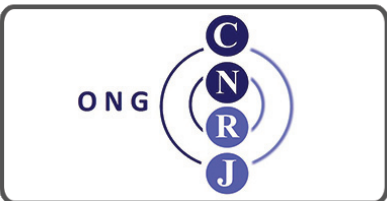
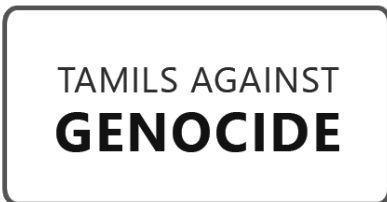


25th Session of the UN Human Rights Council

Sri Lanka: Torture, Sexual Violence in a Context of Ethnocracy and Failed Domestic Processes

Tuesday 18th March, 14:00 – 16:00

Room XXII Palais des Nations



In post-war Sri Lanka, torture, sexual violence and disappearances among non-majority ethnic communities signal the Government of Sri Lanka's aspirations to create a mono-ethnic state.

The NGOs participating in this side event have interviewed hundreds of victims, initiated criminal prosecutions and provided expert evidence to asylum courts. They will discuss their latest research on gender violence, torture and the government's secretive rehabilitation process, as well as the shameful treatment of forcibly returned asylum seekers.

This side event will demonstrate the extent to which Sri Lanka's domestic accountability processes have been exhausted. Using evidence of ongoing systemic persecution, it will highlight the urgency of an independent international investigation into alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity during and since the final stages of the Sri Lankan civil war.

A Moderated Panel led by
Kelebone D. Skelemani

Former Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministries of Health, Trade, Home Affairs in Botswana and Wife of Hon. P Skelemani, Foreign Minister of Botswana

Speakers

Angela Mattli, Society for Threatened Peoples, Bern

Jan Jananayagam, Tamils Against Genocide, London

Anna V Gall, European Centre for Constitutional Rights, Berlin

Human Rights Defenders/Witnesses from Sri Lanka