



COMMITTEE ON ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES
CED
17th session (30 September – 11 October 2019)
Geneva

NGO INFORMATION NOTE

Committee Members

CED consists of 10 members, serving in their personal capacity. For the details about all CED members, see:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CED/Pages/Membership.aspx>

Venue of the session

The 17th session of CED will take place in Geneva, Palais des Nations, room XVII.

States parties to be examined

CED will examine the reports and country situations in the following States parties during its 17th session: **Bolivia (Plurinational State of)** and **Slovakia**.

Adoption of lists of issues

CED will also adopt lists of issues on the following States parties: **Mongolia, Switzerland** and **Nigeria (in the absence of a report)**.

Documentation

The reports of the States parties, the provisional agenda (CED/C/17/1) and other documents pertaining to the session are posted on the OHCHR website

https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1333&Lang=en

Adoption of concluding observations and other documents

Following the consideration of the States parties' reports during the 17th session, CED will, in a closed meeting, adopt concluding observations that will assist the States parties concerned in the implementation of the Convention. These concluding observations outline positive aspects, principal subjects of concern and the Committee's recommendations on how to address challenges faced by the States parties.

Once the concluding observations have been adopted, the documents will be posted on the CED webpage under the relevant session.

CED will also adopt lists of issues to be transmitted to States parties. Both the lists of issues and the States parties' replies will be posted on the CED webpage under the relevant session.

Civil society reports for the Committee at its sessions

CED welcomes written information, which should be as specific, reliable and objective as possible, from international, regional, national and local organizations. Civil society "alternative reports" which follow the same form of presentation as the reports submitted by the State party concerned are especially welcome. The information/report must identify the submitting organization, as anonymous information is not accepted, and be drafted in non-abusive language. The information must be relevant to the Committee's mandate and the examination of the State party's report. The information should not contain names of victims except if related to public cases or if the consent of the victims or their families is obtained.

All submissions to CED should be:

1. Submitted in English, French or Spanish. As most CED members use English as their working language, documents submitted in French and Spanish should, to the extent possible, be translated into English. Please note that **the UN Secretariat does not translate documents submitted by civil society stakeholders.**
2. Transmitted to the CED Secretariat in Geneva **before 31 July 2019 with respect to States upon which lists of issues will be adopted. The deadline for information on States parties to be examined by the Committee is 13 September 2019. The deadline for information on States parties' follow-up report to concluding observations is 5 July 2019.** All documents must be submitted in electronic form to ced@ohchr.org stating

clearly in the subject of the email the country the submission refer to and the session number.

All information will be posted on internet as public unless the submitting organization specifies otherwise. These deadlines allow the Country rapporteurs and other members of CED time to read the reports before the relevant session.

OHCHR does not reproduce civil society documents. CED is a papersmart Committee. Therefore, civil society stakeholders may wish to send an electronic version of their documents at ced@ohchr.org at least two weeks in advance of the session that is by **13 September 2019**.

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Accreditation

Representatives of non-governmental organizations wishing to attend the session must register online at Indico and follow the instructions for registration and for obtaining a ground pass: Kindly ensure that you register well in advance. **The registrations will be open until 26 September 2019.**

Link for Indico: <https://reg.unog.ch/event/19428/>

The registrations will be open until 26 September 2019, so that arrangements can be made with the Accreditation Office for the issuance of the United Nations ground passes to enter United Nations premises. To claim for the ground pass all applicants are required to appear in person at the United Nations Pass and Identifications Unit located at the Palais des Nations, Pregny Gate, 8-14 Avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva 10. A valid national

passport or government issued ID bearing a photograph will be required when collecting the ground pass. UN Pregny Gate office hours are 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. NGO representatives must bring their passports or identification cards every time they wish to enter UN premises.

Please note that OHCHR will neither send letters of invitation to NGO representatives to attend CED sessions nor assist with visa requests, travel or accommodation costs relating to their participation.

Informal meetings and lunchtime briefings

Civil society representatives are welcome to attend public meetings of CED as observers, but will not be given the opportunity to address CED during its meetings with the State delegation. Nevertheless, civil society representatives have the possibility of addressing the Committee in formal private sessions (closed meetings) with interpretation. These meetings are set out in the programme of work (see session webpage) and normally take place a day or two before the consideration of the report of the State party concerned.

Informal (without interpretation) briefings may also be organized between civil society representatives and members of CED on the day prior to (or the day of) the examination of the relevant State party report. To find out the schedule of formal and informal meetings you may contact the Secretariat.

There will be a designated room for these briefings.

Please contact the CED Secretariat (jaraya@ohchr.org and ced@ohchr.org) **before 13 September 2019** to confirm attendance at a formal briefing and/or informal briefing with the members.

Further information

For more information on how civil society stakeholders can participate in the reporting process, please consult the following link: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CED/Pages/CivilSociety.aspx>