

About CEDI

1. Concept

CEDI is a new initiative aimed at bringing together actors involved in the global fight against enforced disappearances to find concerted solutions and support collective action.

Our vision

A world free from enforced disappearances.

Our mission

To contribute to the fight against enforced disappearances globally by raising awareness on the issue, fostering collective action, supporting networks and promoting the universal ratification and effective implementation of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, putting victims' voices at the core of joint efforts.

2. Governance

The multi-actor Advisory Board contributes to CEDI's strategy. At the administrative level, CEDI is a non-profit association registered in France.

Advisory Board

The composition of our Advisory Board reflects our multi-actor approach and comprises Core States, 5 civil society representatives and 5 leading experts.

- Core States
 - Argentina
 - France
 - Morocco
 - Samoa
- Civil society representatives
 - Federico Andreu-Guzmán (Colombia) International human rights lawyer specialised in enforced disappearances, especially mechanisms for the search of disappeared persons, formerly at Amnesty International, the International Commission of Jurists and the Colombian Commission of Jurists
 - Isatou (Ayeshah) Jammeh (The Gambia) The Gambia Centre for Victims of Human Rights Violations
 - Saad Hussein (Iraq) Chairman of Initiators Organization for Human Rights and Democracy (IOHRD)
 - Mandira Sharma (Nepal) Senior International Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists Asia and Pacific Office
 - Mary Aileen Diez Bacalso (The Philippines) President of the International Coalition Against Enforced Disappearances (ICAED), former Secretary General of the Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD)

- Leading experts
 - Grazyna Baranowska (Poland) Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow at the Hertie School in Berlin, Assistant Professor at the Polish Academy of Sciences and Member of the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
 - Delphine Djiraïbé (Chad) Human rights lawyer and co-founder of the Chadian Association for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights, founder of the Public Interest Law Center (PILC)
 - Olivier de Frouville (France) Professor of Public Law at the University of Paris
 2 (Panthéon-Assas), Director of the Paris Human Rights Center (C.R.D.H.) and
 member of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances
 - Luciano Hazan (Argentina) Human rights lawyer, former member of the UN WGEID and CED, Head of the Program against Institutional Violence at the Federal Public Defender's Office of Argentina
 - Wilder Tayler (Uruguay) Director of the National Institution for Human Rights and the Ombudsman's Office (Institución Nacional de Derechos Humanos y Defensoría del Pueblo)

Association

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CEDI is honoured to have Professor Emmanuel Decaux as its President, a former member of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances (2011-2019) and his first Chairperson (2012-2017).

The other Administrative Board Members are:

- Prof. Florence Bellivier, Vice-President
- Prof. Marina Eudes, Treasurer
- Prof. Julia Grignon, Secretary
- Ms. Anna Glazewski, Deputy Secretary