



Australian Permanent Mission
United Nations, Geneva

Youth and the Death Penalty 50th UN Human Rights Council session Hybrid Side Event

Wednesday, 29 June 2022,

**Arrival from 12.30, panel discussion will commence promptly at 13:00
Inter-Continental Hotel, Geneva, Switzerland**

Objectives:

The side event, titled **Youth and the Death Penalty**, co-organized by Australia and the International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP), is scheduled to be held in the side-lines of the 50th UN Human Rights Council.

International law prohibits the use of the death penalty for crimes committed by individuals under the age of 18 years, although several nations continue to execute juvenile offenders. In 2021, the [executions of four people](#) were reportedly carried out for crimes they were charged of committing when they were below 18 years of age. Moreover, as of the end of 2021, reports suggest that [at least 87 juvenile offenders](#) were under sentence of death. Often the actual age of the prisoner is in dispute because no clear proof of age exists, which may result in children being tried as adults or facing adult sentences.

The discussion will include case studies, testimonies, evidence-based analysis, and relevant data from countries that retain the death penalty for offenders below the age of 18 years. Panellists will raise awareness of the impact of the death penalty on young people and aim to reach common ground on how to best approach this issue in order to:

- Build international support for an end to the use of the death penalty on those persons below the age of 18 years, or below 18 at the time of their crime.
- Form the basis of an evidence-based report on youth and the death penalty.

Registration:

Participants may join online at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81566180242>


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