

Expert consultation on standards and public policies for an effective investigation of enforced disappearances

**Monday, 10 September 2018, Room IX
Geneva – Switzerland**

PROGRAMME

9:30- 10:00 Registration

10:00-10:20- Objectives of the consultation and experiences from the WGEID: Presentation from Bernard Duhaime, Chair-Rapporteur WGEID and Luciano Hazan, WGEID Member

Existing Standards for the investigation of enforced disappearances

10:20- 10:50- Presentations from experts

Hugo Relva (*Amnesty International*) Prohibition of amnesty laws and other internal obstacles to prosecution of enforced disappearances

Gabriella Citroni (*TRIAL International*) Standards and policies against acts of intimidation or reprisals and their influence on the investigation of enforced disappearances

Ariel Dulitzky (*University of Texas*) Access to all relevant information and policies for preservation and disclosure of archives

10:50-11:40- Discussion

11:40- 12:10- Presentations from experts

Carlos Beristain: (*Truth Commission, Colombia*) Participation of victims in the investigation of enforced disappearances and the importance of their testimony

Mostafa Naoui (*National Human Rights Council of Morocco*) the role of National Human Rights Institutions in documenting cases of enforced disappearances

Federico Andreu-Guzmán (*Colombian Commission of Jurists*) Standards of proof to be met in criminal cases of enforced disappearances

12:10- 13:00- Discussion

Lunch Break 13:00-14:30

Public policies for an effective investigation, and its relation to the right to truth and the search of the disappeared

14:30- 15:00- Presentations from experts

Fabrizio Guariglia (*ICC*) Importance of specialized prosecutorial units and strategies investigating enforced disappearances and other grave human rights violations

Verónica Hinestroza (*International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute*) Analysis of context in the investigation of enforced disappearances

Morris Tidball-Binz (*ICRC*) Independence and capacity of forensic institutions for an effective investigation of enforced disappearances

15:00-15:50- Discussion

15:50- 16:10- Coffee Break

16:10-16:50- Presentations from experts

Habib Nassar (*Impunity Watch*) Investigating and prosecuting enforced disappearances in contexts of transitional justice

Ana Lorena Delgadillo (*Fundación para la Justicia*) Cooperation between states on the investigation of enforced disappearance

Fabián Salvioli (*Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence*) Effective investigation and the right to truth

Rainer Huhle (*CED*) Relationship between the investigation and the search of the disappeared

16:50-17:45- Discussion

17:45- 18:00- Conclusion and way forward: Bernard Duhaime and Luciano Hazan