

Why we should invest in rehabilitating victims of torture

High-level panel discussion on rehabilitation for victims of torture organized by the EU Delegation to the UN in Geneva, South Africa and Denmark with the support of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Thursday 16 June 2016

2 pm to 3.30 pm

Room XXV - Palais des Nations



A snack will be served after the event.

The event, organized in the context of the **International Day in Support of Victims of Torture**, and the **35th anniversary of the UN Fund for Victims of Torture**, will draw attention to the continuous plight of victims of torture, and make the case for redress and rehabilitation of torture victims as a legal obligation under international law and as an investment in well-functioning societies.

Speakers and panelists

Introduction and moderation of panel: **Carsten Staur**, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the UN in Geneva

Keynote address: **Stavros Lambrinidis**, EU Special Representative for Human Rights

Video message by **Juan Mendez**, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Panelists

Nozipho Mxakato-Diseko, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the UN in Geneva

Mikolaj Pietrzak, Member of the Board of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, human rights lawyer, specialised in redress for victims

Annie Sovcik, Director of the Washington DC office of the Centre for Victims of Torture

Victor Madrigal-Borloz, Secretary-General of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims

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