



AGENDA

WORKSHOP ON:

"INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS RELATING TO TORTURE, ITS PREVENTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF INVESTIGATION MECHANISMS"

DATE: 01 JULY 2024

TIME: 08:30 Dushanbe Time

Zoom details:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86701621879?pwd=dwVVeiqRH9FMTssNIHw2i4dCCKHyPQ.1>

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), the Regional Office for Central Asia (ROCA), and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in cooperation with the Civil Society Coalition against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan, are organizing a workshop.

The workshop provides a unique platform for open and constructive dialogue to discuss existing challenges and find effective solutions to overcome them. The event will be attended by representatives of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Prosecutor General's Office, forensic experts, lawyers, civil society members, OHCHR, and ICJ.

The workshop will be organized within the framework of the Action Plan for 2023-2025, which is part of the National Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan in the field of human rights protection for the period up to 2038. This strategy aims to improve legislation on the prevention of torture and ill-treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and to develop effective legal and institutional mechanisms for response and investigation.

The results of the workshop will be published and sent to the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Union of Lawyers of the Republic of Tajikistan, and other interested parties.

The workshop aims to bring together experts, human rights defenders, representatives of state structures, and international organizations to discuss and analyze the current state and challenges in the field of human rights protection.

We invite you to actively participate in this important discussion and contribute to improving the human rights situation in Tajikistan.

The event is supported by the Government of Finland.

1 July 2024, Monday

08:30-09:00 **Registration of participants**

09:00-09:30 **Welcoming remarks**

Sergiy Shtukarin, *Human Rights Advisor*
United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office in Tajikistan

Nurmahmad Khalilov, *Head of Coalition against torture.*

Temur Shakirov, *Director (a.i.), Europe and Central Asia Programme,*
International Commission of Jurists

09:30-09:50 *Analysis of decisions of the UN Human Rights Committee on cases concerning Tajikistan: conclusions, generalisations, recommendations.*

Speaker: Temur Shakirov, *Director (a.i.), Europe and Central Asia Programme, International Commission of Jurists*

09:50-10:10 **Questions and discussion**

10:10-10:40 **Coffee break** 

10:40-11:00 *Effective independent investigation of torture and other forms of ill-treatment in Moldova*

Speaker: Ion Caracuian, *Independent expert*

11:00-11:30 *Effective investigation and documentation of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Activity of the Coalition against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan.*

Speaker: Gulchekhra Kholmatova, *Head of NGO «World of Law»*

11:30-12:00 *Institutional aspects of the independent investigation of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.*

Speaker: Dmitriy Nurumov, *Human Rights Expert,*
International Commission of Jurists

12:00-12:30 **Questions and discussion**

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30-13:40 *Monitoring of closed institutions and freedom from torture, access to remedies for human rights violations.*

Speaker: Parvina Navruzova, *International Commission of Jurists*

13:40-14:00 *Working in groups to develop recommendations to improve the legislation and the actual situation. Presentations and discussion.*

14:00-14:20 **Concluding remarks**

Matilda Bogner, *OHCHR Regional Representative for Central Asia*

Nurmahmad Khalilov, *Head of Coalition against Torture of Tajikistan*

Temur Shakirov, *Director (a.i.), Europe and Central Asia Programme, International Commission of Jurists*