

Programme

OHCHR Global Panel: “Moving away from the death penalty – Lessons from national experiences”

United Nations Headquarters, New York
North Lawn Building - Conference Room 2

3 July 2012

- 10:00-10:10 Opening remarks by Mr. Ban-Ki Moon, Secretary-General
- 10:10-10:20 Remarks by Ms. Navi Pillay, High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 10:20-11:45 **First Session - Experiences of Member States on the abolition of the death penalty**
- Chair**
- Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary-General
- Speakers**
- Mr. Valentin Bagorikunda, Prosecutor-General of the Republic of Burundi
- Ms. Blanca Aída Stalling Dávila, Director-General of *El Instituto de la Defensa Pública Penal* of Guatemala
- Mr. Federico Mayor, President, International Commission against the Death Penalty
- 11:45-12:30 Open discussion
- 12:30-13:45 **Second Session: Human rights dimensions of the application of the death penalty in States retaining it**
- Chair**
- Professor Christof Heyns, UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
- Speakers**
- Mr. Kirk Bloodsworth, victim of wrongful conviction and death sentence, USA
- Mr. Barry C. Scheck, Co-Director, The Innocence Project, New York
- Mr. Douglas Mendes, Justice, Belize Court of Appeal and the President of the Caribbean Centre for Human Rights
- Ms. Maiko Tagusari, Secretary-General, Center for Prisoners' Rights, Japan
- Mr. Cousin Zilala, Executive Director of Amnesty International, Zimbabwe
- 13:45- 14:30 Open discussion
- 14:30-16:30 Reception, West Delegates' Lounge, North Lawn Building

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