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# Senegal

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## **OPCAT status**

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**OPCAT Ratification** : October 18, 2006

**UNCAT Ratification** : August 21, 1986

**SPT Member** : Mr. Hameth Saloum Diakhate

**NPM Designated** :

[National Observer of Places of Deprivation of Liberty](#)

**NPM Type** :

New Specialised Institution

**NPM Legal Framework** :

[NPM law n°2009-13](#) (02 March 2009)

[NPM implementing decree n° 2011-842](#) (16 June 2011)

[Decree n° 2012-119](#) nominating Boubou Diouf Tall (19 January 2012)

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## **Information**



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## Quick Links

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**SPT:** NPM Advisory Visit (December 2012). [Report to the NPM](#) (July 2013).  
Report to the State (confidential). [Response of the NPM](#) (January 2014).

**Communication to the SPT:** [Official correspondence](#) from Senegal (24  
February 2009)

**CAT:** [Concluding Observations](#) (January 2019)

Documents relating to other UN human rights mechanisms are available [here](#)

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## OPCAT Situation

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Senegal ratified the OPCAT in October 2006 and established a new institution as NPM in 2009 through the adoption of a specific legislation: the National Observer of Places of Deprivation of Liberty. The Senegalese NPM legislation is inspired by the French law, which created the General Controller of Places of Deprivation of Liberty.

In 2011, the implementing decree of the NPM legislation was approved by the Council of Ministers and the National Observer was appointed in 2012. A Secretary General of the institution was recruited the same year and the Senegalese NPM began its operations.

The Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture carried out an NPM advisory visit to Senegal in December 2012. The report was sent in May 2013 to the authorities



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(still confidential) and to the NPM (made public in June 2013).

The SPT member who is the SPT Focal Point for Senegal is available [here](#).

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## NPM Structure

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The National Observer is assisted in his mandate by a Secretary General and a multidisciplinary team of observers. They include experts with a diversity of professional backgrounds, such as lawyers, magistrates, psychiatrists, former directors of penitentiary services, former chief of police, and former NGO members.

An advisory committee (*Comité de Veille*) was established by [decision](#) of the National Observer to provide advice to the NPM. It is composed of representatives of NGOs and professional associations.

The National Observer adopted its [rules of procedures](#) to regulate the NPM work.

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## NPM Reports

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### Annual Reports

The National Observer presents its annual reports to Parliament. The reports may be available on the National Observer's [website](#).



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## Other Reports

Other reports, such as visit and thematic reports, may be available on the NPM's [website](#).