

Speaker Biographies

Plenary Meeting on Performance indicators

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Judge Silvia Fernandez de Gurmendi, President of the International Criminal Court

Judge Fernández de Gurmendi of Argentina was elected Judge in 2010 and assumed the Presidency of the Court on 11 March 2015. She has over 20 years practice of international and humanitarian law and in human rights. Judge Fernández de Gurmendi acted as a representative of Argentina in cases before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Justice and advised on transitional justice issues related to the prevention of genocide and other international crimes. Judge Fernández de Gurmendi was also instrumental in the negotiations of the complementary instruments of the Rome Statute as chair of the Working Group on Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the Working Group on Aggression. She has been a professor and has published a number of national and international publications related to the International Criminal Court.

Nicolas Guillou, Chef de Cabinet, Special Tribunal for Lebanon

Nicolas Guillou graduated from the Sorbonne University's Faculty of Law in 1999 and the French National School for Judges and Prosecutors before being appointed as Investigation Judge in the Court of Meaux, near Paris. In that capacity, he handled a variety of criminal cases, such as murders, organized crime and financial crimes.

From 2006-2012, he worked in the French Ministry of Justice, first as Deputy Head of the Commercial Law Section and then as Adviser on Diplomatic Affairs to the Minister, whom he represented in international meetings such as the Council of Justice Ministers of the European Union, the G8, UNCITRAL and the OECD.

In 2012, he was appointed France's Liaison Prosecutor at the US Department of Justice in Washington DC. Notably, he facilitated judicial cooperation between the two countries in criminal and civil matters, especially in counterterrorism,

foreign corrupt practices and cybercrime. He has been the Chef de Cabinet to the President of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon since November 2015.

James A. Goldston, Executive Director of Open Society Justice Initiative

James A. Goldston is the executive director of the Open Society Justice Initiative, which advances the rule of law and legal protection of rights worldwide. A leading practitioner of international human rights and criminal law, Goldston has litigated several groundbreaking cases before the European Court of Human Rights and United Nations treaty bodies, including on issues of torture, counterterrorism, and racial discrimination. He has previously served as coordinator of prosecutions and senior trial attorney in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court and as prosecutor in the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at NYU Law School and has previously taught at Columbia Law School and Central European University.

Ambassador Eduardo Rodríguez Veltzé, The Hague Working Group Facilitator on Strategic Planning

Ambassador Rodríguez Veltzé is currently the Ambassador of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to The Kingdom of The Netherlands. Ambassador Rodríguez Veltzé served as the President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia from June 2005 to January 2006. From 1999 to 2006 he served as Supreme Court Justice, holding the Presidencies of the Labor & Administrative Chamber, the Judicial Council, and as Chief Justice. Ambassador Rodríguez Veltzé has also served in the Office of the Controller General of the Nation, the Ministry of Foreign Relations and Worship, the Universidad Católica Boliviana, in the United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders, as well as, in the Universidad Andina S. Bolívar, Universidad Mayor de San Andrés.

Ambassador Rodríguez Veltzé holds a Master degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, J.F. Kennedy School of Government, and a Bachelor degree in Law, Social and Political Sciences from the Universidad Mayor de San Simón.