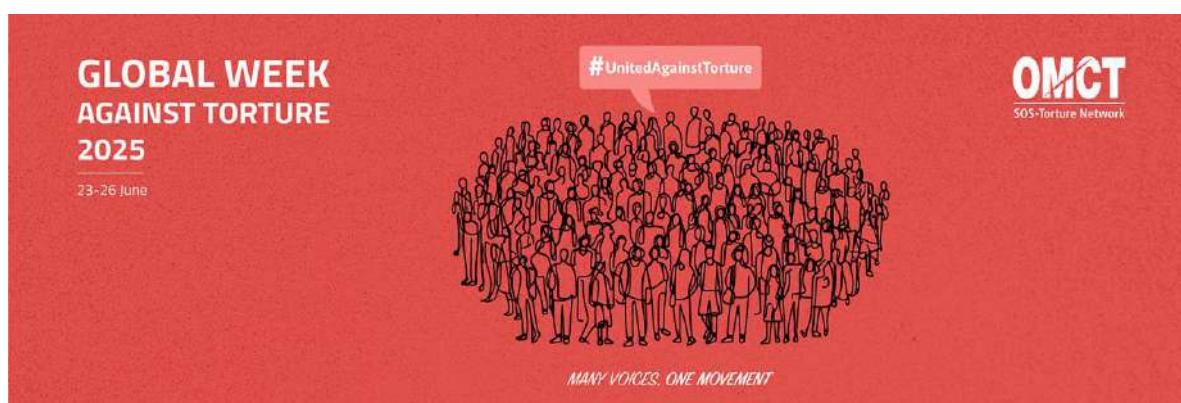


Event Information - Global Week Against Torture 2025



The **Global Week Against Torture 2025**, organized by the **World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)** and its **SOS-Torture Network**, responds to escalating threats to universal human rights and the absolute prohibition of torture. As authoritarianism rises, civic space shrinks, and funding declines, this initiative aims to mobilise, strengthen, and strategise a unified global anti-torture movement. The event will feature online panels, workshops, and regional meetings with diverse stakeholders, emphasising solidarity, knowledge-sharing, and resilience. Key goals include launching the **Global Torture Index**—a data-driven tool assessing torture risk in 26 countries—promoting survivor-centered approaches, and influencing legal and policy reform. The week will culminate in OMCT's General Assembly, where a new strategic plan will be adopted. With its 40th anniversary in 2025, OMCT reaffirms that torture is never justified and that eradicating it requires global unity, survivor justice, and collective action.

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Programme of Events

Date	Time	Event title
<i>Monday, 23 June 2025</i>		
Monday, 23 June 2025	11am - 12:30pm CEST	<u>The universality of human rights on trial: MENA perspectives in a collapsing global order</u>
Monday, 23 June 2025	2pm - 3:30pm CEST	<u>Wake Up, Fight Back: Opening the Global Week Against Torture</u>
Monday, 23 June 2025	4pm - 5pm CEST	<u>SOS-Defenders: a new platform to counter censorship by detention</u>
Monday, 23 June 2025	4:30pm – 5:30 pm CEST	<u>Challenging torture in India</u>
Monday, 23 June 2025	5pm - 6pm CEST	<u>Body searches in prison: specific risks for women, LGBTIQ+ persons and family members</u>
Monday, 23 June 2025	6pm - 7pm CEST	<u>Las que hablaron por todas: Mujeres sobrevivientes de tortura sexual</u>
Monday, 23 June 2025	6pm - 7pm CEST	<u>Prévenir et lutter contre la torture dans les lieux privatifs de liberté en Afrique</u>
Monday, 23 June 2025	7pm - 8:30pm CEST	<u>Diseñando campañas públicas que ganen corazones y mentes</u>
<i>Tuesday, 24 June 2025</i>		
Tuesday, 24 June 2025	9am – 10am CEST	<u>Confronting Torture and Enforced Disappearances in Libya</u>
Tuesday, 24 June 2025	10am – 11:30am CEST	<u>Designing public campaigns that win hearts and minds</u>
Tuesday, 24 June 2025	10am – 11:30am CEST	<u>Documentation of torture and gross human rights violations in crisis situation</u>
Tuesday, 24 June 2025	11:30am – 1pm CEST	<u>Migration and Torture</u>
Tuesday, 24 June 2025	12pm – 1pm CEST	<u>Resilience Strategies for a Sustainable Human Rights Movement: Presentation OMCT Report</u>
Tuesday, 24 June 2025	1pm – 2pm CEST	<u>Silenced and Exposed: Addressing the Realities of Torture Faced by Children</u>
Tuesday, 24 June 2025	2pm – 3pm CEST	<u>UATC webinar on policing, Launch of Policy Paper Addressing torture and other ill-treatment in the context of protests</u>
Tuesday, 24 June 2025	3pm – 4:30pm CEST	<u>Session on Iran</u>
Tuesday, 24 June 2025	3:30pm – 5pm CEST	<u>Fighting Torture in Forgotten Crises: Lessons from Burundi and DRC for Justice and Change</u>
Tuesday, 24 June 2025	5pm – 6pm CEST	<u>Multiple Crises: Must we do more with less? What ways forward to scale investment against torture?</u>
<i>Wednesday, 25 June 2025</i>		
Wednesday, 25 June 2025	9am – 11:30am CEST	<u>Breaking the Silence: Torture Against Human Rights Defenders</u>
Wednesday, 25 June 2025	11am – 12pm CEST	<u>Systemic Torture: Escalating Crimes Against Palestinians in Israeli Custody Amid Ongoing Genocide</u>
Wednesday, 25 June 2025	11am – 12:30pm CEST	<u>Every hour felt as long as a year - voices from detainees in Afghanistan</u>

Wednesday, 25 June 2025	12:30pm – 2pm CEST	<u>Impact of Rehabilitation Support for Torture Survivors in Kenya and Lebanon</u>
Wednesday, 25 June 2025	1pm – 2pm CEST	<u>Defending Existence: LGBTIQ+ HRDs Under Siege in Africa and MENA</u>
Wednesday, 25 June 2025	2pm – 4pm CEST	<u>OMCT GLOBAL TORTURE INDEX LAUNCH: The first global data tool tracking the risk of torture and ill-treatment</u>
Wednesday, 25 June 2025	4pm – 5pm CEST	<u>REDRESS – Breaking the Silence: Sexual Violence in Social Protests Across Latin America</u>
Wednesday, 25 June 2025	4pm – 5:30pm CEST	<u>Strengthening African Women’s Leadership in the Fight Against Torture and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence</u>
Wednesday, 25 June 2025	6pm – 7:30pm CEST	<u>Strengthen the National Network of relatives and torture survivors</u>
Thursday, 26 June 2025		
Thursday, 26 June 2025	9am – 10:30am CEST	<u>Behind Closed Doors: Regional Challenges in Monitoring and Investigating Torture and Supporting Survivors in South Asia and the Middle East</u>
Thursday, 26 June 2025	11am – 12:30pm CEST	<u>Networked for Change: Collective and Horizontal Approaches to Combating Torture in Africa</u>
Thursday, 26 June 2025	1pm – 2pm CEST	<u>Torture-Free Trade and the Fight Against Torture: Regional Action</u>
Thursday, 26 June 2025	2:30pm – 3:30pm CEST	<u>Closing Session: Carrying the Struggle Forward: Strategy, Solidarity, and the Next Four Years</u>