Please join us for the panel:

**Transparency and the Death Penalty - What’s to Hide?**

**World Day Against the Death Penalty**

**Tuesday, 10 October 2017 – 10:00 am to 12 noon**

**Conference Room 12, UN Headquarters, New York City**

We are pleased to cordially invite you to a panel discussion entitled *Transparency and the Death Penalty - What’s to Hide?*, with the participation by **Mr. António Guterres**, United Nations Secretary-General, and co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Australia, France, Italy and Mongolia.

Participants will hear from **H.E. Mr. Federico Mayor**, President, International Commission against the Death Penalty. Other participants will include **Mr. James G. Connell III**, lead defense counsel in the case of United States v. Ammar al-Baluchi (Guantanamo Military Commission), **Ms. Tchérina Jerolon**, Africa Desk Deputy Director, FIDH | Fédération internationale des ligues des droits de l'Homme, **Mr. Tawanda Mutasa**, Senior Director for Law and Policy, Amnesty International and **Ms. Cynthia Veliko**, Representative, OHCHR Regional Office for South-East Asia, Bangkok.

The event will feature a discussion on transparency deficits and the death penalty, focusing on transparency as a safeguard of fair trials; transparency in relation to families of death row prisoners; and, transparency on data, with some states classifying death penalty data as a state secret, while other states do not make available data on death sentences, executions, clemency, pardons or who is under sentence of death.

**RSVP is required. To RSVP, please contact Mr. Nenad Vasic** (vasic@un.org)