

The Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel,  
Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment invites you to  
save the date

**Thursday 17 November 2016, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

to mark the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of

***The Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and  
other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment***

Ten years of torture prevention

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Ten years ago UN Member States paved a new way for international human rights treaties to function when the OPCAT entered into force on 22 June 2006. The prevention of torture under it is based on a triangular relationship between States Parties, the SPT and national preventive mechanisms (NPM) and on the premise of a constructive dialogue and cooperation between the preventive bodies and the relevant States authorities. For OPCAT to be truly effective, all actors need to be brought together. In this spirit, the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture SPT is inviting all stakeholders to this event to discuss the past ten years and to share ideas and inputs on the challenges ahead, as well as exploring and sharing good practices regarding implementation of the OPCAT. This discussion will help to shape the next stage of this action-focussed treaty.

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Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Panellists will be announced in due course.