



**Status of ratifications, signatures
and NPM designations
in Africa
Optional Protocol to the
UN Convention against Torture
as of April 2010**

6 STATES PARTIES AND 4 NPMs DESIGNATED

Country	Date of ratification	NPM designated	Useful information
Benin	20 September 2006		
Liberia	22 September 2004		
Mali	12 May 2005	National Human Rights Commission	Designated in 2006.
Mauritius	21 June 2005	National Human Rights Commission	Designated in October 2007 (SPT visit)
Nigeria	27 July 2009	National Committee on Torture (new)	Established in September 2009.
Senegal	18 October 2006	National Observer of the Places of Deprivation of Liberty	New body designated in February 2009. Pending establishment

10 STATES SIGNATORIES

Country	Date of signature
Burkina Faso	21 September 2005
Cameroon	15 December 2009
Congo (Republic of)	29 September 2008
Gabon	15 December 2004
Ghana	06 November 2006
Guinea	16 September 2005
Madagascar	24 September 2003
Sierra Leone	26 September 2003
South Africa	20 September 2006
Togo	15 September 2005