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# Annual Report

**International  
Detention Coalition**  
Human rights for detained refugees,  
asylum seekers and migrants

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# Overview

The International Detention Coalition (IDC) is a civil society network with a membership base of over 300 non-governmental organisations and individuals working in over 70 countries around the world. Coalition members research, advocate and provide a range of direct services to and on behalf of refugees, asylum-seekers and irregular migrants.

The IDC began in 2003 as an informal network following discussions between civil society groups at the annual UNHCR NGO Consultations in Geneva and became an incorporated non-governmental organization in 2009.

The IDC Secretariat is based in Melbourne, Australia, but also has a regional presence in Mexico, Malaysia and Germany. Members and the Committee meet annually in Geneva for the IDC Annual Planning Meeting to identify priorities and assist in planning for the coming year. IDC operations are overseen by a five-member Governance and Finance Committee

## Mission

The International Detention Coalition aims to promote greater protection of and respect for the human rights of those held in detention. The Coalition also seeks to raise awareness of detention policies and practices and promote the use of international and regional human rights standards and principles as they relate to the detention of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

The Coalition reaches these objectives through:

- Networking
- Advocacy
- Awareness raising
- Researching and reporting

## Strategic Objectives

- Ending and limiting detention, particularly for children
- Developing and promoting alternatives to immigration detention
- Improving rights, conditions and monitoring of detention facilities

## From the President, Anna Gallagher and Director, Grant Mitchell



Anna Gallagher



Grant Mitchell

2013 saw the International Detention Coalition (IDC) celebrate its 10th anniversary as a global network and movement for change.

What started initially as an idea in 2003 for a workshop in Geneva to address the growing and damaging use of immigration detention around the world in the wake of September 11, soon led to the formation of an international coalition.

This Coalition continues to this day, with the IDC remaining the only international organization focusing solely on immigration detention.

A lot has happened over the past decade.

The Coalition has grown to span more than 70 countries of the globe with a diverse and skilled member base. We have changed dramatically from our humble, volunteer beginnings to a dedicated, professional and dynamic team of Staff, Board and Advisory Committee. Our Secretariat is based in Melbourne, Australia with regional staff supporting and covering Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific, Europe and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

While the last decade has seen an increase in the use of immigration detention in many countries, through the Coalition's work we have also seen a strong counter trend, with alternatives to immigration detention (ATD) increasingly being discussed, explored and implemented across all regions.

The IDC has been praised widely as one of the central drivers of the ATD dialogue, and we have seen the important impacts that ATD are increasingly having on the international UN agenda, the various regional and multi-lateral dialogues, as well as implementation at the national level and on the lives of people languishing in detention around the world.

A successful focus of the IDC's work has been to identify mechanisms used internationally for supporting and managing refugees, asylum seekers and irregular migrants in the community while their migration status is resolved, without resorting to immigration detention. Central to this has been building the evidence base and technical knowledge on available ATD and to create a space for states, civil society and stakeholders to explore practical solutions and collaboration.

**Our message has been simple - there are alternatives that are more efficient, more cost-effective, and more humane than detention.**

2013 saw the IDC increasingly called upon by governments, UN and civil society partners from across Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe and MENA to share our growing expertise.

Our work on ending the immigration detention of children, in particular, has grown significantly over the past decade. Following our work with the Committee on the Rights of the Child at the 2012 Day of General Discussion, we achieved the strongest recommendation to states yet, in which the CRC Committee called on states to immediately and completely end the immigration detention of children, calling the continuing immigration detention of children and their families a child rights violation.

Our work directly with governments on exploring and implementing ATD has also increased significantly over the years. And for the first time, at the UN General Assembly in October 2013, we saw United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon call upon states to "seek alternatives to the administrative detention of migrants" as a matter of priority.

These developments leave us excited and hopeful for the years ahead; we hope to see more and more states commit to ending the detention of children and to implementing non-custodial, community-based alternatives to immigration detention.

We look forward to continuing this ground-breaking work with our members and partners from across the globe.

**Anna Gallagher**  
President

**Grant Mitchell**  
Director

# Key achievements

## Overall



IDC Director, Grant Mitchell, and IDC Advisory Committee member, Michelle Brane, representing the IDC at an expert meeting on child immigration detention held at the 2nd UN High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (New York, October 2013)

- IDC membership expanded to over 300 members across 70 countries
- The IDC team grew to 10 staff across 4 countries, including a technical team based at the IDC Secretariat office in Melbourne, Australia
- Ending and limiting immigration detention, and implementing alternatives to detention have become priorities across at the national, regional and international levels, with recognition from key UN human rights treaty bodies, UN agencies, and regional human rights systems, including the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon
- The Global Campaign to End Child Immigration Detention mobilised around clear strong language from the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Recommendation, that children and their parents should not be detained on the basis of their, or their parents, immigration status
- The IDC completed field research in 20 countries around the globe highlighting the use and effectiveness of ATD in transit and complex mixed migration contexts.
- The Americas Regional office also launched "Dignity Without Exception: Alternatives to Detention in Mexico", focusing on the need and opportunities for ATD development for unaccompanied minor children in Mexico.

## Networking



The IDC's annual member meeting was held in Geneva in July 2013, with over 70 in attendance from all regions of the world.

- Stronger regional networks developed in our 5 regions:
  - Africa, Americas, Asia Pacific, Middle East and North Africa and Europe.
- Over 70 members from all five regions that IDC works in attended our annual meeting in Geneva in June 2013
- Over 60 members attended the joint UNHCR, APRRN & IDC Asia Pacific regional consultations on immigration detention in Thailand
- Over 50 members from the Americas region attended the IDC regional workshop on alternatives to detention in Guatemala
- The IDC held capacity building and strategy workshops in Israel, Jordan, Malta, Netherlands, France, Belgium, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Botswana
- Over 40 members from the Middle East North Africa at a regional workshop in Jordan introducing the coalition and alternatives to detention
- Over 40 members from the Africa region at the IDC workshop focusing on screening and assessment in South Africa

## Advocacy

### National

- The IDC met with state representatives from more than 30 countries across all five regions to provide technical advice and to engage governments on the practical implementation of alternatives to immigration detention

### Regional

- IDC staff and members provided expert advice on issues of immigration detention and ATD at the European Parliament, European Commission, Council of Europe, and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights



IDC Director, Grant Mitchell, presents the IDC's findings on ATD at a thematic session on immigration detention entitled "Seeking Alternatives" during the June 2013 UNHCR annual NGO Consultations held in Geneva.

### International

- Following extensive IDC staff and member advocacy work, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child submitted a report on "The rights of all children in the context of international migration" in February 2013, in which states were called upon to "expeditiously and completely" cease the immigration detention of children and their parents, and to adopt alternatives to detention that fulfill the best interests of the child, including the right to remain with one's family and to be based in the community while awaiting a migration outcome
- Immigration detention and ATD, especially for children, were frequent themes of discussion at the 2nd UN High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in October at the UN General Assembly in New York. At the High-Level Dialogue, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon urged states to "create more channels for safe and orderly migration, and to seek alternatives to the administrative detention of migrants."
- The IDC Secretariat made critical submissions highlighting the issue of immigration detention and the need for ATD to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the UN Human Rights Committee, and the post-Stockholm agenda of the European Commission's, Directorate-General (DG) of Home Affairs



## Awareness raising



Espirale TV interviews Niclas Axelsson of the Swedish Migration Board during an IDC expert roundtable on children and alternatives to detention held in Mexico in November 2013.

- International launch of the Invisible Picture Show, an animated transmedia documentary featuring the voices of detained children, a key tool of the Global Campaign to End Child Immigration Detention
- Development of the Global Campaign Toolkit to build capacity of campaign organisers
- Active social media campaigning, with over 3000 Facebook and Twitter followers
- Assisting national campaign activities, including a focus month in the Asia Pacific Region and continuing work in South Africa, Australia, Greece and Mexico
- Redeveloping the IDC website, with a launch planned in early 2014
- Growing the monthly e-newsletter the International Detention Monitor with improved statistics around reader engagement and subscriptions, now with over 2000 subscribers
- International media coverage of IDC events and Global Campaign activities

## Researching and reporting



Writing a report on the public event as part of the Global Campaign to End Child Detention held in May 2013 in Israel.

Global research undertaken in 20 countries to update “There Are Alternatives” looking at alternatives to immigration detention in transit and mixed migration contexts (to be released 2014)

- Launch of the IDC report “Dignity Without Exception: Alternatives to Detention in Mexico”
- Publication of reports from IDC workshops held in Africa, Asia Pacific, the Americas, Europe, and MENA region
- Articles published in the Forced Migration Review and the Journal on Migration and Human Security
- Published fact sheet on Children in Immigration Detention

# Statement of activities

## Networking

2013 witnessed a commitment to consolidating and strengthening the existing member base, while continuing to engage new coalition members. More than 260 participants from 70 countries were involved in regional IDC workshops, numerous national member strategy meetings and capacity building activities.

### This included:

- Over 70 members from all five regions that IDC works in attended our annual meeting in Geneva in June 2013
- Over 60 attended the joint UNHCR, APRRN & IDC Asia-Pacific consultations on immigration detention for South and South East Asia, held in Bangkok in November 2013
- Over 50 members from the Americas region attended the IDC workshop on alternatives to detention in Guatemala
- Capacity building and strategy workshops in Israel, Jordan, Malta, Netherlands, France, Belgium, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Botswana
- Over 40 members from the Middle East North Africa at a regional workshop introducing the coalition
- Over 40 members from the Africa region at the IDC workshop focusing on screening and assessment
- Targeted national meeting to raise awareness of the South African campaign and advocacy action plan



Asia Regional NGO Consultations, held with APRRN & UNHCR in November 2013

**“I found it extremely exciting to hear how other countries deal with their issues. I could learn a lot about how to deal with our own issues”**

*(Africa workshop participant 2013)*

The end of 2013 marked the coalition’s first member audit, leading to consolidation and further engagement of membership while undertaking a capacity needs assessment.

## Advocacy

As the use of immigration detention and need for alternatives to detention continue to gain attention at the national, regional and international levels, the IDC's advocacy is more important than ever. The IDC achieved significant success in 2013 impacting legislation, policies and practices to prevent, mitigate and respond to the harms associated with immigration detention and to promote ATD. In the past year alone, our Staff, Advisory Committee, and members have been called upon to provide expert advice to more than 30 governments in all five regions (Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East and North Africa), UN human rights bodies and expert groups, regional and sub-regional human rights bodies, multi-lateral political organisations, and a broad group of civil society and NGO partners around the globe.

The IDC was highly active and visible at a range of UN fora which saw the continued "mainstreaming" of alternatives to detention in high-level UN dialogues, coupled with regional and national advocacy to increase awareness and understanding of ATD.

In particular we saw the strongest-ever UN recommendation to states regarding the detention of children and families this February 2013, when the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC Committee) recommended that:

**"Children should not be criminalized or subject to punitive measures because of their or their parents' migration status. The detention of a child because of their or their parents' migration status constitutes a child rights violation and always contravenes the principle of the best interests of the child. In this light, States should expeditiously and completely cease the detention of children on the basis of their immigration status."**

Committee on the Rights of the Child, Report Of The 2012 Day Of General Discussion

This recommendation followed the IDC's advocacy work with the CRC Committee in its annual Day of General Discussion in September 2012 in which the IDC brought formerly detained children to Geneva to for the first time address the UN and present the impact of immigration detention on their lives.

Following the CRC Committee's recommendation we saw a growing discussion at all levels on the detention of children and the need for ATD, including a statement from the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, in his address to the 2nd UN General Assembly High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (HLD) in October 2013.

The IDC continues to work closely with our UN partners, including the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to highlight the issue of immigration detention and the need to explore and implement ATD as a matter of priority.

We have also been involved in a number of significant national level developments, including direct advocacy engagement of more than 30 governments across all regions to explore the development and implementation of ATD through multi-stakeholder roundtables, direct technical advice and expert meetings.



The IDC was among a select group of NGOs invited to contribute to the 2nd UN High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in October 2013 at the UN General Assembly in New York.

### **This included targeted national advocacy, roundtable discussions, and meetings including the governments of:**

- Africa – Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania,
- Americas – Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guyana, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands, USA,
- Asia Pacific – China, New Zealand, Malaysia, Taiwan, Australia
- Europe – UK, Sweden, Malta, Belgium, The Netherlands, Finland, France
- Middle East & North Africa – Israel



## Significant achievements in the area of ATD in 2013 included:

- The governments of the USA, Sweden and Belgium continued their international leadership in promoting alternatives to immigration detention in international meetings together with the IDC
- With advocacy and technical support from the IDC and members, the United States government implemented a national Risk Classification Assessment (RCA) tool and a community release alternative to detention model program
- Across the EU the IDC continued to monitor and provide technical support around the transposition of the Returns Directive, the Reception Conditions Directive and the Dublin Regulation into national legislation, including how to best develop and implement ATD in accordance with the EU framework and international human rights laws. This was noted in Estonia, Hungary and Poland and also Turkey, where national legislation incorporating ATD occurred in 2013
- The IDC has provided technical support around the development of new ATD pilot programs in France and United Kingdom, as well as the expansion of existing national ATD programs in Belgium and the Netherlands
- The IDC provided technical assistance on new laws implemented in China and Taiwan, which places time limits on the length of detention and allows for the use of alternatives to immigration detention. The Chinese law in particular exempts children from detention
- The IDC convened a roundtable and helped develop a working group on child immigration detention together with the government of Malaysia and local NGO partners



IDC expert roundtable on children and alternatives to detention held in Mexico in November 2013

- In Tanzania, the IDC has supported discussions between local members, UNHCR and the Tanzania Immigration Services to more effectively screen vulnerable irregular migrants out of places of immigration detention
- Building on an IDC research report, "Dignity Without Exception: alternatives to detention in Mexico" we co-hosted a public event on children and adolescents together with the Mexican government in November 2013
- In Israel, we supported IDC members to develop a national action plan to address children in detention, incorporating a community-based model for unaccompanied minors currently in detention

**"Once again, the IDC demonstrated its worldwide commitment to ensuring safe, humane conditions of confinement and the greatest possible use of alternatives to detention, for persons seeking a better life through migration. I was honored to be part of the recent panel in Mexico City where the IDC put its laser focus on the most vulnerable of all migrant populations - Unaccompanied Juveniles. Through the IDC, we can and must harness our individual and collective power to protect these children from abuse and exploitation. I cannot thank the IDC enough for inviting me to participate in this critical work."**

Gary Mead, Executive Associate Director (ret.), Enforcement and Removal Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

## Awareness raising



School students take a voluntary lunchtime detention to raise awareness of children in immigration detention, as part of the national Australian coalition to end the immigration detention of children.

### **Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children**

Launched in March 2012 by the IDC, the Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children is now endorsed by over 95 organisations, ranging from grassroots organisations to international campaigning organisations.

The global campaign provides a range of campaign tools and technical guidance to work with national campaigns who are looking to gather public support and understanding around the issue of child detention. These tools are freely available and housed at <http://www.endchilddetention.org>

### **In 2013, the campaign undertook the following activities:**

- Launching the Invisible Picture Show
- Development of the Campaign Toolkit, a resource to guide national campaign through tools, strategies and to assist in implementing a campaign focus month
- Assisting national campaign activities, including a focus month in the Asia Pacific Region and continuing work in South Africa, Australia, Greece and Mexico

- Quarterly newsletters were sent to campaign supporters and endorsers, who number over 1,500 in total
- Active social media campaigning, with over 1600 Facebook and Twitter followers.
- The global petition now has over 3000 signatories
- The Speak Up Behind Bars campaign collected over 200 additional videos
- Supporting national campaign activities

The global campaign plans to continue support for national initiatives, with a focus month planned within all of IDC's regions in 2014, including Africa, the Americas, the Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East and North Africa.

## The Invisible Picture Show, created by Tim Hawkins, Faction Films

Images from the Invisible Picture show, screenings in South Africa.



Featuring the voices of detained children, the Invisible Picture Show is an interactive documentary about the impact of immigration detention on children.

Available online at [www.invisiblepictureshow.com](http://www.invisiblepictureshow.com), animations have been coupled with recordings of children's stories to give the viewer an understanding of what immigration detention is like from a child's perspective. The narrative of the online experience also provides an experience of the detention setting.

The children's stories included in the documentary were recorded in immigration detention centres in South Africa, Australia, Greece and the United States of America.

Created as a part of the Global Campaign to End Child Detention, the documentary urges people to sign a petition to end immigration detention of children when they finish watching parts of the documentary.

"I always wanted this tension between presence and absence, which is what the title 'Invisible Picture Show' is about, and comes from the feeling that I had speaking to

the children over the phone from their distant cells...The projections and voices create a presence that also accentuates the invisibility and absence of the subject. It is a haunting experience and a really immersive atmosphere" Tim Hawkins, Director of the Invisible Picture Show, speaking with i-docs.

The Invisible Picture Show launched on World Refugee Day 2013, with national launches in Mexico, South Africa, Greece, Malaysia, Australia and Finland. It received a nomination for the innovation award at the Sheffield Documentary Festival 2013, and most recently it screened in the United Nations event 'Migration and Human Rights: towards the 2013 High Level Dialogue' to an audience of over 50 governments.

## IDC Communications

The IDC continued their work raising awareness about issues that pertain to a broader agenda of human rights for asylum seekers, refugees and irregular migrants. Significant developments in 2013 included:

- Developing a strategy around IDCs use of social media, including launching an IDC branded Facebook page (over 500 supporters) and regional Twitter accounts (over 3000 followers)
- Overseeing the IDC publications, including contributions to the Forced Migration Review and the Journal on Migration and Human Security
- Developing the Spanish language communications materials, including the IDC website and the Global Campaign Website
- Developing an internal communications policy & processes
- Redeveloping the IDC website, with a launch planned in early 2014
- Growing the monthly e-newsletter the International Detention Monitor with improved statistics around reader engagement and over 2000 subscriptions to 10 issues published in 2013
- 3 Action Alerts sent to members & subscribers to the monthly newsletter about events and opportunities presented by the IDC
- Widespread media coverage including The Guardian, IRIN News, Espiral TV, The Maltese Times, La Journada and technical advice on a cinema release, Mary Meets Mohammad

## Media coverage

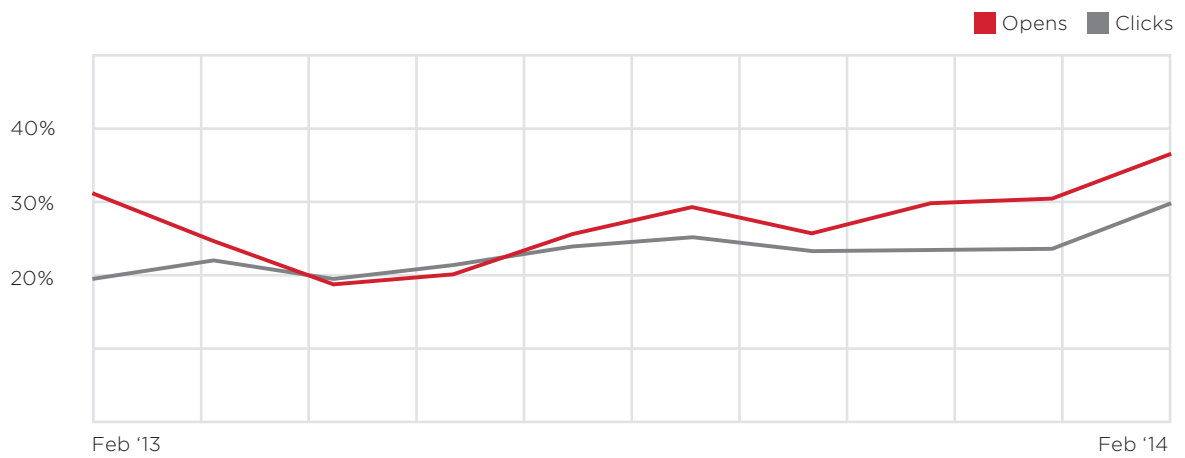


## International Detention Monitor

### Monthly newsletter statistics for 2013

The monthly e-newsletter the International Detention Monitor has experienced an uptick in subscriber growth and engagement, above industry average in click throughs and open rates, with a diverse readership from around the world.

The IDC remains committed to transparency and accountability through their communications tools.



### Active subscriber locations





## Researching and reporting



The launch of IDC report: Dignity Without Exception – Alternatives to Immigration Detention in Mexico

Evidence based information is the cornerstone to the work of the IDC, with reports, research and publications informing the advocacy work that the coalition undertakes. 2013 witnessed the development of new international research, and several key publications which contribute to the mass of knowledge around alternatives to immigration detention.

### Dignity Without Exception– alternatives to immigration detention in Mexico (Dignidad sin Excepción: Alternativas a la detención Migratoria en México)

IDC published the first study on ATD in Latin America (Dignidad sin Excepción: Alternativas a la Detención Migratoria en México), which has led to increased awareness about the opportunities and challenges for designing and implementing ATD under the current legislative and policy framework. It also highlighted existing good practices which include collaboration between government and civil society and existing community case management models. The report launch provided not only a valuable resource, but also brought over 100 members of civil society, non-government organisations and government representatives together.

### Alternatives in transit and mixed migration contexts

Research was undertaken in 20 countries towards producing an updated version of ‘There Are Alternatives’, which was published by the IDC in 2011. The new version complements the findings of the original publication, but with a focus on countries that receive a high amount of asylum seekers, refugees and irregular migrants in transit contexts to be launched in the coming year.

### Forced Migration Review edition on Immigration Detention

The IDC authored an article in the Forced Migration Review edition on Immigration Detention entitled ‘Captured Childhood’. States should develop alternatives to immigration detention to ensure that children are free to live in a community-based setting throughout the resolution of their immigration status.

→ English language:

<http://www.fmreview.org/detention/corlett>

→ Spanish language:

<http://www.fmreview.org/es/detencion/corlett>

→ Arabic language:

<http://www.fmreview.org/ar/detention/corlett>

### Journal on Migration and Human Security

IDC Director, Grant Mitchell and Robyn Sampson co authored an article for the Journal on Migration and Human Security. Entitled “Global Trends in Immigration Detention and Alternatives to Detention: Practical, Political and Symbolic Rationales” it examines what appears to be a contradiction: the use of immigration detention is increasing worldwide, yet there is growing consensus by governments on the need to pursue alternative programs. <http://jmhs.cmsny.org/index.php/jmhs/article/view/14>

# Regional priorities & activities

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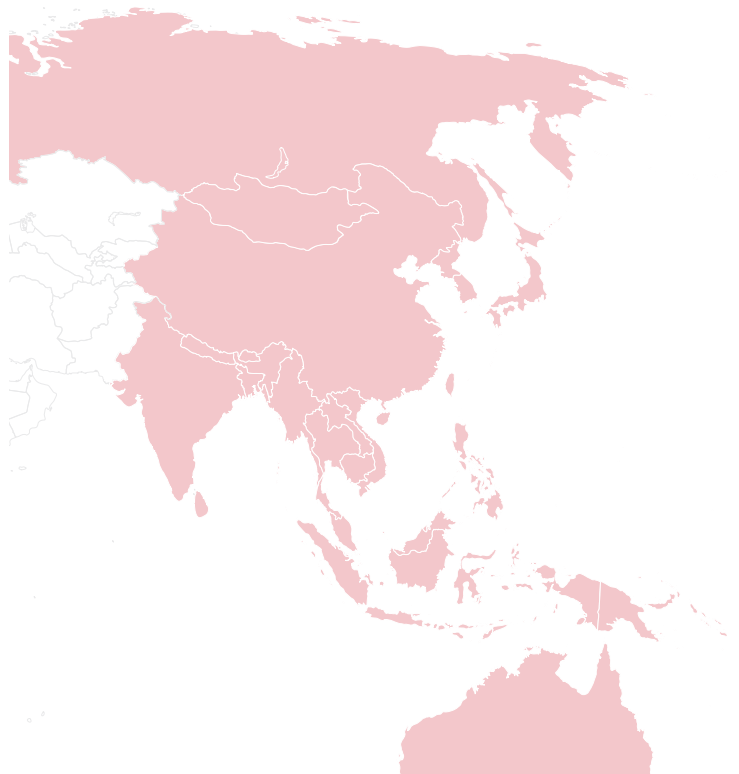
The IDC works across five regions: Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific, Europe and the Middle East and North Africa.



## Asia-Pacific



Participant at the Asia Regional consultations held in Bangkok November 2013



In 2013, IDC continued to work closely with national members, the immigration detention working group of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) and UNHCR to implement national and regional immigration detention action plans, including promoting the development of alternatives to detention in the region.

Government engagement in 2013 was highly positive: in May 2013, the IDC was invited to present to the government of China on the CAP model and ATD following the introduction of their new law introducing alternatives to immigration detention and a provision to not detain children. A follow-up visit was also conducted to Taiwan in August 2013, where the IDC presented to the Taiwanese National Immigration Agency on the latest global trends in the implementation of ATD. In Malaysia, a roundtable with the government, including the Ministry of Home Affairs centered on the development of ATD for children.

Capacity building and technical assistance to members were also identified as priority areas for 2013, which led to the development of the capacity building workshop on alternatives to detention, held in Jakarta in August.

In 2014, the IDC will continue to work with national members and regional groups including APRRN and UNHCR to assist in the implementation of regional immigration detention action plans formulated during the IDC, APRRN and UNHCR regional immigration detention workshop held in Bangkok in November 2013. The IDC will also focus its efforts on further capacity building training, with specific emphasis on monitoring places of detention and development of ATD for children and other particularly vulnerable groups.

“After we translated the IDC’s handbook ‘There Are Alternatives’ into Chinese, visiting Taipei immigration detention center and NIA several times with IDC and holding the forum on ATD in Taipei last August, the idea and concept of ATD is more and more clear and accepted by the civil society in Taiwan and it also influenced the government’s attitude. Although the article of immigration detention hasn’t been revised yet in the Parliament, the draft government version has already included some ideas from the handbook.”

E-Ling Chiu, Executive Secretary, Taiwan Association for Human Rights

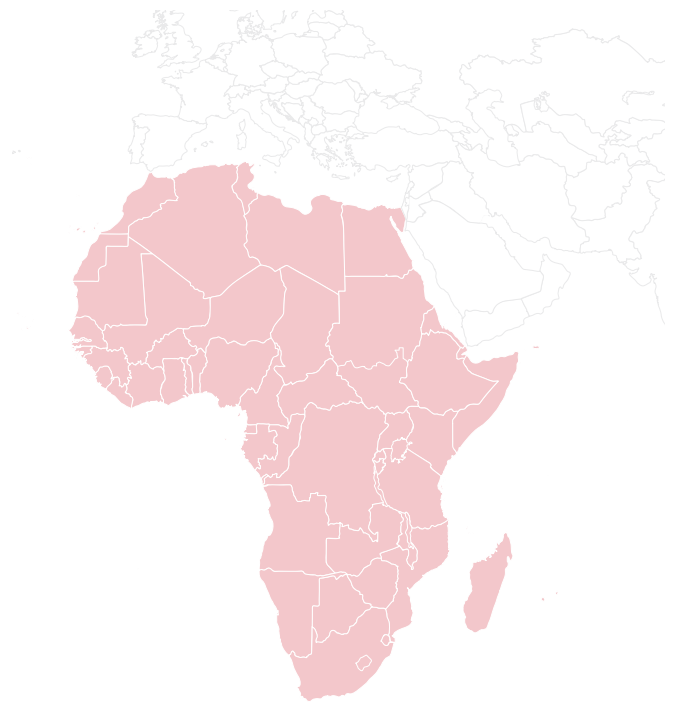
## Africa



Participants in the IDC Africa Regional Workshop, South Africa, August 2013

2013 saw further consolidation of membership and work across the East to Southern Africa corridor. Members highlighted increased access to places of detention and engagement with government, particularly in Uganda and Tanzania. In Botswana, a national workshop generated interest of NGOs and the judiciary in ATD. In South Africa, national interest in the campaign to end child detention was renewed and strengthened.

The IDC workshop on 'the importance of screening and assessment to prevent unnecessary immigration detention' featured a diverse mix of participants; IDC members, national human rights institutes, UNHCR and inter-governmental organizations from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, Malawi, Botswana and South Africa.



Importantly government representatives from Tanzania, Mozambique and South Africa also participated in the workshop, creating a great opportunity for civil society and government to discuss challenges of mixed migration management in the region, and how increased collaboration and regular channels for discussion can help prevent unnecessary detention.

2014 will see the development and implementation of national action plans, although organizational capacity continues to be a challenge in the region. 2014 presents further opportunities to consolidate the commitments of civil society, governments and UN to engage and collaborate to reduce detention.

**'From a Tanzanian Government perspective all presentations (at the workshop) were very useful. We have more tools to use to face challenges regarding screening proceeds, standards and alternatives to immigration detention'**

Mr Suleiman Mziray, OIC Operations Unit, Border Management and Control Division, Tanzania Immigration Services

## The Americas



Participants in the Americas regional workshop, Guatemala, September 2013

During 2013, IDC was able to expand significantly its strategic alliances and activities in the Americas region, drawing on bilingual capacity for meetings, trainings, conferences, reports and communications in member outreach and government engagement. Together with systematic country research, particularly in Central America, the practice of immigration detention and existing ATD mechanisms & operations in the region have experienced a higher level of visibility.

Knowledge and capacity were strengthened in the regional consultation workshop on alternatives to detention for vulnerable groups held in Guatemala, including participants from 34 civil society organizations, representing Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Mexico and Ecuador. At the request of its members, IDC has also delivered several



expert presentations in countries such as Canada, United States, Guatemala, Bahamas, among others, and provided technical assistance in domestic and regional processes ranging from judicial protocols on migrant and refugee rights in Mexico, Ecuador and Peru, to a submission to the first Interamerican Human Rights Commission (IACHR) thematic hearing on refugees (a move led by IDC members Asylum Access and Sin Fronteras) with information on detention hotspots and ATD good practice in the region.

The impetus of IDC's national program in Mexico in 2013 saw alternatives to detention (particularly for children) for the first time firmly on civil society advocacy agenda, important policy reform recommendations and a place on the legislative agenda. Important milestones include the launch of IDC research "Dignity without Exception: Alternatives to Immigration Detention in Mexico" in May (more details on page 12) and the first-ever expert round table on ATD co-hosted by IDC and the Colegio de la Frontera Norte held in Mexico City in December, which brought together experts and government representatives from the United States, Sweden, Australia and Guatemala, to discuss best practices around the world.

During 2014, we will continue to support regional initiatives to collaboratively promote alternatives to immigration detention and the capacity of our members. This will include a petition hearing to the IACHR on immigration detention in the region and contribution to the events surrounding the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Cartagena Declaration. The campaign to end child detention in Mexico remains ongoing and will be extended to countries in Central America in 2014. The IDC will also continue supporting members with targeted technical assistance and advocacy, building regional capacity to promote alternatives.

**"To me it is of great value to work with the IDC, a highly professional organisation, whose work is of high value not only to the individuals in different types of vulnerable situations, but also to me as a practitioner. A professional arrangement, such as this expert panel, where an important question is highlighted from a holistic point of view with the standpoint from government officials, as well as from NGO representatives, always creates opportunities to get new perspectives. Events like this gives us the possibility to further develop our work with detention and alternatives to detention in a direction that hopefully is beneficial to the persons subject to those kind of measures. Since the question of migration is a global issue it is important to have discussions on an international level. I think that these occasions where you mix people from different countries/parts of the world and with different responsibilities in the migration process, is something that creates a chance to have dynamic discussions that gives us a better understanding on the questions, as well as new perspectives that we can carry with us in our daily work."**

Niclas Axelsson, Specialist in detention issues at the Swedish Migration Board



## Europe

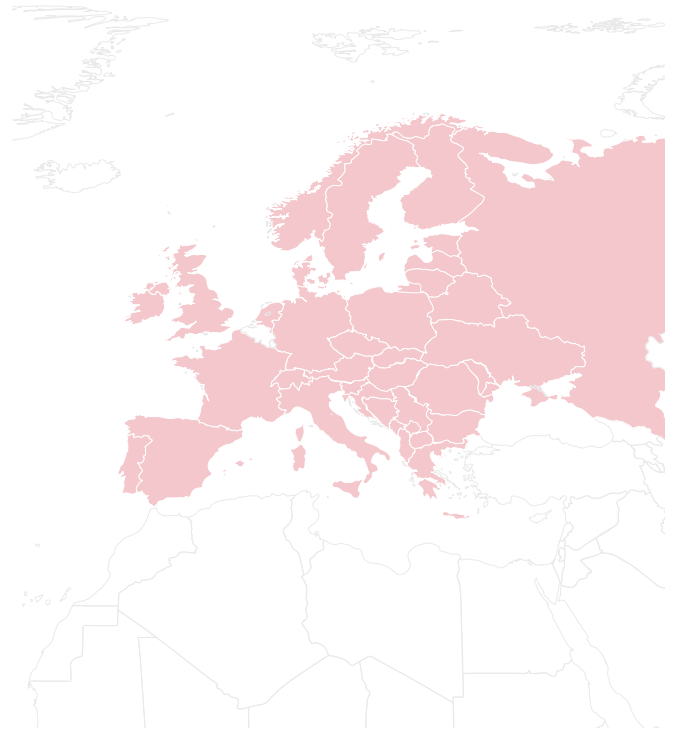


IDC presented at the European Parliament hearing on the rights of undocumented migrant children

Europe is rich on standards and case law which promote alternatives to detention, but there is very little practical guidance to states on how to implement alternatives. Both the EU Reception Conditions Directive and the Returns Directives oblige states to pursue alternatives and most EU countries now have alternatives in their national legislation. The IDC is working with members in the region to increase rates of implementation of alternatives.

The IDC contributed to national advocacy efforts in Europe upon invitation from members, visiting France, Malta, Netherlands, Finland, Belgium and the UK, while also presenting to:

→ a Contact Committee meeting on alternatives to detention in the Reception Conditions Directive at the European Commission;



→ a Committee drafting a report on the immigration detention of children at the Council of Europe; and a public hearing considering the role of European Union institutions in ensuring the rights of undocumented migrant children and their families, which was held at the European Parliament.

A regional workshop is planned for early 2014, as well as technical assistance to IDC members and governments and further development of a regional network and strategy to advocate for the implementation of alternatives to detention.

**“You are one of the best coalitions around, and doing such smart work in politics and programming, on such a tough and urgent issue. Honestly, when I think of best practices, the IDC is one of the few that always comes to mind.”**

John K. Bingham, Coordinator, Civil Society activities of the UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development  
Head of Policy, International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)

## Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

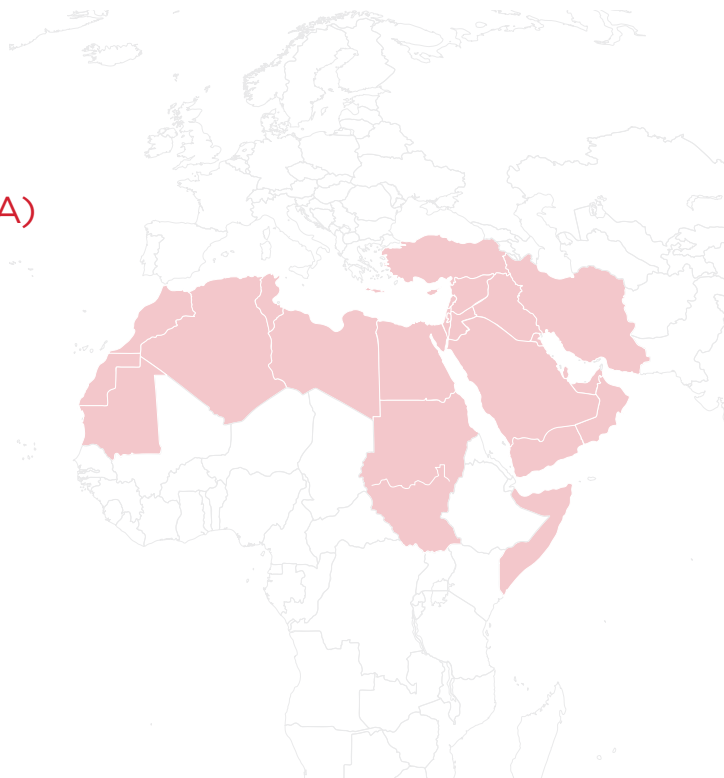


Participants at the MENA regional workshop, November 2013

With record levels of migration within, to and from the region, migration management and immigration detention are of increasing interest in MENA to NGO, government and UN stakeholders.

In 2013 IDC focused on mapping the state of detention in the MENA region, expanding membership and identifying opportunities to collaborate. The second ever IDC MENA regional workshop was held in Jordan in November, co-hosted by new IDC member ARDD-Legal Aid. The 42 Participants included IDC members, NGOs, UNHCR and IOM from nine countries in the region: Mauritania, Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen and Jordan.

The IDC also participated in a week of national advocacy and awareness raising meetings, led by IDC member



organisations in Israel. The meetings were held with members of the representatives of government and the public with a focus on ending the immigration detention of children. Political stability continues to be a challenge in the region.

In 2014, the IDC will continue to expand its active network in the MENA region and support members to develop and implement action plans, with a focus on increasing access to and monitoring places of detention, and ATD options for those most vulnerable.

# Governance and operational structure

The IDC operates as IDC Incorporated, with the Secretariat head quarters based in Melbourne, Australia, with offices in Mexico, Malaysia and Germany. The IDC operates in five regions: Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific, Middle East & North Africa and Europe.

The IDC is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), and has achieved Australian Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status. Currently the IDC is seeking US 501(c)(3) status.

Many partnerships are of vital importance to the IDC, including a 5 year Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The IDC is also a member of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA).

## Governance

The IDC has a Governance and Finance Committee (Board), which is comprised of five member representatives responsible for the corporate governance of IDC, ensuring it meets its financial, legal, and governance requirements. They are accountable to the IDC membership with an operational focus on finance, funding, policy, appointments and reporting.

## Advisory

The IDC also has an International Advisory Committee, made up of up to 18 representatives providing advice and support on IDC policy-advocacy, positions and strategies.

The IDC also seeks input from Regional Representatives, made up of 10 representatives across the five regions that the organisation works in. Regional Representatives also sit on the International Advisory Committee. In addition to their committee responsibilities, Regional Representatives have a role in building the coalition in their region, while also providing advice and support to their IDC Regional Coordinator.

# Financial statements

Statement by Governance and Finance Committee



IDC Staff and Advisory at the UNHCR MOU signing in Geneva June 2013, with Volker Turk and DIP staff, UNHCR

The International Detention Coalition continued to maintain a secure position of financial stability during the 2012/2013 period.

Total revenue for the reporting period has increased by around 70% with the majority of funding being ongoing multi-year recurrent funding. Funders for this period are included on page 26.

In line with this organisational growth, expenses have increased in all areas, most notably an increase in project initiatives and staffing which includes the new positions of Global Advocacy Coordinator, Asia Regional Coordinator, Communications Coordinator and Americas Program Officer. IDC has continued with its internal capacity-building to strategically strengthen the organisation in this important time of growth.

A complete copy of the audited accounts is available upon request from the IDC office at [info@idcoalition.org](mailto:info@idcoalition.org). IDC makes a firm commitment to full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct regarding full disclosure and transparency of financial reports.

There were no significant changes in the nature of any IDC activities during this reporting period.

The IDC takes this opportunity to thank all our financial supporters, as without their belief in our work and their shared commitment to our vision, the opportunities for global change would not be possible.

**Mary Latham**

Treasurer  
International Detention Coalition

## Income statement

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Donations and Gifts</b>		
Monetary	\$8,972.68	\$500.00
Non-monetary	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Bequests and Legacies</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Grants</b>		
AusAID	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Australian	\$97,900.00	\$203,470.00
Other Overseas	\$885,115.01	\$374,166.76
<b>Investment Income</b>	\$12,705.38	\$3,413.48
<b>Other Income</b>	\$886.36	\$11,936.08
<b>Revenue for International or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,005,579.43</b>	<b>\$593,486.32</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>International Aid and Development Programs</b>		
International Programs	\$845,378.91	\$479,193.12
Funds to international programs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Support Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fundraising costs	\$0.00	\$5,000
Public	\$0.00	\$0.00
Government, multilateral and private	\$16,070.52	\$32,592.89
Accountability and Administration	\$130,110.11	\$46,198.97
Non-monetary Expenditure	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>\$991,559.54</b>	<b>\$562,984.98</b>
<b>Total Political/Religious Adherence, Promotion Program Expenditure</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$991,559.54</b>	<b>\$562,984.98</b>
<b>Excess/Shortfall</b>	<b>\$14,019.89</b>	<b>\$30,501.34</b>



## Balance sheet

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$558,490.05	\$95,567.62
Trade and other receivables	\$2,714.10	\$70,589.00
Inventories	\$0.00	\$0.00
Assets held for sale	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other financial assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$561,204.15</b>	<b>\$166,156.62</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Trade and other receivables	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other financial assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property, plant and equipment	\$7,138.86	\$2,492.15
Investment property	\$0.00	\$0.00
Intangibles	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other non-current assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>\$7,138.86</b>	<b>\$2,492.15</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$568,343.01</b>	<b>\$168,648.77</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	\$644.00	\$5,657.68
Borrowings	\$0.00	\$0.00
Current tax liabilities	-\$7,106.33	\$29,475.68
Other financial liabilities	\$8,306.30	\$0.00
Provisions	\$28,134.29	\$18,970.55
Other (unexpired grants)	\$489,445.00	\$79,645.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$519,423.26</b>	<b>\$133,748.91</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other financial liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
Provisions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$519,423.26</b>	<b>\$133,748.91</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$48,919.75</b>	<b>\$34,899.86</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Reserves	\$34,899.86	\$0.00
Retained Earnings	\$14,019.89	\$34,899.86
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$48,919.75</b>	<b>\$34,899.86</b>

## Statement changes equity

	Retained earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
Balance at 1 July 2012	\$34,899.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,899.86
Adjustments or changes in equity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Items of other comprehensive income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$14,019.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,019.89
<b>Balance at June 30 2013</b>	<b>\$48,919.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$48,919.75</b>

## Cash movements

	Cash available at June 30 2012	Cash raised during the financial year	Cash disbursed during financial year	Cash available at June 30 2013
Childrens Campaign	\$77,140.00	\$320,445.00	\$221,090.00	\$176,495.00
Capacity Building	\$6,601.00	\$591,455.00	\$445,100.00	\$152,956.00
ATD Campaign	\$8,371.00	\$323,563.00	\$171,200.00	\$160,734.00
Admin/Secretariat exp	\$3,455.00	\$171,000.00	\$113,100.00	\$61,355.00
Non-Designated Purposes	\$0.00	\$8,972.00	\$2,022.00	\$6,950.00
<b>Total Cash Available</b>	<b>\$95,567.00</b>	<b>\$1,415,435.00</b>	<b>\$952,512.00</b>	<b>\$558,490.00</b>

## INTERNATIONAL DETENTION COALITION INCORPORATED

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

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#### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of INTERNATIONAL DETENTION COALITION INCORPORATED (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, Table of Cash Movements for designated purposes, Statement of Changes in Equity notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial year ended 30 June 2013. The International Detention Coalition Incorporated complies to the ACFID Code of Conduct.

#### Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of INTERNATIONAL DETENTION COALITION INCORPORATED are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also includes such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Auditor's Opinion


In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of INTERNATIONAL DETENTION COALITION INCORPORATED as at 30 June 2013 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act.

#### Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist INTERNATIONAL DETENTION COALITION INCORPORATED to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Signed on:

25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013



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**Leanne Torpey**  
Communications &  
Campaign Coordinator

### **Katherine Wright**

In 2013 we farewelled Katherine Wright. Katherine worked with the IDC from 2009 - 2013, carrying all manner of responsibilities, most notably in her work as the Europe Regional Coordinator. As one of her key achievements, Katherine organised and facilitated the first regional workshop in Athens in 2012, building relationships and laying the foundation for ongoing collaboration towards limiting and ending the use of detention. We would like to thank Katherine for her professional, yet warm and fun, approach and wish her well for her new endeavors.



## Special thanks

The IDC would like to thank our members and friends from around the world for their support over 2013. Particular thanks to the members of our Governance and Finance Committee and the Advisory Committee who volunteer their time and provide such valuable expertise.

To the wonderful volunteers and interns who worked tirelessly: Sam Storr, Rachel Browne, Chloe Jarosz, Romy Faulkner, Basil Curtis and our many members around the world for their tireless support.

Thank you also for their pro bono legal support goes to: Katherine-Ann Waldron and Ben McKinley at Holding Redlich, Hilary Lefko at Hunton and Williams, Joel Cranshaw at Clear Point Council.

An enormous thank you to our funders: Oak Foundation, Open Society Institute, Planet Wheeler Foundation, ANZ Trustees, Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Cammina and Avina Foundation who continue to share our vision.

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## How to get involved

### Join

Non-governmental organisations, civil society groups, universities, academics, research centres and individuals may become Associate Members of the International Detention Coalition, for further information and to access a membership form, please visit our website.

 Visit <http://idcoalition.org/how-to-join-the-idc>

### Stay up to date

If you would like to stay up to date with the IDC's latest developments, like us on Facebook (International Detention Coalition), follow us on Twitter and subscribe to our free monthly newsletter.

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