

## WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

Geneva 2010  
24-25-26 February  
International Conference Centre Geneva

# PROGRAM

### Wednesday February 24 • PALAIS DE NATIONS

Room XX of the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations, Palais des Nations  
A live broadcast will be held the next door in Room XIX, however in English only.

#### 9.30 am-12.00 pm • OPENING

##### Welcome words

- **Sergei Ordzhonikidze**, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland
- **Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan**, Director-General, Ensemble contre la peine de mort, ECPM
- **Pascale Bruderer**, President, National Council of Switzerland

##### MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

- **Christian Benda**, Chief Conductor and Artistic Director of the Prague Sinfonia Orchestra, cello

##### Speeches of partners of the 4<sup>th</sup> Congress:

- **Elizabeth Zitrin**, Representative of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, USA
- **Bianca Jagger**, Goodwill Ambassador, Council of Europe, UK
- **Maxime Ahoueke**, Special Counselor of the President, Benin
- Permanent Ambassador In Geneva, Ireland
- **François Zimeray**, Ambassador of Human Rights, France
- **Victorio Taccetti**, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Argentina
- **Enzo Scotti**, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Italy
- **Gry Larsen**, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- **Laurette Onkelinx**, Vice-First Minister, Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health, Belgium
- **Jean Asselborn**, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg

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##### Plea in favour of Abolition:

- **Robert Badinter**, Senator, Minister of Justice from 1981 to 1986, author of the abolitionist law in France, France
- **Abdou Diouf**, General Secretary of La Francophonie
- **José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero**, head of the Spanish Government, country who ensure the presidency of the European Union Council (UE), Spain

### Geneva Congress: Instructions and organization

##### ANIMATOR:

- **Darius Rochebin**, Journalist, Télévision suisse romande, Switzerland

#### 12.30-1.15 pm • PRESS CONFERENCE

### Wednesday February 24 • CIGG

#### 2.00-4.30 pm • PLENARY 1 • ROOM 1

##### International and Regional Organizations: commitments to abolition of the death penalty.

**SPEAKERS:** **William Schabas**, professor of human rights law at the National University of Ireland, Galway' and consultant on the UN quinquennial Report of the Secretary-General on Capital punishment • **Miri Sharon**, Associate Legal Officer, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime • **Jan Kleijssen**, Director of standard setting activities in the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs Council of Europe • **Karel Kovanda**, Deputy Director General, External Relations and Political Director, European Commission, European Union • In the name of the World Coalition: **Claudio Cordone**, Secretary General, Amnesty international • **Manfred Nowak**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on torture • **Phillip F. Iya**, Member of the working group on death penalty, ACHPR • **Felipe González**, First Vice-president of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS • **Janez Lenarcic**, director OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) • In the name of the World Coalition: **Liévin Ngondji**, President, CPJ • **Philip Alston**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary • **Taleb Al Saqqaf**, Rapporteur of the Human Rights expert committee of the Arab League • **Danthong Breen**, Chairperson of the Union for Civil Liberty, Thailand • In the name of the World Coalition: **Taghreed Jaber**, Regional Director of PRI's Middle East and North Africa Regional Office

**CHAIR:** **Ruth Dreiffuss**, former member of the Swiss Federal Council, Switzerland

**MODERATOR:** **Maurice Possley**, Journalist, USA

#### 5.00-6.30 pm • ROUNDTABLE • ROOM 3-4

##### Racial, ethnic, and social bias in the death penalty: are political and social commitments to equality effective tools for abolition?

**ORGANIZER:** **Death Penalty Focus** and **ECPM**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Robert R. Bryan, National Lawyers Guild, USA, in collaboration with the Collectif Unitaire national de soutien à Mumia Abu-Jamal

**SPEAKERS:** • **Kamran Arif**, Lawyer, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan • **Nabeel Rajab**, Vice-President of the Bahrain Center for Human rights • **Michael Radelet**, Professor, University of Colorado, USA

**CHAIR:** **Henderson Hill**, Attorney, USA

#### 5.00-6.30 pm • ROUNDTABLE • ROOM 2

##### Protecting vulnerable groups from death penalty: juveniles and those with mental health issues

**ORGANIZERS:** **Hands Off Cain** and **ECPM**

**SPEAKERS:** • **Nazanin Afshin-Jam**, President and co-founder of Stop Child Executions, Canada • **James Ellis**, Lawyer, Professor, University of New Mexico, USA • **Mohammad Mostafaei**, Lawyer, Iran • **Ameir Mohamed Suliman**, Legal Program Coordinator, African Center for Justice and Peace Studies, Sudan • **James Welsh**, Health and Human Rights Coordinator, Amnesty international\*

**CHAIR:** **Antonio Stango**, Board member, Hands Off Cain, Italy

#### 5.15-6.30 pm • WORKSHOP • ROOM 5

##### Elaborating arguments to convince public opinion

**SPEAKERS:** • **Joaquín José Martínez**, Former death row inmate, cleared and released in the USA, Spain • **Bill Pelke**, President and Cofounder of Journey of Hope... from Violence to Healing, USA  
**MODERATOR:** **Dave Lindorff**, Freelance journalist at *Counterpunch magazine*, USA

#### 5.15-6.30 pm • WORKSHOP • ROOM 6

##### Defining strategies for abolition

**SPEAKERS:** • **Hsin-yi Lin**, Executive Director, Taiwan Alliance to End the Death Penalty (TAEDP) • **Ogarit Younan**, President, University for non-violence and Human Rights in the Arab World, Lebanon  
**MODERATOR:** **Odjitan Djoutoungona**, Journalist at *FM-Liberté*, Chad

#### 5.30-6.00 • PRESS BRIEFING

### Wednesday February 24 • CPG

Centre de la Photographie Genève (CPG)

#### 7.00 pm • DEBATE-PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographer **Lucinda Devlin** will give a conference on her work; The Omega Suites with **ODAGE**.

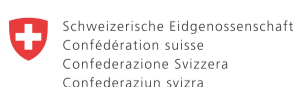
### Wednesday February 24 • LA COMÉDIE

Théâtre La Comédie

#### 7.30 pm • THEATRE EVENING AND COCKTAIL DINNER\*

\*Limited number of seats

**Last Day of a Condemned Man**, by Victor Hugo, directed by **François Bourcier** with **David Lesné** offered by **the Republic and Canton of Geneva, the City of Geneva and the Swiss Confederation**.



### Thursday February 25 • CIGG

#### 9.00-10.30 am • ROUNDTABLE • ROOM 3-4

##### Violence, victims and death penalty: how to respond to violence and compensate victims without the death penalty

**ORGANIZERS:** **FIDH** and **Murder Victim's Families for Human Rights**

**SPEAKERS:** • **Renny Cushing**, Executive Director, MVFHR, USA • **Toshi Kazama**, member of MVFHR, Board of Directors, Japan • **Guisso Jahangiri**, Executive Director, Armanshahr Foundation, Afghanistan • **Sari Nusseibeh**, President of the Al-Quds University, Jerusalem • **Mariana Pena**, FIDH permanent representative at the International Criminal Court, Netherlands

**CHAIR:** **Florence Bellivier**, Secretary general of FIDH

#### 9.00-10.30 am • ROUNDTABLE • ROOM 2

##### Religions and Death Penalty: opportunities and/or obstacles

**ORGANIZER:** **Comunità Di Sant' Egidio**

**SPEAKERS:** • **H.G Jonas Jonson**, Co-President of the Joint Work Group of the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches, Sweden • **Danthong Breen**, Chairperson of the Union for Civil Liberty, Thailand • **Marc Raphaël Guedj**, Former Chief Rabbi of Geneva, Switzerland • **Siti Musdah Mulia**, Muslim woman theologian, Indonesia

**CHAIR:** **Mario Marazziti**, Comunità di Sant' Egidio

#### 9.15-10.30 am • WORKSHOP • ROOM 5

##### Coalitions Development

**SPEAKERS:** • **Amina Bouayach**, President of the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights, Morocco • **Aurélie Plaçais**, Campaigns Officer, World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, France  
**MODERATOR:** **Thomas H. Speedy Rice**, Professor of Practice, Transnational Law Institute, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, USA

#### 9.15-10.30 • RENCONTRE-DEBAT • ROOM 1

**Debate with political cartoonists "50 Press Cartoons Against the Death Penalty"**  
In partnership with the Foundation **Cartooning for Peace** and the **OIF**

• **Patrick Chappatte**, cartoonist, Switzerland • **Jeff Danziger**, cartoonist, USA • **Damien Glez**, cartoonist, Burkina-Faso • **Norio Yamanoi**, cartoonist, Japan

#### 10.45 am-12.15 pm • ROUNDTABLE • ROOM 3-4

##### Law Enforcement views on the death penalty

**ORGANIZERS:** **Death Penalty Focus** and **ECPM**

**SPEAKERS:** • **James Abbott**, Chief of Police Department, New Jersey, USA • **Pierre Akele**, President of the High-Military Court, DRC • **Vito Monetti**, Deputy Prosecutor General of the Supreme Court of Cassation, President of MEDEL, Italy • **John Van de Kamp**, former Attorney General of the State of California and District Attorney of Los Angeles, USA

**CHAIR:** **Elizabeth Zitrin**, Attorney, Death Penalty Focus, USA

#### 10.45 am-12.15 pm • ROUNDTABLE • ROOM 2

##### Tools and strategies for death penalty abolition in Middle East and North Africa

**ORGANIZERS:** **Penal Reform International (PRI)** and **ECPM**

**SPEAKERS:** • **Nassr Abbood**, Iraqi Alliance for the Prevention of the Death Penalty, Iraq • **Miloud Brahimi**, Lawyer, Algeria • **Ahmed Karaoud**, Head of Office Middle East and North Africa, Amnesty International, Lebanon • **Nisreen Zerikat**, Lawyer, Head of Criminal Justice Unit at the National Center for Human Rights, Jordan • **Ogarit Younan**, President, University for non-violence and Human Rights in the Arab World, Lebanon

**CHAIR:** **Taghreed Jaber**, Regional Director of Penal Reform International's Middle East and North Africa Regional Office, Jordan

#### 12.00-2.00 pm • FILM-DEBATE • PROJECTION ROOM

**In Prison My Whole Life** by **Marc Evans**.  
With **Robert Bryan**

**11.15 am-12.15 pm • WORKSHOP • ROOM 5**

**Abolitionists States' advocacy**

**SPEAKERS:** • **Thomas C. Greminger**, Head of Political Affairs Division IV, Human Security, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland • **Carlos Portales**, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Chile • **Rafael Valle Garagorri**, Ambassador in special mission, National Coordinator against the death penalty, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain  
**MODERATOR:** **Ghania Mouffok**, Journalist at *Algérie News* and *El Djazair News*, Algeria

**11.00 am-12.15 pm • WORKSHOP • ROOM 6**

**Promoting abolition through academic research and collaboration**

**SPEAKERS:** • **Luis Arroyo Zapatero**, Director of the European Institute of European and International law, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain • **Sandra Babcock**, Professor, Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern University Law School, USA  
**MODERATOR:** **Alvaro Corcuera Ortiz de Guinea**, Journalist, *El País*, Spain

**12.15-2.00 pm • POSTERS PRESENTATION SESSION**

**2.00-4.30 pm • PLENARY 2 • ROOM 1**

**Next challenges for universal abolition: the examples of USA, Japan, China and Iran**

**SPEAKERS:** **Mina Ahadi**, Head of the International Committee Against Executions, Iran • **Gail Chasey**, New Mexico State Representative, USA • **Shirin Ebadi**, Iranian Lawyer, 2003 Peace Nobel Prize • **Roger Hood**, Professor Emeritus of Criminology, University of Oxford, UK • **Tianyong Jiang**, Chinese Lawyer • **Joey Lee**, Lawyer, Human Rights in China (HRIC) • **Maurice Possley**, Journalist, USA • **Maiko Tagusari**, Lawyer, Center for Prisoner's Rights (CPR), Japan • **John Van de Kamp**, former Attorney General of the State of California and District Attorney of Los Angeles, USA • **Renate Wohlwend**, Rapporteur on death penalty of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Liechtenstein • **Ning Zhang**, senior Lecturer, University of Geneva, China/Switzerland  
**CHAIR:** **Eric Bernard**, Lawyer, ECPM Board member  
**MODERATOR:** **Stéphane Bussard**, Journalist, *Le Temps*, Switzerland

**5.00-6.30 pm • ROUNDTABLE • ROOM 2**

**Sub-saharan Africa, from moratorium to abolition in law**

**ORGANIZERS:** **FIACAT**, **ACAT France** and **ACAT Switzerland**  
**SPEAKERS:** • **Sidiki Kaba**, Senegalese Lawyer, former FIDH president • **Philip F. Iya**, Member of the Working group on death penalty, African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR), South Africa • **Lievin Ngondji**, President of Culture pour la Paix et la Justice (CPJ), DRC • **Johnson Byabashajja**, Commissaire général des prisons, Uganda  
**CHAIR:** **Lucienne Zoma**, Chairperson of ACAT-Burkina Faso and member of FIACAT International Board, Burkina Faso

**5.00-6.30 pm • ROUNDTABLE • ROOM 3-4**

**Asia, the legal road to moratorium and abolition**

**ORGANIZER:** **Amnesty International**  
**SPEAKERS:** • **Hsin-yi Lin**, Executive Director, Taiwan Alliance to End the Death Penalty (TAEDP), Taiwan • **Bhatara Ibnu Reza**, Human Rights Manager, Imparsial, Indonesia • **Sun Zhongwei**, Lawyer, Beijing Death Penalty Defence Lawyers Network, China  
**CHAIR:** **Bikramjeet Batra**, Lawyer, Amnesty International, India

**5.15-6.30 pm • WORKSHOP • ROOM 6**

**Online communication strategies**

**SPEAKERS:** • **Simon Shepherd**, Founder and Director of Death Watch International, UK • **Yang Hengjun**, Blogger, China  
**MODERATOR:** **Thomas Hubert**, Journalist, editor in chief of the World Coalition against the Death Penalty website, France

**5.15-6.30 pm • WORKSHOP • ROOM 5**

**Partnership NGOs-European Union for abolition**

**SPEAKERS:** • **Angela Raffaella Della Porta**, European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), European Commission - EuropeAid cooperation office, Belgium • **David Sellwood**, EC Project Coordinator, Reprieve, UK  
**MODERATOR:** **Guillaume Parent**, Former coordinator of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, France

**5.30-6.00 pm • PRESS BRIEFING**

**5.30-6.30pm : • FILM-DEBATE • PROJECTION ROOM**

**Beneath the Maps, Le Dessous des Cartes**, by Jean Christophe Victor. With Jean-Christophe Victor

**Thursday February 25 • BFM**

Bâtiment des Forces Motrices (BFM)

**7.00 pm • WORD OF VICTIMS-VOICES OF EXPERIENCE\***

\*Limited number of seats

**"Words of Victims-Voices of Experience"**

**Snejana Dimitrova**, a Bulgarian nurse exonerated from Libya death-row • **Zhou Qing** exonerated from China death-row • **Nathalie Fustier** a French victim of the 'war on terror' legislation • the double testimony of **Jo Berry**, whose father was the victim of an attack from the IRA, and **Pat Magee**, an IRA Activist • **Bill Babbitt** a close friend of a murder victim and of an executed prisoner • **Masaharu Harada**, Japanese whose brother was murdered • **Rebiya Kadeer**, a member of the Uighoures, an ethnic group specifically targeted by Chinese lethal discrimination policy • two Kids from the Texas organization **Kids Against the Death Penalty (KAPD)**, which fights against the death penalty in the United States • **Bob Curley**, American whose son was murdered • **Mohammed Younus Shaikh**, exonerated from pakistani death-row, condemned for blasphemy...  
**ANIMATOR:** **Amobé Mévégué**, journalist, also radio and TV producer Evening with Franco-British singer **Emily Loizeau**.

**Friday February 26 • CIGG**

**9.00-10.30 am • ROUNDTABLE • ROOM 2**

**Access to a competent counsel in capital cases: how lawyers can make the difference between life and death?**

**ORGANIZER:** **ECPM**  
**SPEAKERS:** • **Parvais Jabbar**, Lawyer, Co-director of Death Penalty Project, UK • **Robin Maher**, Lawyer, Director of the American Bar Association (ABA) Death Penalty Representation Project, USA • **Caroline Muchuma**, Coordinator of the Death Penalty project, Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, Uganda • **Navkiran Singh**, Lawyer, Secretary General of Lawyers For Human Rights International (LFHRI), India • **Maiko Tagusari**, Lawyer, Center for Prisoner's Rights (CPR), Japan  
**CHAIR:** **Richard Sédillot**, Lawyer, ECPM Board member, France

**9.00-10.30 am • ROUNDTABLE • ROOM 3-4**

**The Caribbean: the continued danger of escalating executions**

**ORGANIZERS:** **The Puerto Rico Bar Association** and **ECPM**  
**SPEAKERS:** • **Piers Bannister**, Death Penalty Coordinator, Amnesty International, UK • **Carmelo Campos Cruz**, General Coordinator of the Puerto Rican Coalition Against the Death Penalty, Puerto Rico • **Saul Lehrfreund**, Co-Director of the Death Penalty Project, UK • **Douglas Mendes SC**, Constitutional and Human Rights lawyer, Trinidad  
**CHAIR:** **Juan Matos de Juan**, Chairman of the committee against the death penalty, Puerto Rico Bar Association, Puerto Rico

**9.15-10.30 am • WORKSHOP • ROOM 5**

**Sharing educational tools**

**SPEAKERS:** • **Emmanuel Maistre**, General Secretary, ECPM, France • **Jean-Christophe Victor**, Author of a weekly TV program dealing with international relations, *Le Dessous des cartes* (Beneath the Maps), France • **Bernadette Forhan**, death penalty coordinator, ACAT France  
**MODERATOR:** **Jean-Pierre Dubois**, President of the Huma Right League, France

**9.15-10.30 am • WORKSHOP • ROOM 6**

**Mobilizing target groups (members of Parliament, judges, law enforcement...)**

**SPEAKERS:** • **Merius Rusumo**, Judge at the Constitutional, Burundi • **Raphaël Nyabirungu Mwene Songa**, Professor and Parliamentarian Assembly Deputy, DRC  
**MODERATOR:** **Shirley Pouget**, Jurist, Scientific Programme Coordinator, 3rd World Congress against the death penalty, France

**DURING THE WHOLE CONGRESS**

**At the CIGG**

- Stands of the Geneva 2010 partners.
- Posters against the death penalty, by abolitionists from all over the world.
- Film screenings, some followed by a debate.
- *On the way to universal abolition*, 16 educational panels, by ECPM.
- *Faces of the Death Penalty*, photos and testimonies by **Caroline Planque**.
- Press cartoons with **Cartooning for peace**.
- **SOFIA AUTOMATIC 520120** Art installation, from **KriStof**.
- Library, Animation with authors signing their books, with **Envie de Lire**.

**At the Centre de la Photographie Genève (CPG)**

11.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. • *The Omega Suites* Photos, by **Lucinda Devlin**, with the **Geneva Bar Association (ODAGE)**.

**11.00 am-1.00 pm • SOLEMN CEREMONY • ROOM 1**

**Synthesis of the Debates**

• **Florence Bellivier**, General secretary, FIDH, France  
• **Mario Marazziti**, *Comunita Sant'Egidio*, Italy

**Reading of the Final Declaration**

• Reading by **Arnaud Gaillard**, Congress Coordinator, ECPM  
• Handing over of the declaration by the **Kids Against Death Penalty**, USA to  
• **Navanethem Pillay**, High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: • **Harieta Hermann**, Violonist

**Official Speeches**

• **Shirin Ebadi**, Lawyer, 2003 Peace Nobel prize, Iran  
• **Sister Helen Prejean**, USA  
• **Mustapha Iznasni**, Consultative Council for Human Right, Morocco  
• Message of **Ts. Elbegdorjthe**, President of Mongolia

**Tribute to**

• **Emadeddin Baghi**, Association for the Right to Live, Iran

**Interventions for abolition**

• Message addressed by Personalities (**Barbara Hendricks**, **Marc Foster**, **Nicolas Hayek**)  
• Message addressed by Ambassadors for Human Rights  
• Message addressed by the Religious Representatives Against the Death Penalty

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: • **Harieta Hermann**, Violonist

**Final Speech**

• **Robert Badinter**, Senator, Minister of Justice from 1981 to 1986, author of the abolitionist law in France, France  
• **Micheline Calmy Rey**, Swiss Federal Councillor, head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers at the Council of Europe, Switzerland

**Closing Speech**

• **Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan**, Director-General, ECPM, France  
• **Emmanuel Maistre**, General Secretary, ECPM, France

**ANIMATOR:** • **Romaine Jean**, Journalist and Producer, Télévision suisse romande, Switzerland

**1.30 pm • CIGG -> PALAIS DES NATIONS**

**Final march from the CIGG and abolitionist gathering on the United Nations Square**

