

International Conference on

National, regional and international mechanisms to combat impunity and ensure accountability under international law

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The International Conference on National, Regional and International Mechanisms to combat Impunity and Ensure Accountability under International Law is organized by the National Human Rights Committee in Qatar (NHRC) in cooperation with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the European Parliament.

Objectives

The aim of the conference is to discuss national, regional and international mechanisms to combat impunity for gross violations of human rights law and serious violations of international humanitarian law, and to ensure accountability. Towards this end, the conference will take stock of the relevant international law principles, in particular the Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law ([General Assembly Resolution 60/147](#) hereafter "Basic Principles and Guidelines"), and the Updated Set of Principles for the protection and promotion of human rights through action to combat impunity ([E/CN.4/2005/102/Add. 1](#)) (please find attached).

The conference will discuss how these principles are being applied by sharing experience of international, regional and national mechanisms in enforcing these principles and in enhancing accountability.

Themes

- Duty to investigate and prosecute
- Victims' right to remedies
- Right to know
- Right to justice
- Right to reparation/guarantees of non-recurrence

Format

The conference will bring together more than 200 representatives of governmental bodies, governmental and non-governmental organizations, heads and experts of international commissions

of inquiry, relevant special rapporteurs, chairpersons of United Nations treaty bodies, judges, lawyers and victim representatives in international criminal tribunals and the National Human Rights Committee European Parliament International Criminal Court, as well as lawyers who have brought criminal cases before national courts based on universal jurisdiction, as well as international and regional human rights mechanisms, chairmen of European Parliament's committees, national human rights institutions, research centers and other relevant bodies and organizations.

The panelists will represent expertise from the international and regional level. The conference will last for two consecutive days and will include working groups to share practical examples.

Tentative Agenda

DAY I – 10 to 11 am

Opening Session

DAY I – 11 am to 1 pm

Plenary Session

Accountability for gross human rights violations and serious violations of international humanitarian law

- I. Duty to investigate and prosecute (Basic Principles and Guidelines, Principles 1 to 7)
- II. Victims' right to remedies (Basic Principles and Guidelines, Principles 8 to 24)

Lunch break

DAY I – 3 to 6 pm

Plenary Session

Protection and promotion of human rights through action to combat impunity

- I. Right to know
- II. Right to justice
- III. Right to reparation/guarantees of non-recurrence

DAY II – 10 am to 1 pm

Working Groups

Good practices, lessons learned and practical proposals

- I. Access to justice (Basic Principles and Guidelines, Principles 12 to 14)
- II. Reparation for harm suffered (Basic Principles and Guidelines, Principles 15 to 23)
- III. Access to relevant information concerning violations and reparation mechanisms (Basic Principles and Guidelines, Principle 24)

Lunch break

Day II - 3 to 5 pm

Plenary Session

- I. Reporting back from the three working groups: opportunities and obstacles
- II. Concluding remarks

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