**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
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|  | **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
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|  | **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
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|  | **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 |