

# Committee on Enforced Disappearances

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## Next session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (11– 29 September 2023); calls for inputs; and other relevant information

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### 25<sup>th</sup> Session

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The Committee on Enforced Disappearances will hold its 25th session from 11 to 29 September 2023 in Geneva. At this session, the Committee will review the first reports of **Cambodia** and **Mauritania**, the report on additional information of the **Netherlands**, and the report on additional information and follow-up to the visit report of **Mexico**.

All dialogues will be held in person, in public meetings. You can follow them online at [UN TV](#).

As indicated on the [webpage of the session](#), the agenda includes the following activities (Geneva time):

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### Public Meetings

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#### 1. Opening of the session and space of Tribute for victims of enforced disappearance

Monday, 11th September, 10:00 to 11:00

#### 2. Examination of first reports (article 29(1) of the Convention)

- **Dialogue with Mauritania**

Part 1: Monday 11 September, 3pm-6pm

Part 2: Tuesday 12 September, 10am-1pm

- **Dialogue with Cambodia**

Part 1: Monday 18 September, 10am-1pm

Part 2: Tuesday 19 September, 10am-1pm

#### 3. Examination of the reports on Additional Information (article 29(4) of the Convention)

- **Dialogue with Mexico** (report on additional information and follow-up to the visit report, art. 33)

Part 1: Wednesday 13 September, 3pm-6pm

Part 2: Thursday 14 September, 3pm-6pm

- **Dialogue with the Netherlands** (report on additional information)

Friday 15 September, 10am-1pm

#### 4. Annual meetings with stakeholders

- **Meeting with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)**

Tuesday, 27 September, 3 pm– 5pm, Palais Des Nations (Room XXIII)  
*To register, please follow the instructions below*

- **Meeting with States**

Tuesday, 27 September, 10am – 12:00, Palais Des Nations (Room XXIII)  
*To register, please follow the instructions below*

- **Meeting with UN Agencies and Programmes and intergovernmental organizations**

Tuesday, 27 September, 12:00-1pm, Palais Des Nations (Room XXIII)  
*To register please follow the instructions below*

The issues to be addressed during the meetings with States, UN agencies and civil society organisations will be shared closer to the date of the session.

#### How to register to participate in the annual meetings

All partners who are interested to take part to the annual meetings should send an email to the CED Secretariat at the following email address: [ohchr-ced@un.org](mailto:ohchr-ced@un.org)

In your email, please kindly communicate:

The name of the person(s) who will attend the meeting  
The State, institution or organisation represented (if any)  
Contact details

Additional information can be found in the [Information note for Victims, CSOs, and NHRIs](#) for the 25th session.

#### 5. Events

##### Event on the joint statement on illegal intercountry adoptions (20 September 2023)

In September 2022, a [joint statement on illegal intercountry adoptions](#) was adopted by the CED, the CRC, the Special Rapporteurs on the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence; on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children; on Trafficking in Persons, and the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances on illegal intercountry adoptions.

**On 20 September** (exact timing TBC), the five human rights mechanisms involved in this process will organize a joint event to raise awareness about this statement and its implications.

##### Launching of the General Comment on Enforced Disappearances in the context of migration

During the 25th session, the Committee will adopt its first General Comment on “Enforced Disappearances in the context of migrations”. The unedited version of this document will be launched in a **public event on 28 September, 3pm-6pm, Palais des Nations, Room XXIII**.

All those interested are cordially invited to participate.

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## Closed Meetings

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In closed meetings, the Committee will carry out the following activities:

1. Meetings with **civil society representatives and NHRIs** of the States parties to be examined (Cambodia, Mauritania, Mexico, and the Netherlands)
2. Meetings to address issues related to its **methods of work**.
3. Joint meetings with other **international and regional Human Rights Mechanisms**.
4. Considerations of the following documents:
  - **List of Issues:** Samoa
  - **List of Issues in absence of a report:** Central African Republic and Sri Lanka
  - **Report on Follow-up to Concluding Observations:** Panama (TBC upon receipt of the State party's report)
  - **Project of Joint Statement with the WGEID on the notion of short-term enforced disappearance**

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## Contributions by Victims, CSOs, and NHRIs to the review of States parties at the 25th session

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As in all sessions, one of the main activities of the Committee consists in the review of States' reports on the measures they have taken to implement the Convention. The participation of victims, civil society organisations and National Human Rights Institutions in this process is key for its success and is particularly welcome.

Contributions can be made through written contributions or oral briefings. All contributions have the following deadlines:

- **List of Issues:**  
Central African Republic, Samoa, and Sri Lanka: **19 June 2023**
- **Follow-up to Concluding Observations:**  
Panama (TBC upon receipt of the State party's report) **11 July 2023**
- **Concluding Observations/ dialogues with States parties:**  
Cambodia, Mauritania, Mexico, and the Netherlands:
  - Written contributions: **11 August 2023**
  - Request for oral briefing: **31 July 2023**

For further information on ways to contribute and how to register to attend the session, please consult the Information note for Victims, CSOs, and NHRIs which is available [on the Committee's webpage for the Session](#). The document is available in English, French and Spanish.

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## Call for inputs

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The Committee reminds all interested parties that it is still time to contribute to the following projects:

- [First draft of General Comment on Enforced Disappearances in the Context of Migration](#)  
Deadline for submissions: **15 June 2023**
- [Project of joint Statement with the WGEID on the notion of short-term enforced disappearance](#)  
Deadline for submissions: **31 July 2023**

## Information from external partners

### Recetario para la Memoria, Guanajuato – Recipe book for the Memory, Guanajuato

The Committee wishes to share with you the “Recetario Para la Memoria Guanajuato”. This book has been published with the support of various actors: photographer Zahara Gómez Lucini, journalist Daniel Rea, designer Clarisa Moura, the collective of families “Buscadoras Guanajuato”, and 9 other collectives in the state of Guanajuato in Mexico. It is a gastronomic, photographic and social project which puts a face to victims of enforced disappearances and remembers their presence in the daily life of their relatives and loved ones through their favourite recipes. The book can be purchased at the [following link](#).



On 10 May, the ICRC held a webinar called “Remembering the Missing Through Art”. Here, the creators of the project described the inspiration and process that led to the publication of the “Recetario para la Memoria”. The webinar also included the participation of ‘Buenas Noticias’ (The Good News Project) from Peru, and ‘Women’ from Syria and Jordan. These projects also use art to express memories of victims of enforced disappearances and their personal experiences. The recording of the webinar is now available online in [Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish](#).

