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
Fabricio 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 (JCRC) 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 Hubble (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