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## WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

9.00-9.30	Welcome coffee		
9.30-12.00	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY</b>		
	<p>CEDI            Mr. Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights            Panel discussion with victims            High-level segment (pledges): States, partners and institutions</p>		
12.00-13.30	Lunch break		
13.30-15.30	<b>Plenary – Amphi D</b>  <i>Sponsored by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)</i>  The fight against impunity: ensuring international accountability of perpetrators of enforced disappearance	<b>Roundtable – P. E</b>  Connecting victims and CSOs to United Nations mechanisms: how to foster effective engagement	<b>Roundtable – P. F</b>  <i>Sponsored by the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)</i>  Advocacy towards universal ratification: successful strategies
15.30-16.00	Coffee break		
16.00-18.00	<b>Plenary – Amphi D</b>  <i>Sponsored by the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT)</i>  Empowering victims of enforced disappearance: guaranteeing their rights and providing multifaceted support	<b>Roundtable – P. E</b>  <i>Sponsored by the Paris Bar</i>  Legal tools against impunity: understanding and exercising universal jurisdiction	<b>Roundtable – P. F</b>  <i>Sponsored by the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)</i>  The role of art in the struggle for justice



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## THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

9.00-10.30	<b>Plenary – Amphi D</b> Strengthening search processes: key lessons and pathways for effective search	<b>Roundtable – P. E</b> <i>Sponsored by the International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP)</i> The gender dimension of enforced disappearances	<b>Roundtable – P. F</b> <i>Sponsored by CCFD-Terre Solidaire</i> Enforced disappearance in the context of migration	<b>Workshop – S. 6</b> Setting up an international youth network – Kick off session
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>			
11.00-12.30	<b>Plenary – Amphi D</b> <i>Co-sponsored by the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) and the Global Initiative Against Impunity (GIAI)</i> Protecting victims, defenders and professionals, including lawyers and journalists	<b>Roundtable – P. E</b> The case for ratification and implementation of the Convention: why all States are concerned – A learning exchange	<b>Roundtable – P. F</b> Children as victims of enforced disappearances	<b>Workshop – S. 6</b> Work on regional roadmaps: identifying key priorities
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>			
14.00-16.00	<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b> Implementing the proposed Action Plan: ways forward for 2025-2026			
16.00-16.45	<i>Goodbye coffee</i>			