



Thematic areas*

Capacity Building

- Training and advice
- Judicial and court management
- Strengthening legal representation

Witness and victim protection

- Witness protection systems
- Victim protection frameworks

Expert assistance

- Subject-matter expertise
- Financial and economic crimes
- Case-specific advisory support
- Legislative or policy expert advice

Institutional support & infrastructure

- Judicial infrastructure
- Security-related support

* non-exhaustive list of themes



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Strengthening national justice systems

Request technical assistance through the Complementarity Platform

Step-by-step:

1. Submission of the request
2. Revision and need assessment
3. Liaison with relevant stakeholders
4. Follow up



Complementarity Platform

For technical assistance



■ Objective

The Complementarity Platform was launched in 2011 by the Secretariat ('the Secretariat') of the Assembly of States Parties ('the Assembly') and provides a **structured mechanism** for States Parties to seek assistance in strengthening their ability to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression.

The platform promotes timely and coherent support, avoids duplication of efforts and maximises the expertise available across the Court and its wider network of partners.



■ Mandate*

The Assembly has recognised the importance of States assisting one another in **strengthening domestic jurisdictions** to investigate and prosecute serious international crimes. Following that mandate, the Secretariat facilitates, within existing resources, the exchange of information between States Parties, the Court, and other stakeholders, including international organizations, civil society, and academia.

The mandate on complementarity is reaffirmed annually by the Assembly, enshrining the principle of a **court of last resort**.



■ How does it work

The Secretariat, in coordination with the ad-country focal points circulates on an annual basis a **note verbale** inviting States Parties to submit their requests for technical assistance through the Complementarity Platform.

The Secretariat shares the requests for assistance with relevant Court organs, which assess whether they are able to provide support within their respective mandates and available expertise. Requests that cannot be fully addressed are referred through the Secretariat to external assistance providers from the **Platform's list of actors**.

* 2010 Review Conference, RC/Res.1