

# Journal

8 November 2024

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**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT  
TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES  
THE HAGUE, 2 – 7 DECEMBER 2024**

## Forthcoming official meetings<sup>1 2</sup>

**Monday, 2 December 2024**

### **First plenary meeting**

- Opening of the session
- Silent prayer or meditation
- Adoption of the agenda
- Report on the activities of the Bureau
- 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
- Appointment of the Credentials Committee
- Organization of work
- States in arrears
- Election of five members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims
- Election of five members of the Committee on Budget and Finance
- Election of nine members of the Advisory Committee on nominations of judges
- Signing ceremony of an enforcement of sentences agreement

10:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

### **Meeting of the Credentials Committee<sup>3 4</sup>**

12:00 – 12:30.....Europe 1&2

### **Second plenary meeting**

- General Debate

15:00 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> All official meeting times are in Central European time zone (CET).

<sup>3</sup> Immediately following the adjournment of the plenary.

<sup>4</sup> Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Credentials Committee.

## Tuesday, 3 December 2024

### Third plenary meeting

#### - General debate

10:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

### Fourth plenary meeting

#### - General debate

15:00 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

## Wednesday, 4 December 2024

### 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

10:00 – 11:30.....King Willem Alexander

### Working Group on the Budget<sup>5</sup>

11:30 – 12:00.....King Willem Alexander

### Reserved

12:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

### Sixth plenary meeting

#### - Review Mechanism

15:00 – 16:30.....King Willem Alexander

### Reserved

16:30 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

## Thursday, 5 December 2024

### Seventh plenary meeting

#### - Cooperation

10:00 – 11:30.....King Willem Alexander

### Reserved

11:30 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

<sup>5</sup> Closed meeting: Open only to States Parties and the Court.

**Reserved**

15:00 – 16:30.....King Willem Alexander

**Reserved**

16:30 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

**Friday, 6 December 2024****Eighth plenary meeting****- Progress reports by the Coordinators****- Introduction of draft resolutions**

10:00 – 10:30.....King Willem Alexander

**Reserved**

10:30 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

**Reserved**

15:00 – 16:30.....King Willem Alexander

**Reserved**

16:30 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

**Saturday, 7 December 2024****Ninth plenary meeting****- Adoption of resolutions**

10:00 – 10:30.....King Willem Alexander

**Reserved**

10:30 – 12:30.....King Willem Alexander

**Meeting of the Credentials Committee<sup>6</sup>**

12:30 – 13:00.....Europe 1&amp;2

**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.....King Willem Alexander

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<sup>6</sup> Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Credentials Committee.

## Other forthcoming meetings<sup>7</sup>

**Monday, 2 December 2024**

**The Flame of Justice: Legacy of the Special Court for Sierra Leone - Successes and Lessons learned (co-hosted by Canada and the Oversight Committee of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone)**

08:30 – 09:45 ..... Asia

**Prioritization criteria, I-Doc, and the quality of atrocity documentation (co-hosted by Norway, Republic of Korea, Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP), Coalition for International Criminal Justice (CICJ), Commission for International Justice and Accountability (CIJA), Fondacija Fond za humanitarno pravo (Foundation Humanitarian Law Center), Global Rights Compliance (GRC), Human Rights Law Centre (University of Nottingham), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Norwegian Helsinki Committee and Truth Hounds)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Europe 1&2

**Belarus before the ICC: ICC jurisdiction and the need for State Party support (co-hosted by Lithuania, Center for Global Justice and Human Rights „MARA“, and REDRESS)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Oceania

**Launch of the OTP Policy on Slavery Crimes (co-hosted by Liechtenstein, Senegal, Sierra Leone and the Office of the Prosecutor)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Oceania Foyer

**Double standards: The ICC and OTP (co-hosted by South Africa and Amnesty International)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Asia

**Roundtable discussion on how national courts and the ICC complement each other (co-hosted by Colombia, Sweden and Stockholm Center for Global Governance)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... King Willem Alexander

**Double standards in international justice and what the ICC could do to address these critiques (co-hosted by Atrocities Watch Africa (AWA) and Ukrainian Legal Advisory Group (ULAG))**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Africa

**Protecting and Defending Human Rights Defenders and Civil Society: Advancing the Role of ICC States Parties and the Court (co-hosted by Finland, Ireland and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Antarctica

<sup>7</sup> Side events and exhibits are solely the responsibility of the respective organizers. Please direct any queries to the organizers. In accordance with the [Guidelines for the preparation and conduct of sessions of the Assembly of States Parties and Guidelines and recommendations for enhancing the security of participants in the work of the Assembly](#), the Africa and Antarctica rooms have been allocated to non-governmental organizations, in direct consultations with the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC).

**Advancing Cybersecurity at the International Criminal Court: Reflections and Lessons Learnt from the Cyber Attack in 2023 (co-hosted by Estonia, France, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg and the Registry)**

18:15 – 19:45.....Oceania

**The International Criminal Court and the Commitment to Justice and Accountability for Syrians (co-hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the International Center for Transitional Justice and the Bridges of Truth project (the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression, Dawlaty, Center for Civil Society and Democracy, Lawyers and Doctors for Human Rights, Syrian Institute for Justice, Badael and the Day After))**

18:15 – 19:45.....Oceania Foyer

**Using Technology to Improve Investigations of Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes: Advances, Challenges, and Opportunities (co-hosted by Canada, XCEPT research project team and Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice)**

18:15 – 19:45.....Asia

## Tuesday, 3 December 2024

**Situation Completions: Challenges and Opportunities (co-hosted by Belgium, Human Rights Watch (HRW), Lawyers For Justice in Libya (LFJL), No Peace Without Justice (NPWJ))**

08:30 – 09:45 .....Europe 1&2

**Eyes on Sudan: Promises and Challenges of Digital Evidence Investigations (hosted by the United Kingdom)**

08:30 – 09:45 .....Asia

**Continuation of Genocide in Iraqi Kurdistan (hosted by Kurdish Organizations Network Coalition for the International Criminal Court (KONCICC))**

08:30 – 09:45 ..... Antarctica

**Universality of the Rome Statute (co-hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA))**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Europe 1&2

**Assessing the impact of the Katanga reparations programme (co-hosted by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Ireland, and the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV))**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Oceania

**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 – 14:45 ..... Oceania Foyer

**Strengthening the ICC’s toolkit for arrest and surrender (co-hosted by Belgium, France, Senegal, South Africa, Human Rights Watch (HRW) and the International Bar Association (IBA))**

13:15 – 14:45 .....Asia

**A Fifth Crime of Ecocide: Opening Considerations (hosted by Vanuatu)**

13:15 – 14:45 .....King Willem Alexander

**Gaza: Ongoing Genocide (hosted by the Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR))**

13:15 – 14:45 .....Africa

**Philippine Cooperation & ASP Support: Their Implications to Asia and the ICC System (co-hosted by Center Law, Philippine Coalition for the International Criminal Court (PCICC) and Stop the Drug War)**

13:15 – 14:45 .....Antarctica

**Justice for Sudan’s Victims & Survivors: Mapping Accountability Pathways (co-hosted by South Africa, Sweden, African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), REDRESS and the Sudanese Human Rights Monitor (SHRM))**

18:15 – 19:45.....Europe 1&2

**Fighting against impunity in Central Africa: the Special Criminal Court, assessment and challenges (co-hosted by Belgium, France, Germany, European Commission and the Special Criminal Court)**

18:15 – 19:45.....Oceania

**Review of the Kampala amendments on the crime of aggression: perspective of African States Parties (co-hosted by Ghana, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Switzerland and Africa Legal Aid (AFLA))**

18:15 – 19:45..... Oceania Foyer

**Pathways to Justice and Accountability for Venezuela (co-hosted by Defiende Venezuela, Foro Argentino para la Defensa de la Democracia, Un Mundo sin Morzada, OAS Independent International Panel of Experts examining the situation in Venezuela, Observatorio de Crímenes de Lesa Humanidad, Red Anti Crímenes de Lesa Humanidad and Voces de la Memoria)**

18:15 – 19:45..... Africa

**From Margins to Center: Asian Women's Leadership in International Justice and Accountability (hosted by Asia Justice Coalition (AJC))**

18:15 – 19:45.....Antarctica

**Wednesday, 4 December 2024**

**Financing reparations at the ICC and beyond for victims of Rome Statute crimes (hosted by the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV))**

08:30 – 09:45 ..... Europe 1&2

**Exploring New Opportunities for DPRK Accountability at the ICC and the ICJ (co-hosted by the Republic of Korea, Global Rights Compliance (GRC) and the Transitional Justice Working Group (TJWG))**

08:30 – 09:45 .....Asia

**Exploring the Legal Pathways for Referring the Syrian Conflict to the International Criminal Court (hosted by the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression (SCM))**

08:30 – 09:45 .....Antarctica

**Incorporating Slavery and Slave Trade Crimes in the Rome Statute and the Draft Articles on Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity (hosted by Sierra Leone)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Europe 1&2

**Disrupting International Crimes in Sudan: Views from the Front Lines. Can international criminal law be used to disrupt international criminal activity in Sudan? (co-hosted by Germany and Wayamo Foundation)**

13:15 – 14:45 .....Oceania

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

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania Foyer

**MHPSS in Accountability Mechanisms for Atrocity Crimes (hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands)**

13:15 – 14:45.....Asia

**Enhancing our understanding of the nexus between the international and transnational crimes of conflict related sexual violence — including slavery, the slave trade, and trafficking in persons (co-hosted by Belgium and the United Nations Team of Experts on the Rule of Law and Sexual Violence in Conflict)**

13:15 – 14:45.....King Willem Alexander

**The ICC Engagement in Libya: Current Realities and Way Forward (co-hosted by International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), Lawyers for Justice in Libya and Libya Crimes Watch (LCW))**

13:15 – 14:45.....Africa

**Strengthening Justice Mechanism for Afghanistan: Meeting Survivors' Demands (hosted by Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organization (AHRDO))**

13:15 – 14:45.....Antarctica

**Proceedings in the absence of the accused: Legal, ethical and practical considerations (co-hosted by Senegal and the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA))**

18:15 – 19:45.....Europe 1 &2

**Global Dialogue on Children in Armed Conflict: Investigating and Prosecuting Crimes Against and Affecting Children (co-hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Global Rights Compliance (GRC))**

18:15 – 19:45.....Oceania

**Gaps in the ICC’s Jurisdiction over the Crime of Aggression – Why a Reform Should be Supported and How (co-hosted by Costa Rica, Germany and the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR))**

18:15 – 19:45.....Oceania Foyer

**The Gender Persecution Principles: Increasing prevention and ensuring the protection and participation of survivors (co-hosted by the United Kingdom and the Office of the Prosecutor)**

18:15 – 19:45.....Asia

**Destruction of Gaza’s Healthcare Facilities (hosted by the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians (ICJP))**

18:15 – 19:45.....Africa

**Court trials against Ukrainians in the occupied territories and in Russia (co-hosted by Human Rights Centre ZMINA and Media Initiative for Human Rights (MIHR))**

18:15 – 19:45.....Antarctica

**Thursday, 5 December 2024**

**The fight against enforced disappearances: the role of international criminal justice (co-hosted by France, International Commission on Missing Persons, Research Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, and the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances)**

08:30 – 09:45 ..... Europe1&2

**The Evaluation Policy of the International Criminal Court: What does it mean and why does it matter? (hosted by the Independent Oversight Mechanism)**

08:30 – 09:45 ..... Asia

**Victims’ Rome Statute Rights at the ICC: Rebuilding Trust & Advancing Justice (co-hosted by Finland, Ireland, South Africa, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and REDRESS)**

08:30 – 09:45 ..... Antarctica

**Addressing International Crimes and Refugees: The German Experience (co-hosted by Germany and the International Nuremberg Principles Academy)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Europe 1&2



**Financial Accountability at the International Criminal Court: Are States ready to comply with ICC Asset Recovery Requests? (co-hosted by France, Senegal, International Bar Association (IBA) and REDRESS)**

13:15 – 14:45..... Oceania

**Obstructing Justice and Promoting Impunity: Political Pressure and Intimidation of International Criminal Court Officials (co-hosted by Bolivia, Chile, the State of Palestine, Al-Haq Organization for Human Rights, Al-Haq Europe, Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and the Palestinian Center for Human Rights)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Oceania Foyer

**International Crimes Affecting the Environment in the DRC and Ukraine: Two Case Studies to Promote the Rights of Survivors (co-hosted by Belgium, Justice Rapid Response (JRR) and TRIAL International)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Asia

**Documenting attacks on healthcare in Sudan, Ukraine and Palestine – leveraging tech and authenticated footage for accountability (co-hosted by Luxembourg, the State of Palestine and eyeWitness to Atrocities)**

13:15 – 14:45.....King Willem Alexander

**Survivor-centered approaches to delivering reparations to victims of international crimes: Lessons learned from the Dominic Ongwen case (co-hosted by Uganda, Avocats Sans Frontières (ASF), International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) and REDRESS)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Africa

**Voices of the Voiceless: Addressing Political Prisoners and the Criminalization of Dissent in Venezuela (co-hosted by Canada and Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights)**

13:15 – 14:45 .....Antarctica

**The Gender Justice Practitioner Hub: Launch (co-hosted by Australia and the Legal Action Worldwide (LAW))<sup>8</sup>**

18:15 – 20:00.....Australian Residence<sup>9</sup>

**Delegates Reception (co-hosted by Finland, Trust Fund for Victims (TFV), Municipality of The Hague and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))<sup>10</sup>**

18:30 – 20:00.....Gember restaurant<sup>11</sup>

<sup>8</sup> By invitation only.

<sup>9</sup> Tobias Asserlaan 6.

<sup>10</sup> By invitation only.

<sup>11</sup> Stadhouderslaan 43, 2517 HV Den Haag.

**Friday, 6 December 2024**

**Designing an Accountability Mechanism for Ukraine as a Key Step in Effective Capacity Building and Delivering Meaningful Justice for the Victims (co-hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Amnesty International and the Ukrainian Legal Advisory Group)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Europe 1&2

**Gender Justice and the Crimes Against Humanity Treaty Initiative (co-hosted by the United Kingdom, Global Justice Center (GJC) and Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Oceania Foyer

**The International Criminal Court and the Critical Situation in Palestine: Challenges and Urgent Actions Needed (co-hosted by the State of Palestine and the Independent Commission for Human Rights)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Oceania

**From evidence to action: Azerbaijan and the case for an urgent investigation (co-hosted by Center for Truth and Justice, Democracy Development Foundation and International Partnership for Human Rights)**

13:15 – 14:45 ..... Africa

**Civil Society and the ICC: Pathways to Collaborative and Genuine Engagement (co-hosted by Finland, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH))**

13:15 – 14:45 .....Antarctica

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

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