

Regional Network for Historical Dialogue and Dealing with the Past (RNHDP)**Thematic Workshop:
Mapping Enforced Disappearances and the Missing****(January 27–28, 2017)
Istanbul, Turkey****PROGRAM**

The second thematic workshop of the **Regional Network for Historical Dialogue and Dealing with the Past (RNHDP)** in Istanbul will focus on the issue of *enforced disappearances and the missing*, in relation to the work and activities of civil society organizations (CSOs) working in the **Caucasus** and **MENA regions**. The specific objectives of the workshop are to raise awareness about the current situation of the phenomena of enforced disappearances and the missing through international cooperation among CSOs and provide a thorough map illustrating country specific contexts and manifestations surrounding these phenomena. We believe that such a mapping will be a useful instrument in both highlighting the importance of the issue in its novel and unresolved forms, and in assessing realistic venues for collaboration across disparate country settings. The workshop program is structured in three components.

1. **Participant Presentations:** Here we want from each participant to present basic facts and figures, and the work that they do/will be doing in relation to the phenomenon of enforced disappearances and/or the missing in their country. Each presentation is expected to answer a common set of guiding questions and are strictly limited to 15 minutes. Presentations are to serve both the objective of creating space for knowledge and experience exchange, and provide a baseline for the work of regional mapping.
2. **Keynote Speakers:** An equally important objective of the workshop is to introduce key concepts and practices around enforced disappearances and the missing around the region and globe. To this end, we have invited speakers with international expertise on different aspects of working with disappearances.
3. **Mapping:** Finally, facilitated workshop sessions will be allocated to work practically on the preparation of a regional map, which is expected to depict the context, causes, policies and other relevant information around the phenomena of disappearances and the missing for the participant countries. During the facilitated workshop, we are expected to discuss and agree on;
 - a. The method, content and structure of the map,
 - b. It's potential advocacy uses, and
 - c. A plan of action for its drafting and finalization.

Program

Day 1 – January 27, 2017

10:00 – 10:30 Opening

Meltem Aslan, *Truth Justice Memory Center*, Co-Director

10:30 – 12:30 Participant Presentations | Session 1

Algeria, Lebanon, Egypt

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:30 Participant Presentations | Session 2

Syria, Turkey

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00 Rachid Mesli, Legal Director, Alkarama Foundation

UN human rights mechanisms with regards to cases of enforced disappearances

Day 2 - January 28, 2017

10:00 – 11:30 Participant Presentations | Session 3

Armenia, Russia, Georgia, Iran, Cyprus

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:30 Jeremy Sarkin, Professor of Law at the University of South Africa (UNISA) and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, Nova University Law School, Lisbon, Portugal

The need to deal with missing and disappeared persons more effectively: Using international and domestic law processes

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00 Workshop – Session 1: Mapping Enforced Disappearances and the Missing

Facilitated group discussion on the method, content, structure and potential advocacy avenues of the map.

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:30 Workshop – Session 2: Mapping Enforced Disappearances and the Missing

Facilitated group discussion on a plan of action for the drafting and finalization of the map.