



PERMANENT PEOPLES' TRIBUNAL

56th SESSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST MIGRANTS BY MAGHREB STATES, THE EUROPEAN UNION AND SEVERAL OF ITS MEMBER STATES

Palermo, Cantieri Culturali alla Zisa, October 23rd – 25th , 2025

Thursday, October 23 - Official Opening
From 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. / 8 p.m.

Schedule	Session	Agenda	Speaker
5 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Opening	Opening Remarks	Organizations submitting the Indictment: Maghreb Social Forum – Kamal Lahbib
5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Opening	Opening Remarks Introduction of the judges	Secretary General of the TPP - Gianni Tognoni
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Opening	Presentation of the context	Fulvio Vassallo Paleologo – Lawyer, founding member of the Legal Clinic for Human Rights (CLEDU) at the University of Palermo and Vice-President of ADIF (Associazione Diritti e Frontiere) (Intervention in Italian) “Systemic crimes against migrants: “which jurisdiction?” Duccio Facchini – Journalist, writer and editor of the monthly Altreconomia. (Intervention in Italian) "Invisibilization of bodies. When borders become a state secret "
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Opening	Presentation of the Indictment	Mr Brahim Belghith (Intervention in French) – Lawyer (Tunisian and French Bar), editor-in-chief of the Libyan legal journal Mawazin. Human rights advisor for the Libyan Association "Justice for All" (Adala for All –AFA) and for the Committee for the Respect of Freedoms and Human Rights in Tunisia (CRLDHT)



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Friday, October 24th – Session I & II

From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Schedule	Session	Agenda	Speaker
9 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Session I	Arbitrary detention, torture and inhuman treatment Focus: non-assistance and preventable shipwrecks	TPP: opening Experts: - Tarek Lamloum -Human rights researcher and activist-Co-founder of the Africa-Europe Forum for the fight against human trafficking in Libya. 15 minutes (Intervention in Arabic) - Chiara Denaro- Sociologist and social worker, lecturer in the Social Services programme of the Culture and Society Department at Palermo University. Member of ASGI and the transnational network WatchTheMed Alarm Phone. 15 minutes (Intervention in Italian)
		Arbitrary detentions, torture and inhuman treatment Focus: failure to provide assistance and avoidable shipwrecks	Testimonies T1. (language: French, video recording - 10 mins) T2. (language: English, in person, 20 mins) T3. Lucile Guenier (language: French, in person, 20 mins + video broadcast of the attack on Ocean Viking Prosecuting Attorney Anna Brambilla – Lawyer specialized in immigration and asylum law. She is a member of the Association for Legal Studies on Immigration (ASGI). (Intervention in Italian)
10:45 a.m – 11:00 a.m	Session I	Arbitrary detention, torture and inhuman treatment Focus: failure to provide assistance and avoidable shipwrecks ➤ Questions from the jury	
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Coffee break		



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11:30 a.m –12:00 a.m	Session II	Systemic discrimination and racist criminalization Focus: criminalization of solidarity	Experts: - Zouheir Ben Jannet – Sociologist, Professor of higher education and member of the ECUMUS research laboratory at the University of Sfax (Tunisia). 30 mins (Intervention in French)
12:00 – 12:45	Session II	Systemic discrimination and racist criminalization Focus: criminalization of solidarity ➤ Testimonies (part 1)	Witnesses (part 1) T0. Broadcast of videos in French (Sfax, 2023, 15 mins) T1. G (Arabic, online, 10 mins) T2. CB (Arabic recording , 10 mins)
12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Session II	Systemic discrimination and racist criminalization Focus: criminalization of solidarity ➤ Questions from the jury to the witnesses	Judges and Witnesses (Part 1)
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Lunch		



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3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Session II	Systemic discrimination and racist criminalization Focus: criminalization of solidarity ➤ Testimonies (part 2)	Witnesses (part 2) T3. L (10 mins in French, online) T4. F (10 mins in French, in person) T5. E (French, video recording - 8 mins) Prosecuting Attorney Mr Zakaria Benlahrech –Lawyer, director of the Foundation for the Promotion of Rights (FPRA), and author of analyses and studies on migration policies and the protection of displaced persons. (Intervention in French)
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Session II	Systemic discrimination and racist criminalization Focus: criminalization of solidarity ➤ Questions from the jury to the witnesses	Judges and Witnesses (Part 2)
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Session II	Announcement of the next day's sessions	

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Saturday, October 25th – Session II (continuity) and III

From 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Schedule	Session	Agenda	Speaker
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Session III	Externalization of borders and illegal delegation of sovereign functions Focus: principle of non-refoulement + Criminalization of solidarity at sea	Experts Nour Khalil -Egyptian human rights defender, journalist, co-founder and executive director of the Refugees Platform in Egypt (RPE) 15 mins (Intervention in English) Alessandra Sciurba - Coordinator of the Migration and Rights Legal Clinic at the University of Palermo and Associate Professor of Philosophy of Law at the University of Palermo. 15 mins (Intervention in Italian) Mohamed Charef – Ph.D. in Planning Geography from the University of Poitiers and Ph.D. in Sciences from the Université Libre de Bruxelles. Professor of Geography at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Ibn Zohr University of Agadir, and Director of the Regional Observatory on Migrations, Spaces and Societies (ORMES). 15 mins online, (intervention in French)
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Session III	Externalization of borders and illegal delegation of sovereign functions Focus: principle of non-refoulement + Criminalization of solidarity at sea ➤ Testimonials	Witnesses: T0. Videos 7 mins (Melilla tragedy) T1. S (10 mins, French, in-person) T2. R (10 mins, French, in-person) T3. E (10 mins, French, in-person) Prosecuting Attorney Mr Zakaria Benlahrech –Lawyer, director of the Foundation for the Promotion of Rights (FPRA), and author of analyses and studies on migration policies and the protection of displaced persons. (Intervention in French) Anna Brambilla – Lawyer specialized in immigration and asylum law. She is a member of the Association for Legal Studies on Immigration (ASGI). (Intervention in Italian)
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Saturday, October 25th

7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Preliminary Statement of the Jury and Official Closing

Schedule	Session	Agenda	Speaker
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Closing session	Preliminary statement by the jury members	Judges