

THE 6TH WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

IS ORGANISED BY

ECPM (Together Against the Death Penalty) fights for the universal abolition of capital punishment, thanks to activist action which includes raising awareness and international advocacy. The association federates and brings together international abolitionist forces. ECPM created the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty and the World Congress which is organised every three years. ECPM supports the creation of national and regional Coalitions, educates the public through its web and paper publications, leads judicial fact-finding missions, press events or, under the urgency of executions, campaigns for international involvement.

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Made up of 142 NGOs, bar associations, local authorities and trade unions from every continent, the **World Coalition Against the Death Penalty** was created in Rome on 13 May 2002. It aims to strengthen the international dimension of the fight against capital punishment. The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty's ultimate goal is to achieve the universal abolition of the death penalty. The World Coalition brings a global dimension to the work that its members pursue on the ground. It is complementary to their initiatives, respecting the independence of each one.

CONTEXT

The fight against the death penalty is a priority for Norway. Through both its civil society and the international movement, Norway is a committed supporter of the abolition. The Norwegian government supported the 4th World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Geneva and then sponsored the 5th Congress in Madrid alongside Spain, Switzerland and France. It is a member of the International Commission Against the Death Penalty's support group and took part in the creation of the Core Group, the informal support network for political mobilisation, made up of representatives from 12 abolitionist States.

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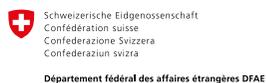
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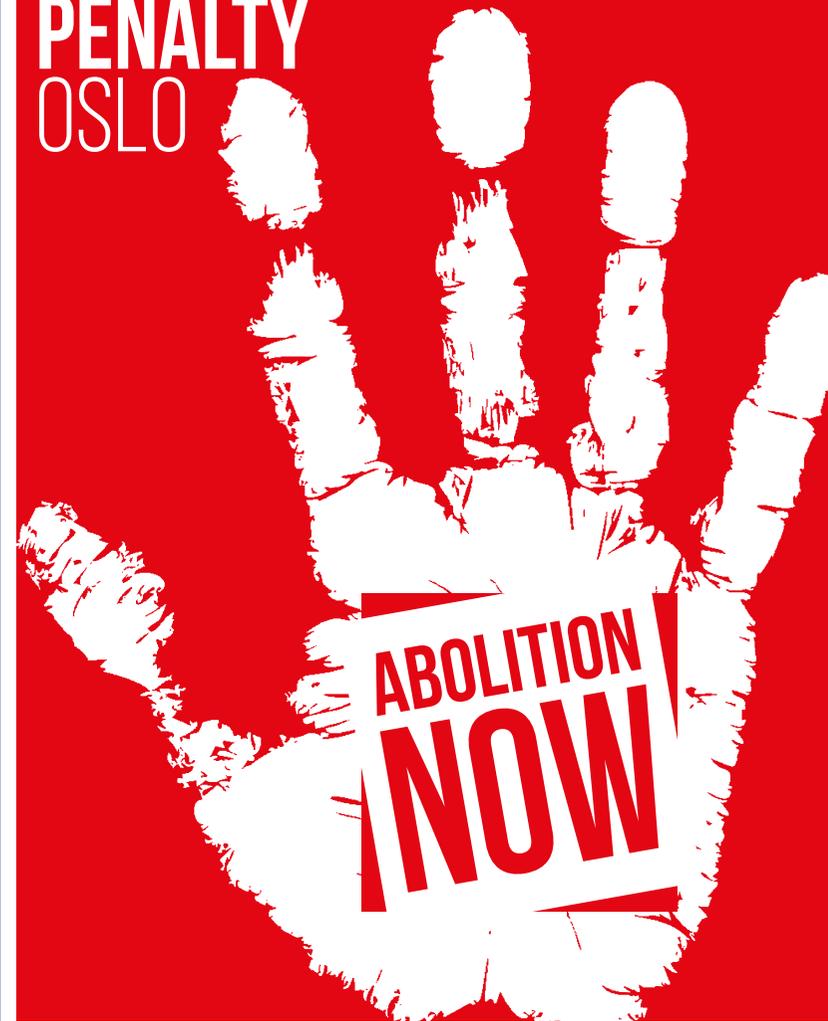


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FROM JUNE 21 TO 23, 2016 AT THE OSLO OPERA HOUSE



PRESENTATION

Since 2001, ECPM (Together Against the Death Penalty) has organised the World Congress Against the Death Penalty. This international event brings together thousands of members from civil society, political representatives, lawyers and experts from the five continents with the aim to create new strategies for the universal abolition. The 6th World Congress will take place in Oslo under the sponsorship of Norway, Australia and France.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the Congress is free of charge but compulsory. Please fill in the form on our website: congress.abolition.fr

MAIN EVENTS

- **June 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm: Prestigious Opening Ceremony**
at the Oslo Opera House, in the presence of several ministers
- **From June 21 to 23: 2 plenary sessions, 6 roundtables, 6 workshops, side events, speed dating and a rich cultural program, at the Opera House**
- **June 23, 2016 at 6:00pm : Solemn Closing Ceremony**
at the City Hall of Oslo, in the presence of number of prominent personalities

HONORARY PRESIDENT OF ECPM

- **Robert Badinter**, Former Minister of Justice who abolished the death penalty in France in 1981, former President of the Constitutional Council, senator

WILL BE ATTENDING

- **Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Thorbjørn Jagland**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- **Stavros Lambrinidis**, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights
- **The ministers of Foreign Affairs** of Norway, France, Switzerland and Sri Lanka
- **The ministers of Justice and/or of Human Rights** of DRC, of Cambodia, of Lebanon, of Palestine, of CAR, of Laos, of Côte d'Ivoire and of Malaysia
- Members of the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet, **laureate of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2015**
- **Shaili Shetty**, secretary general of Amnesty International, organisation **awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize, 1977**
- **Representatives of OIF, Australia...**

THE 6TH WORLD CONGRESS IS ALSO

- 1,500 participants from over 80 countries
- More than 20 ministers, 200 diplomats, MPs, academics, lawyers, and members of civil society.
- June 20, 8:30pm: Special previous screening of *The Penalty*, by Will Francome and Mark Pizzey
- June 22, 8:00pm : Event "Living with the death penalty". Debate with former death row inmates on their reintegration + concert by the singer **Keren Ann**.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

FORMAT

SESSIONS

1. **Plenary** **Progress and set-backs in Asia: lessons to be learnt**
How can recent positive developments in Asia be used to overcome common challenges in retentionist nations?
 2. **Plenary** **The importance of NHRIs to the abolitionist cause**
How to work with the national human rights institutions (NHRIs) and rally them to the abolitionist cause?
 3. **Roundtable** **The death penalty and the problem of terrorism**
How to address the arguments for retaining the death penalty in cases of terrorism?
 4. **Roundtable** **Migrants and minorities: strategies to overcome challenges in capital cases**
Challenges and difficulties in representing migrants and minorities facing the death penalty. A look beyond diplomatic strategies.
 5. **Roundtable** **Legal, social and medical perspectives on the problem of protecting individuals with mental disorders from the death penalty**
What are the human rights standards guaranteeing protection of individuals with mental disorders facing the death penalty?
 6. **Roundtable** **Facing the challenge of alternatives to the death penalty**
What measures, consistent with the protection of human rights, could the abolitionist movement propose to make alternatives more acceptable to States that retain the death penalty?
 7. **Roundtable** **The draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Abolition of the death penalty in Africa**
 8. **Roundtable** **USA: new allies joining the fight to end the death penalty**
Presenting new allies and how they are being integrated in the American abolitionist strategies.
 9. **Workshop** **Documenting the use of the death penalty**
 10. **Workshop** **Advocating for the abolition with Parliamentarians and the Executive**
 11. **Workshop** **How to efficiently communicate with the media?**
 12. **Workshop** **Mobilising youth to the abolitionist cause**
 13. **Workshop** **Developing legal strategies to move towards abolition of the death penalty**
 14. **Workshop** **Effective legal representation for persons facing the death penalty**
(open to lawyers only)
- Side events :** Iran, China, Belarus, Moratorium, Sharia, Drugs, Children of parents on death row or executed...