



Committee Against Torture

The UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT Convention) is the principal universal reference for the eradication of torture. It provides authoritative mechanisms to monitor its effective implementation through the Committee against Torture (CAT Committee). One of the mechanisms is the State reporting process, an important tool to review compliance with the Convention and to generate political will by offering technical guidance towards domestic anti-torture reforms.

The effectiveness of this process depends significantly on the involvement of national and local civil society organisations (CSOs): their capacity to inform the CAT Committee on the current implementation of the Convention in their country and their actions towards the implementation of the Concluding Observations.

In 2014, OMCT launched an initiative to mobilise and coordinate the activities of civil society organisations in relation to the CAT Convention and its Committee by supporting:

● Participation of Civil Society in CAT Sessions

We are facilitating civil society coordination, including by building coalitions, sharing information, ensuring timely and effective report submissions, mentoring on advocacy opportunities, and supporting access to the CAT Committee in person.

● Staying up-to-date and learning about CAT

We are expanding the CAT Committee's reach, including by an **E-Bulletin** to disseminate and summarize its findings, this **Blog** to share relevant advice and experiences, a **webcast** and live tweet of all sessions, and a domestic screening of sessions in select countries.

● Following up on Strategic Opportunities

We are strengthening the capacity of civil society, including by supporting their actions, public outreach and campaigning at the national level, and their interaction with CAT and other UN mechanisms at the international level.

For more information on the CAT Convention and Committee, please refer to our [FAQ](#).

For a compiled list of dates on the reporting cycle for State parties, please refer to our [CAT Reporting Table](#).