

# Bar Associations and the Fight Against Death Penalty

In both abolitionist and retentionist countries, many bar associations and professional associations of lawyers have become active players in the abolitionist world – participating in advocacy and awareness campaigns against the death penalty; contributing to ensure access to justice for those sentenced to death and those likely to be; ensuring the training of lawyers who work on death penalty cases; and actively protecting their members who are threatened in the exercise of their profession. The missions that these associations can – and want to - assume are as varied as the challenges they face. What role do their efforts and actions play in the abolitionist fight in 2019? What specific and unique challenges do they face? What perspectives can they offer?

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**SIDE-EVENT**



**7<sup>th</sup> World Congress  
Against Death Penalty**

**INVITED SPEAKERS:  
Representatives of Bar  
Associations of Puerto  
Rico, Japan, Malaysia,  
Belgium, France and  
Morocco, among others.**

**Simultaneous interpretation will  
be provided (English and French)**

**February 26, 2019  
Room Arenberg**

**2pm-4pm**