Almost 10 years after its entry-into-force, 87 states have ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT), which obliges states parties to set up a national monitoring body, with the power to visit all places of deprivation of liberty.

Among the 66 states that have designated their national preventive mechanism (NPM), NHRIs have been designated in 41 cases. This joint APT-GANHRI workshop is an opportunity to raise awareness of shared issues and to learn and exchange experiences among NHRIs through a frank and open exchange and to build a community of practice on this important topic.

Opening and Introduction

- Madeleine Nirere, Chairperson, Rwanda National Commission for Human Rights and GANHRI Regional Chair
- Barbara Bernath Chief of Operations, APT

Introduction to shared challenges from four perspectives and regions

- Mr. Luis Raúl González Pérez, President, National Human Rights Commission of Mexico
- Ms. Hanna Machinsky, Deputy Ombudsman of Poland
- Mr. John Hancock, Senior Legal Advisor, New Zealand Human Rights Commission
- Mr. Driss El Yazami, President, National Council for Human Rights, Morocco

Discussion, exchange of experiences and next steps