**CED, ICAED and WGEID Joint Webinar**

“Sharing experiences about actions taken and the way forward to promote the ratification of the Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance”

**Program**

**3 March 2021 from 15h00 to 17h30 (CET)**

| Topics | Speaker | Key messages |
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| 1. **Opening** | **Mohammed Ayat**  *Chair of CED* | Welcoming words |
| **Michelle Bachelet**  *UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (video recording)* | Opening |
| 1. **Panel 1:**   National experiences: the perspective of States on the ratification process of the Convention. | Moderator 1  **Olivier de Frouville**  *Member of CED* | Presentation of speakers:   * Horacio Pietragalla * Alejandro Encinas * Elin Widsteen * Widad Khalafalla * François Rivasseau |
|  | **Horacio César Pietragalla Corti**  *Secretary of Human Rights*  Argentina | Experience of Argentina in the ratification campaign of the Convention, and to promote the universal ratification. |
| **Alejandro Encinas**  *Undersecretary of Human Rights*  Mexico | Experience of Mexico in the ratification of the Convention and the acceptance of the competence of the Committee to consider individual complaints |
| **Elin Widsteen**  *International Law Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*  Norway | Experience of Norway in the ratification of the Convention |
| **Abdel Salam Sidahmed**  *Senior Human Rights Advisor to the Minister of Justice and the Prime Minister*  Sudan | Experience of Sudan in the ratification campaign of the Convention |
| **François Rivasseau**  *Ambassador*  France | Role of France and the Group of Friends of the Convention in the ratification campaign |
| 1. **Panel 2:**   National experiences: the perspective of NHRIs and national NGOs on the ratification process of the Convention. | Moderator 2  **Bernard Duhaime**  *Member of the WGEID* | Presentation of speakers:   * Jasminka Džumhur * Wadih Al Asmar * Mugiyanto * Grace Fernández |
|  | **Jasminka Džumhur**  *Ombudsperson*  Bosnia and Herzegovina | Experience of BiH in the ratification of the Convention |
|  | **Wadih Al Asmar**  *Co-founder and President of the CLDH (Lebanese centre for human rights)*  Lebanon | Experience of Lebanon in the ratification of the Convention |
|  | **Mugiyanto**  *Former Chairperson of the Indonesian Association of Families of the Disappeared (IKOHI) and of the Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD)*  Indonesia | Experience of Indonesia in the efforts to sign and ratify the Convention |
|  | **Grace Fernández**  *Member of BUSCAME and of the Movimiento por Nuestros desaparecidos en México (Movement for our Disappeared)*  Mexico | The role of victims and civil society organizations to promote the recognition of the competence of the Committee to examine individual complaints |
| 1. **Q&A**   First and second panels | Moderator 3  **Luciano Hazan**  *Member of the WGEID* |  |
| 1. **Panel 3:**   International campaigns for the universal ratification: experiences and lessons leant | Moderator 4  **Horacio Ravenna**  *Member of CED* | Presentation of speakers:   * Alice Edwards * Mary Aileen Bacalso * Ahmed El Gasir |
|  | **Alice Edwards**  Head of Secretariat  *Convention Against Torture Initiative (CTI)* | Strategies for the promotion of CAT ratification |
| **Mary Aileen Bacalso**  President  *International Coalition Against Enforced Disappearances (ICAED)* | Strategies developed in Asia |
| **Ahmed El Gasir**  Senior Human Rights Researcher at Human Rights Solidarity  *Member of FEMED* | Strategies developed by FEMED in Europe and the Mediterranean |
| 1. **Q&A**   Third panel | Moderator 5  **Milica Kolaković-Bojović**  *Member of CED* |  |
| 1. **Closing remarks** | **Gabriella Citroni**  *Professor of International Human Rights Law* | Promoting the universal ratification of the Convention: the way ahead |