussion
16:15-16:30	<b>Closing remarks</b>	Chair, Board of Trustees UN Fund for Victims of Torture

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## PANEL 1

### **UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGE: rights and needs of children and adolescent victims of torture**

- Tailored provision of rehabilitation to children and adolescent victims of torture: its opportunities and challenges
- Specific impact of torture on children, family and society
- Specific thresholds for pain inflicted on children
- Short and long-term rights and needs of children and adolescent victims of torture
- Legal concepts and human rights frameworks for the protection, rehabilitation and redress of children affected by torture

**PANELLISTS:** Ms. Maria Cristina de Mendonça (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel)

Mr. Jorge Barudy (EXIL, Spain)

Ms. Sophia Combrink (CSVR, South Africa)

Ms. Sana Hamzeh (RESTART, Lebanon)

Mr. Benyam Dawit Mezmur (Committee on the Rights of the Child)

Mr. Alessio Bruni (Committee against Torture)

### **FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP:** Plenary discussion

- 1) Who are the children at greater risk of being tortured and/or affected by torture?
- 2) How are children directly affected by torture? How are children indirectly affected by torture?
- 3) Are children differently affected by torture than adults?
- 4) How can child victims be involved in their own rehabilitation and redress?
- 5) What variables help understand how the child is coping?
- 6) How to address and develop child's resilience?
- 7) How can the principle of the best interests of the child support her/his right to rehabilitation and redress?

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## PANEL 2

### **WALKING THROUGH THE HEALING PROCESS: the rehabilitation journey of children and adolescent victims of torture**

- Challenges and best practices in providing redress and rehabilitation to children and adolescent victims of torture
- Importance of redress and rehabilitation of children and adolescents victims of torture as a core component in the fight against torture and impunity

**PANELLISTS:** Ms. Anastasia Pinto (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel)

Ms. Anette Carnemalm (Swedish Red Cross, Sweden)  
Ms. Maudi Tzay Patal (ECAP, Guatemala)  
Ms. Gaëlle Carayon (REDRESS, UK)  
Ms. Dieynaba Ndoye (CAPREC, Senegal)

**FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP:** Working groups' discussions

- 1) Are there specific regional and/or context related challenges?
- 2) How to tailor therapies/assistance depending on the age, maturity and evolving capacities of the child?
- 3) How to tailor redress depending on the age, maturity and evolving capacities of the child?
- 4) How can children be rehabilitated while respecting their right to a holistic development?
- 5) What role should redress and rehabilitation play in post-conflict processes?
- 6) In comparison to children, do adolescents (and young persons) require specific measures in their rehabilitation and redress? Should they have a specific protection?

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## PANEL 3

### **PREVENTING, IDENTIFYING AND TREATING: the inter-generational transmission of trauma affecting children and adolescents**

- Characteristics of the inter-generational transmission of trauma
- Recommendations on the prevention and treatment of the intergenerational transmission of trauma

**PANELLISTS:** Mr. Morad El-Shazly (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel)

Ms. Berenise Quattoni (Association Mana, France)  
Ms. Susannah Sirkin (Physicians for Human Rights, USA)  
Ms. Lela Tsiskarishvili (GCRT, Georgia)

**FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP:** Working groups' discussions

- 1) How is trauma transmitted through generations?
- 2) How does it influence parents or other legal guardians, families, communities and subsequent generations?
- 3) What are the main challenges addressing it? When to address it?
- 4) What are the experiences on the prevention and measures taken to address the inter-generational transmission of trauma?
- 5) What are the approaches and key developments in this regard?
- 6) What are the good practices and lessons learnt?

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## PANEL 4

### **THE WAY FORWARD: developing strategies and programmes for children and adolescent victims of torture**

- Recommendations for practitioners on how to establish and implement programmes for the rehabilitation and redress of children and adolescent victims of torture
- Recommendations for professional groups and the international community

**PANELLISTS:** Mr. Mikolaj Pietrzak (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel)

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### **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1) Areas of work that deserve further discussion
- 2) Next steps
- 3) Specific conclusions of the Expert Workshop to be shared during Public Event on 8 April

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