



FIACAT elects a new International Bureau for a 4-year mandate

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The International Federation of ACATs, FIACAT, elected (through electronic vote), on June 3, 2024, at its International Council, its new International Bureau for a 4-year term.

This election was conducted by vote of the ACATs affiliated to FIACAT, who thus demonstrated their faith in the commitment and expertise of the elected members.

The new International Bureau is composed of eight members, including a president:

- Christophe d'Aloisio (Belgium) president of FIACAT

To implement FIACAT's strategic orientations, he will be supported by:

- Mr ASSOHOU WANGA Wenceslas (Côte d'Ivoire)
- Ms FAIVRE Laïla (Canada)
- Ms GATERETSE Anitha (Burundi)
- Mr. KALEMBA Michel (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- Ms KAZATCHKINE Natacha (Belgium)
- Mr PETITGUYOT Thomas (France)
- Ms SIERCK Gabriela (Germany)

The diversity and richness of the ACAT network, spread over nearly thirty countries on three continents, is reflected in the election of these members. This new Bureau is composed of 3 African ACAT representatives, 4 European ACAT representatives, and one American ACAT representative. It is composed of 4 women and 4 men.

“FIACAT's strength resides in the ACATs themselves, who are the multiple centers of gravity of our common commitment against torture and ill-treatment. The members of the new International Bureau will have to consider their presence as a mission of service to the whole network and, through it, to every vulnerable human being. In this, we will be guided by the considerable work accomplished by our predecessors and will ensure that we follow in their footsteps.”

Christophe D'Aloisio, new president of FIACAT

FIACAT, with this new International Bureau, is about to draw up and adopt a new strategic plan for the period 2025-2028. This plan will guide the organization's action priorities and enable it to pursue with strength and determination the fight for the prohibition of torture and the eradication of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, as well as the abolition of the death penalty. Strengthening and supporting the ACAT network will be at the heart of this plan, with particular attention paid to the safety of members and the availability of the tools and training needed to ensure the success of their actions. The strategic plan will also consider the phenomenon of shrinking civic space, which hinders the work of human rights defenders and threatens the very basis of their actions.

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