
The Istanbul Protocol, also known as the Manual on the Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, is the global standard for the effective investigation and documentation of torture and other forms of ill-treatment, which has been endorsed by OHCHR since 1999. The updated Istanbul Protocol is the culmination of a six-year process, with contributions from more than 180 anti-torture experts from 51 countries.

On this occasion, Michelle Bachelet, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, together with representatives of the core UN anti-torture mechanisms and other international human rights bodies and civil society organizations will commemorate this historic event and discuss advances in torture investigations.

**MODERATION**

- James Lin, International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims

**WELCOME**

- Gloria Gaggioli, Director, Geneva Academy

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

- Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

**STRENGTHENING GLOBAL STANDARDS FOR EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF TORTURE**

- Vincent Iacopino, Physicians for Human Rights

**THE FUTURE OF TORTURE INVESTIGATIONS: LESSONS LEARNED AND ADVANCES IN LAW, FORENSICS AND ADVOCACY**

- Vincent Iacopino, Physicians for Human Rights
- Şebnem Korur Financan, Human Rights Foundation of Turkey
- Chris Esdaile, REDRESS
- Marie Brasholt, DIGNITY – Danish Institute against Torture
- Nora Sveaas, Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

**CLOSING**

- Vivienne Nathanson, United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

**RECEPTION AND COCKTAILS**

The event will be followed by a reception at Villa Moynier.

**REGISTRATION**

This event will take place both in Geneva and online. This event will take place in Geneva and online. However, attendance in Geneva is upon invitation only but you can register to follow it online via the online form available on the event’s page of our website.