

Journal

1 December 2023

**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES
NEW YORK, 4 – 14 DECEMBER 2023**

Forthcoming official meetings¹

Monday, 4 December 2023

First plenary meeting

- Opening of the session
 - Silent prayer or meditation
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Appointment of the Credentials Committee
 - Organization of work
 - States in arrears
 - Report on the activities of the Court
 - Report of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims
 - Report on the Review of the International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute system
 - Report on the activities of the Bureau
 - Election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance
 - Election of the President of the Assembly for ASP23-ASP25 and election of two Vice-Presidents and 18 members of the Bureau for ASP23-ASP25
- 10:00 – 13:00.....Conference room 4

Meeting of the Credentials Committee^{2 3}

12:30 – 13:00.....Conference room F

Second plenary meeting⁴

- Election of six judges
- 15:00 – 18:00.....Conference room 4

¹ Unless otherwise specified, the meetings are open to States Parties, non-States Parties (Observer States and invited States), the Court, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other observers and participants as defined in Rules 92 and 93 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties.

² Immediately following the adjournment of the plenary.

³ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Credentials Committee.

⁴ This meeting is closed to press.

Tuesday, 5 December 2023

Second plenary meeting⁵

- Election of six judges

10:00 – 13:00.....Conference room 4

Second plenary meeting⁶

- Election of six judges

15:00 – 18:00.....Conference room 4

Wednesday, 6 December 2023

Informal consultations on the omnibus resolution

08:30 – 09:30.....tbc.

Second plenary meeting⁷

- Election of six judges

10:00 – 13:00.....Conference room 4

Third plenary meeting

- General Debate

15:00 – 18:00.....Conference room 4

Thursday, 7 December 2023

Fourth plenary meeting

- General Debate

10:00 – 13:00.....Conference room 4

Reserved

15:00 – 18:00.....Conference room 4

⁵ This meeting is closed to press.

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Friday, 8 December 2023

Fifth plenary meeting

- Consideration of the budget: Presentations by the Registrar and the Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance
 - Consideration of the Audit reports
 - Statement by the Chairperson of the Audit Committee
 - Statement by the External Auditor
 - Consideration of the Annual report of the Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism
- 10:00 – 11:30.....Conference room 4

Sixth plenary meeting

- Cooperation
- 11:30 – 13:00.....Conference room 4

Informal consultations on the Review Mechanism

15:00 – 16:30.....Conference room 4

Working Group on the budget⁸

16:30 – 18:00.....Conference room 4

Monday, 11 December 2023

Informal consultations on the Review Mechanism

10:00 – 11:30.....Conference room 4

Reserved

11:30 – 13:00.....Conference room 4

Informal consultations on the omnibus resolution

15:00 – 16:30.....Conference room 4

Reserved

16:30 – 18:00.....Conference room 4

Tuesday, 12 December 2023

Seventh plenary meeting

- Progress report by the Coordinators
 - Introduction of draft resolutions
- 10:00 – 11:00.....Conference room 4

Reserved

11:00 – 13:00.....Conference room 4

⁸ Closed meeting: Open only to States Parties and the Court.

Working Group on the budget⁹

15:00 – 16:30.....Conference room 4

Reserved

16:30 – 18:00.....Conference room 4

Wednesday, 13 December 2023**Eighth plenary meeting****- Review Mechanism**

10:00 – 13:00.....Conference room 4

Meeting of the Credentials Committee¹⁰

15:00 – 15:30.....Conference room B

Reserved

15:30 – 18:00.....Conference room 4

Thursday, 14 December 2023**Ninth plenary meeting****- Adoption of resolutions**

10:00 – 11:30.....Conference room 4

Reserved

11:30 – 13:00.....Conference room 4

Tenth plenary meeting**-Consideration of reports****-Report of the Credentials Committee****-Oral report of the Rapporteur****-Adoption of the report****-Closure of the session**

15:00 – 18:00.....Conference room 4

⁹ Closed meeting: Open only to States Parties and the Court.¹⁰ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Credentials Committee.

Other forthcoming meetings^{11 12}

Monday, 4 December 2023

Launch of the Office of the Prosecutor’s Revised Policy on Gender-based Crimes (co-hosted by Canada, Colombia, Sierra Leone, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the Office of the Prosecutor)

13:15 – 14:30..... Conference room 11

Use of nuclear weapons as war crimes (co-hosted by Austria and Lex International)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 12

Reception for the Heads of Delegations on the occasion of the twenty-second session of the Assembly of States Parties (hosted by Canada)

18:15 – 20:00.....Permanent Mission of Canada¹³

Tuesday, 5 December 2023

Decolonizing International Justice: Strategies Towards Structural Justice for Slavery and Colonial Crimes (co-hosted by Argentina, Mexico, Sierra Leone, Center for Justice and Accountability, Emergent Justice Collective, Human Rights Watch, Justice Rapid Response, Promise Institute at UCLA Law, UN Women)

08:30 – 09:45.....UN Women¹⁴

Closure of Katanga reparations (co-hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Trust Fund for Victims)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room A

Geographical Representation and Gender Balance (GRGB) at the International Criminal Court (co-hosted by Uganda and the ICC Registry)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 7

Launching *Religion, Hateful Expression and Violence*, the second edition of the CLICC commentary, and Arabic and French Lexsitus (co-hosted by Norway, Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP), Indian Society of International Law, Coalition for International Criminal Justice, Clinique de droit international pénal et humanitaire (Université Laval), Stockholm Center for International Law and Justice, Human Rights Law Centre (University of Nottingham), Northumbria Centre for Evidence and Criminal Justice Studies, Norwegian Helsinki Committee, and Canadian Partnership for International Justice)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 8

New Draft Principles on Gender Persecution: *Prevention, Protection and Survivor Participation* (co-hosted by the United Kingdom and the Office of the Prosecutor)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 12

¹¹ All meeting times are in Eastern Standard Zone (EST).

¹² Side events are solely responsibility of the respective organizers. Please direct any queries to the organizers.

¹³ By invitation only, 466 Lexington Avenue, 20th floor, New York, NY 10017.

¹⁴ 220 E 42nd St, New York, NY 10017. Registration required by 4 December 2023 via the following link: bit.ly/47QIggT.

Reception to bid farewell to the President of the Assembly of State Parties, H. E Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi and to welcome President-elect, H.E. Paivi Kaukoranta (co-hosted by Argentina, Finland, the Trust Fund for Victims and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court)

18:30 – 20:30.....Sputnik Lounge

Wednesday, 6 December 2023

A Renewed UN Approach to Transitional Justice - The Role of Civil Society Organizations (co-hosted by Belgium, Colombia, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Global Justice Center, Impunity Watch, the International Center for Transitional Justice)

08:00 – 10:00.....Permanent Mission of Belgium¹⁵

A Crack in the Wall: Universal Jurisdiction, Open Source Evidence, Complementarity and Accountability in Hard Cases (co-hosted by Germany, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and the Wayamo Foundation)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 9

Addressing conflict-related sexual and gender-based crimes in Ukraine - insights from national and international jurisdictions (co-hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Ukraine, Global Rights Compliance, UN Women and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict and the Team of Experts)

13:15 – 14:30.....tbc.

Bringing the African Perspective to the ICC Reform Discussion (co-hosted by Sierra Leone and Center for International Law and Policy in Africa)

13:15 – 15:00.....Conference room B

Fostering Complementarity through Capacity-Building and Cooperation (hosted by Japan)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 12

Fugitive Tracking: Lessons Learned from Past Successes (co-hosted by Ecuador, France, South Africa and the United States of America)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 8

Launch of the Office of the Prosecutor's Annual Report (hosted by the Office of the Prosecutor)

13:15 – 14:30..... Conference room A

Thursday, 7 December 2023

Building the Global Justice Ecosystem: Supporting Complementarity in Practice, Applying Lessons Learned to New Opportunities and Challenges (co-hosted by Australia and Uganda)

08:30 – 10:00.....Uganda House¹⁶

¹⁵ One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 885 Second Avenue, 41st Floor, New York, NY 10017. Light breakfast served from 7:45.

¹⁶ 336 East 45th Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

Accountability for the Crime of Aggression: Current Response and Future Developments (co-hosted by Guatemala, Liechtenstein, Lithuania and Ukraine)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 8

Bringing Justice Home: The Ongwen case, catalysing survivor-centred and inclusive approaches to domestic accountability for SGBV where it matters most (co-hosted by Ireland, Sweden, Uganda, the United States, Trust Fund for Victims, Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA), Center for Victims of Torture (CVT), Gulu Women Economic Development and Globalisation and Tallawah Justice for Women)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 9

Launch of the Office of the Prosecutor’s Revised Policy on Children (co-hosted by Costa Rica, Japan, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Slovenia and the Office of the Prosecutor)

13:15 – 14:30..... Conference room 2

Protecting and Defending Human Rights Defenders and Civil Society: What Role for the ICC States Parties and the Court? (co-hosted by Chile, Finland, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, Al Haq, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), Defiende Venezuela, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), and Lawyers for Justice in Libya (LFJL))

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 7

Securing Justice: ICC’s Path to Cyber Security – Launch of the Special Fund for Security (co-hosted by Estonia and the Registry)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room B

Seeking Creative Accountability Pathways for North Korean Human Rights: Documenting Violations and Mapping the Chain of Command (co-hosted by Canada, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Global Rights Compliance and the Transitional Justice Working Group)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room A

State Cooperation: An Essential Component of Fair Trials at the ICC (co-hosted by France, Slovakia, the International Bar Association (IBA) and the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA))

13:15 – 14:30..... Permanent Mission of France¹⁷

The War on Drugs: Enabling International Crimes in the Philippines and Mexico (co-hosted by the Amnesty International USA, Amnesty International Philippines, Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights (CMDPDH) and Philippine Coalition for the International Criminal Court)

14:00 – 15:00.....Amnesty International USA¹⁸

The impact of the length of proceedings on reparative justice and the multi-generational dimension of victimization for international crimes (co-hosted by Costa Rica, Estonia, Germany, Italy the International Center for Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma and the International Nuremberg Principles Academy)

18:15 – 19:45.....Permanent Mission of Italy¹⁹

¹⁷ 245 E 47th St 44th floor, New York, NY 10017. Registration required before 6 December via the following link: <https://www.iccba-abcpi.org/event-details/statecooperationevent>.

¹⁸ 311 West 43rd Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

¹⁹ 885 Second Avenue, 49th floor, New York, NY 10017.

Friday, 8 December 2023

The Situation of Venezuela before the International Criminal Court: Progress and Challenges of the First Investigation in the Americas (co-hosted by Acceso a la Justicia, Amnistía Internacional, Centro de Justicia y Paz (CEPAZ), Civilis Derechos Humanos, Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF), Foro Penal, Justice and Truth Venezuela, Provea)

13:00 – 14:30.....Baha'i International Community Offices New York²⁰

A Victim- Centred ICC: Navigating Challenges to Realizing Victims' Rights and Reparative Justice from 1998-2023 (co-hosted by: Austria, Denmark, Finland, the Trust Fund for Victims, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), International Center for MultiGenerational Legacies of Trauma (ICMGLT), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and REDRESS)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 9

Accountability for Crimes Committed in Afghanistan: ICC and Beyond (co-hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Norway, Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organization and International Center for Transitional Justice)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 1

Advancing Towards a Crimes Against Humanity Convention (co-hosted by Estonia, Gambia, Iceland, Mexico, Amnesty International, Asia Justice Coalition, Global Justice Center, Human Rights Watch, and International Commission of Jurists)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room B

Judicial Approaches to Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes at the International Criminal Court - Report Launch (co-hosted by Canada, Chile, the International Gender Champions and Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 8

Reckoning with Double Standards: The Future of the Rome Statute System (co-hosted by Africa Legal Aid, Al-Haq, Atrocities Watch Africa, Citizens for Global Solutions and Human Rights Watch)

13:15 – 14:30.....The Church Center for the United Nations²¹

The ICC and the Crime of Aggression: Harmonizing Jurisdiction and Promoting Universality (co-hosted by Costa Rica, Estonia, Germany, Liechtenstein and Vanuatu)

13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 12

The Universality of the International Criminal Court: On the importance of ratifying the Rome Statute and the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the ICC (co-hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, and Parliamentarians for Global Action)

13:15 – 14:30.....tbc.

²⁰ 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120, NY, NY 10017. Registration required via the following link: <https://forms.gle/gCDdBqoE7WKL7bAd6>.

²¹ 777 First Avenue at 44th Street, New York, NY 10017.

Monday, 11 December 2023

Ecocide: Voices of the Victims Stop (co-hosted by Vanuatu and Ecocide Foundation)
13:15 – 14:30..... Trusteeship Council Chamber

Ensuring a Survivor-Centric Approach to Justice and Accountability - from Sudan to Myanmar (co-hosted by Estonia, Latvia, Asia Justice Coalition, Darfur Women Action Group and Global Justice Center)
13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room C

Pathways to Justice and Accountability for Venezuela (co-hosted by Sweden, Civil Rights Defenders, Comité de Víctimas de Crímenes de Lesa Humanidad, Defiende Venezuela, Observatorio de Crímenes de Lesa Humanidad, Red de Documentación de Crímenes de Lesa Humanidad and Voces de la Memoria, Un Mundo Sin Mordaza)
13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 12

Paving the way to justice: the role of civil society in documenting international crimes (co-hosted by Denmark, Germany, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, DIGNITY, the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and REDRESS)
13:15 – 14:30.....Conference room 11

The Ljubljana-The Hague Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of the Crime of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes and other International Crimes (co-hosted by Argentina, Belgium, Mongolia, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Senegal and Slovenia)
13:15-14:30.....Permanent Mission of the Netherlands²²

Tuesday, 12 December 2023

War-driven Environmental Damage in Ukraine: Perspectives on the Application of the Rome Statute and the Work of the International Criminal Court (co-hosted by Estonia, Citizens for Global Solutions (CGS), Climate Governance Commission, Green Transparency, Institute for Environmental Security (IES), International charitable organization “Environment-People-Law” (EPL), International Renaissance Foundation, Mobilizing and Earth Governance Alliance (MEGA), Open Society Foundations, Parliamentarians for Global Action, World Federalist Movement, World Future Council)
13:00 – 14:30.....Japan Society²³

²² 666 3rd Avenue, 19th fl., New York, NY 10017.

²³ 333 E 47th Street, New York, NY 10017 (Murase Room).

Announcements

Guidelines for the preparation and conduct of sessions of the Assembly

The Guidelines adopted by the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties on 15 November 2018 and amended on 8 September 2021 and 7 September 2023 regarding, *inter alia*, side events, general debate as well as guidelines and recommendations for enhancing the security of participants in the work of the Assembly can be found on the webpage of the Assembly [here](#).

Prepared statements

Pre-delivery

Speakers at the Assembly of States Parties are advised that providing in advance digital copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Assembly greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat. Although interpretations rely upon the statement actually delivered, copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances. In the absence of a digital copy, speakers are requested to provide 20 copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery.

Post-delivery

Delegations are invited to send by e-mail an electronic copy of their statement(s), in one or more of the four official languages, to ensure timely posting of the text on the Assembly website. Statements should be sent to: asp@icc-cpi.int.

Requests for side events

Side events may be organized during the Assembly session, from 4 to 14 December 2023, and should not overlap with the meetings of the Assembly, in order to be reflected in the official Journal. Further details regarding organization of the side events are reflected in the “Guidelines for the preparation and conduct of sessions of the Assembly”, which are available on the webpage of the Assembly [here](#).

At the United Nations Headquarters, the Secretariat is not in charge of room allocation for side events nor does the Secretariat cover any costs associated with these events. Delegations interested in organizing side events must request a conference room directly with the United Nations via their respective Permanent Missions. All associated services and required equipment, such as interpretation, supplementary IT equipment or catering, are the responsibility of the organizers and must also be booked via the respective Permanent Mission.

The UN has indicated that interpretation services would only be provided from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00. However, organizers have the option to bring interpreters for their side-events but have to inform MMS accordingly so that the MMS can provide instructions. Side-event organizers are responsible to organize access for their interpreters and cover all related charges.

The sale of any printed materials or goods at the UNHQ during the side events or at any other time is strictly prohibited.

For any eMeets assistance, please call the main lines for MMS: (212) 963-8114.

Please kindly note that the Secretariat does not send invitations to side events. The invitations should be sent by organizers for their respective side event.

Once the conference room is reserved, please let the Secretariat know the title of the event, names of the organizers, date, time and venue to be included in the ASP Journal. Please send an email to

estera.luteranova@icc-cpi.int. Modifications to the ASP Journal will be reflected in the following version.

The United Nations does not allow food or beverages in the conference rooms. Catering can be arranged directly outside of the conference rooms by contacting UN Catering via email at lhayden@culinartinc.com or by phone at +1 212 963 7029.

Side-event participation

The issuance of badges and access to side events would be controlled by United Nations Security. The access to side events at the United Nations premises by the non-governmental organizations or other attendees will depend on securing the required access badge to the United Nations Headquarters. ECOSOC consultative status NGOs and those NGOs with nine working day passes will be allowed into Conference room 4, space permitting.

However, if a side event participant is not a delegate nor accredited through a non-governmental organization, the organizing State must request the United Nations access pass on the participant's behalf. Respective Permanent Missions are advised to send a list of additional side events attendees to the United Nations Security at security_service_coordinator@un.org, with copy to Captain Dorcus Lourien (dorcus.lourien@un.org), Lieutenant Janelle Hamlet (janelle.hamlet@un.org) and Sergeant Timothy Maweu (maweu@un.org) via SET Excel sheet distributed by the Secretariat on 26 October 2023 in order to receive a name specific event badges (SET badges). The request should be submitted at least two working days prior to the side event by a representative from a Permanent Mission of a State organizing the side event with authorized signatory copied in the message. The badges would have to be picked up at the United Nations Pass and ID office by the respective State that is requesting the badges and handed over directly to the attendees.

Subscription to ASP emails

Delegations who wish to subscribe to ASP mailing list should convey their contact information to the following email: asp@icc-cpi.int. The official ASP emails will be distributed from the following email address only: asp@icc-cpi.int.

Handbook

For further information regarding the session please refer to the Handbook available [here](#).

Documentation

Paperless

As per decision by the Bureau dated 8 September 2021 accessible [here](#), all pre-session documentation will be posted on the website of the Assembly as an additional measure to decrease the need for printing services and in accordance with a “paperless” approach.

Written statements shall not be reproduced at the expense of the Assembly and shall not be issued as official documents.

Statements made before or after the adoption of resolutions

The Secretariat shall reflect in the Official Records of the respective session the statement as delivered at the respective plenary meeting of the Assembly.

Webcast

All plenary meetings will be webcast in floor, Arabic, English, French and Spanish on the [UN Web TV](#).

Location of the offices of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties

The offices of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties will be located in Conference room E.

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