



Safeguarding Rights in COVID-19

Protecting human rights during covid-19 restrictions



Webinar Series: Detention and Human Rights during COVID 19 Restrictions

Date: April 23rd, 2020

Time: 11am GMT

Venue: Online via Google Meet, Registration required

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Restriction placed by many governments on movement, under efforts to enforce social distancing preventing the spread of COVID 19 have been rapid and unprecedented. While timely and decisive response from the government to challenges posed by Covid-19 can be commended this must strike a balance between the promotion of public health and safety on the one hand, and the protection of non-derogable constitutional rights on the other.

Over the recent weeks various UN entities and others have pronounced on principles and guidelines for criminal justice institutions in their work under conditions of COVID 19.

The webinar will discuss some of the key commentary with regard to detention important to mandate holders, oversight agencies, the legal fraternity and civil society and to any one crafting their own domestic guidance.

Specifically

- UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment - Advice of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to States Parties and National Preventive Mechanisms relating to the Coronavirus

Pandemic (adopted on 25th March 2020)

- UN OCHR Inter Agency Standing Committee COVID 19 Focus on Persons deprived of their Liberty
- UNICEF Technical note on COVID 19 and persons deprived of their liberty
- The European Committee on Torture - Statement of principles relating to the treatment of persons deprived of their liberty in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Moderator

The Webinar will be led by African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF) Project and Research Director Louise Edwards.

Louise Edwards is a human rights lawyer who has worked with APCOF for 9 years. She holds a Masters of International Law and her work at APCOF includes the provision of technical assistance in the development and implementation of regional policing and criminal justice standards.

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