

**Commemorative event for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention**

**28 November 2016**

**Room XXIV of the Palais des Nations, Geneva**

**Agenda**

09:30 – 10:00 Coffee

**10:00 – 10:30 Introductory remarks**

- Mr. Sètonджи Roland Adjovi, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention
- Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- H. E. Ambassador Choi Kyonglim, President of the Human Rights Council
- H.E. Ambassador Elisabeth Laurin, Permanent Representative of France

**10:30 - 12:00 Panel I – Taking stock of the past 25 years**

*Moderator: Ms. Leigh Toomey, Vice-Chair of the WGAD*

- The right to be free from arbitrary detention: perspectives of the victims and their representatives
  - Ms. Carla Ferstman, Director of REDRESS
  - Mr. Henrique Luaty da Silva Beirão, human rights activist and musician, Angola/Portugal (Opinion No. 21/2016)
  - Mr. Adil Rajab Nasif, Libya (Opinion No. 51/2015)
  - Mr. Alex Conte, Senior Law and Policy Advisor at the ICJ
- The evolution of the mandate, working methods and jurisprudence of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention
  - Mr. El Hadji Malick Sow, Senegalese judge and former Chair-Rapporteur of the WGAD

12:00 – 13:00 Interactive discussion

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch

**15:00 – 15:45 Panel II – Challenges in the context of migration-related detention**

*Moderator: Ms. Elina Steinerte, Member of the WGAD*

- Asylum-Seeker and Refugee Detention: The UNHCR perspective and the 2012 Guidelines on the Detention of Asylum-Seekers and Alternatives to Detention
  - Ms. Madeline Garlick, Chief, Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section, UNHCR
- Data Collection and Tracking State Detention Practices: Examples of State legislation and practices – findings of the Global Detention Project
  - Ms. Mariette Grange, Senior Researcher at the Global Detention Project
- Irregular Migrant and Children: Fundamental rights in relation to immigration detention and the need for alternatives to detention
  - Mr. Ben Lewis, Global Advocacy Coordinator, International Detention Coalition (IDC)

15:45 – 16:30 Interactive discussion

**16:30 – 17:10 Panel III – Lessons learned and opportunities for the future**

*Moderator: Mr. José Guevara, Vice-Chair of the WGAD*

- The right to be free from arbitrary detention: perspectives of the victims and their representatives:
  - Mr. Bryan Sillaman, lawyer at Hughes Hubbard & Reed (Opinion No. 38/2013)
- Experiences from the field: Lessons learned from country missions and the engagement of the WGAD with States and other stakeholders
  - Ms. Leila Zerrougui, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and former Chair-Rapporteur of the WGAD
- Arbitrary Detention: Experiences from the regional human rights perspective
  - Mr. Mads Andenas, Professor of Law at the University of Oslo and former Chair-Rapporteur of the WGAD
- The role of civil society in enhancing and developing the WGAD's work
  - Ms. Jane Connors, International Advocacy Director Law and Policy, Amnesty International

17:10 – 17:45 Interactive discussion

17:45 – 18:00 Conclusions and recommendations (Members of the WGAD)

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