# Journal

## **22 November 2024**

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 – 13:00King Willem Alexander
Meeting of the Credentials Committee <sup>3 4</sup>
12:00 – 12:30Europe 1&2
Second plenary meeting
- General Debate
15:00 – 18:00King Willem Alexander

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  All official meeting times are in Central European time zone (CET).

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

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

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# 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	
<ul> <li>Consideration of the budget: Presentations by the Registrar and the Budget and Finance</li> <li>Consideration of the Audit reports <ul> <li>Statement by the Chairperson of the Audit Committee</li> <li>Statement by the External Auditor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Chair of the Committee on
10:00 - 11:30	King Willem Alexander
Working Group on the Budget <sup>5</sup> 11:30 – 12:00	King Willem Alexander
<b>Reserved</b> 12:00 – 13:00	King Willem Alexander
Sixth plenary meeting	
- Review Mechanism 15:00 – 16:30	King Willem Alexander
<b>Reserved</b> 16:30 – 18:00	King Willem Alexander
Thursday, 5 December 2024	
<b>Reserved</b> 10:00 – 11:30	King Willem Alexander
<b>Reserved</b> 11:30 – 13:00	King Willem Alexander

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

# Seventh plenary meeting

- Cooperation	
15:00 – 17:00	King Willem Alexander
Reserved	

17:00 - 18	8:00	King	Willem Alexander	r
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# Friday, 6 December 2024

## Eighth plenary meeting

<ul> <li>Progress reports by the Coordinators</li> <li>Introduction of draft resolutions</li> </ul>	
10:00 – 10:30	King Willem Alexander
<b>Reserved</b> 10:30 – 13:00	King Willem Alexander
<b>Reserved</b> 15:00 – 16:30	King Willem Alexander
<b>Reserved</b> 16:30 – 18:00	5

# Saturday, 7 December 2024

Ninth plenary meeting
Adoption of resolutions 0:00 - 10:30King Willem Alexander
Reserved 0:30 – 12:30King Willem Alexander
Aeeting of the Credentials Committee <sup>6</sup> 2:30 – 13:00Europe 1&2
Centh plenary meeting
Consideration of reports Report of the Credentials Committee Oral report of the Rapporteur Adoption of the report Closure of the session 5:00 – 18:00King Willem Alexander

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

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

## Thursday, 28 November 2024

## Bureau meeting<sup>8</sup>

13:00 – 15:00.....Conference room 1&2, ICC

## 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, Marshall Islands, Portugal, Senegal, Sierra Leone and the Office of the Prosecutor) 13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania Foyer

Double standards at the ICC: perspectives from Afghanistan, Myanmar, Nigeria, Palestine and Venezuela (co-hosted by South Africa and Amnesty International) 13:15 – 14:45.....Asia

Closing the Impunity Gap by Building a Comprehensive Rome Statute System: A Panel Discussion on How National Courts and the ICC Complement Each Other (co-hosted by Colombia, Sweden, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University) and Stockholm Center on Global Governance (Stockholm University))

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 2

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Bureau. All efforts will be made to conclude the meeting on time, but given the long agenda it may be necessary to continue beyond 15:00. A remote connection will be available for the Bureau members outside The Hague who wish to follow the meeting. The meeting will take place from 07:00 to 09:00 hours (New York).

Protecting and Defending Human Rights Defenders and Civil Society: Advancing the Role of ICC States Parties and the Court (co-hosted by Costa Rica, Finland, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, Al-Haq, Al-Haq Europe, Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights, the Coalition for the Prevention of Hazara Genocide, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Lawyers for Justice in Libya, Palestinian Centre for Human Rights and the Transitional Justice Coordination Group-Afghanistan)

13:15 - 14:45......Antarctica

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..... Europe 1&2

Advancing Cybersecurity at the International Criminal Court: Reflections and Lessons Learnt from the Cyber Attack in 2023 (co-hosted by Belgium, Czechia, Estonia, France, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom 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

Launch reception for No Woman's Land: An Intimate Look into the Battle for Women's Rights in Afghanistan (co-hosted by France, Amnesty International and the Carmignac Foundation)

18:15 – 19:45..... Lobby 2, Ground Floor

## Tuesday, 3 December 2024

Eyes on Sudan: Promises and Challenges of Digital Evidence Investigations (hosted by th United Kingdom)
08:30 – 09:45Asi
The value added of United Nations Accountability Mechanisms to judicial processes (co hosted by Canada, the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) and th International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism (IIIM))
08:30 – 09:45Everest
Residual Impacts of Genocide and Chemical Warfare in Iraqi Kurdistan (hosted by Kurdis Organizations Network Coalition for the International Criminal Court (KONCICC)) 08:30 – 09:45
Universality of the Rome Statute (co-hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republi of Korea, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA))
13:15 – 14:45 Europe 1&
Assessing the impact of the Katanga reparations programme (co-hosted by the Democrati Republic of the Congo, Germany, Ireland, and the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV))
13:15 – 14:45 Ocean
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
Strengthening the ICC's toolkit for arrest and surrender (co-hosted by Belgium, Finland France, Senegal, South Africa, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC Human Rights First, Human Rights Watch (HRW), the International Bar Association (IBA and the Southern African Litigation Centre (SALC))
13:15 – 14:45As
A Fifth Crime of Ecocide: Opening Considerations (hosted by Vanuatu) 13:15 – 14:45
Prevailing Impunity in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (hosted by the Palestinian Center
<b>for Human Rights (PCHR))</b> 13:15 – 14:45Afric
Philippine Cooperation & ASP Support: Their Implications to Asia and the ICC System (constended by Center Law, Justice and Peace Netherlands, Network against Killings in the Philippines (NAKPhil), No Peace Without Justice (NPWJ), Philippine Coalition for the International Criminal Court (PCICC) and StoptheDrugWar.org) 13:15 – 14:45

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

Documenting attacks on healthcare in Sudan, Ukraine and Palestine – leveraging tech and authenticated footage for accountability (co-hosted by Luxembourg, the State of Palestine, Al-Haq, Al-Haq Europe, eyeWitness to Atrocities, Physicians for Human Rights and Sudan Human Rights Hub)

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), International Commissions of Jurists (ICJ) and Gqual)

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

"THE VETO": a film showing accompanied by panel discussion (co-hosted by Guatemala, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Switzerland, International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), Open Society Justice Initiative, Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG) and Syrian Justice and Accountability Center)

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

How to improve the quality of evidence and promote healing of victims? A call for standards to integrate trauma-informed approaches in accountability mechanisms (hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands)

13:15 – 14:45.....Asia

**Strengthening Justice Mechanism for Afghanistan: Meeting Survivors' Demands (co-hosted by Norway and Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organization (AHRDO))** 13:15 – 14:45......Antarctica

**Proceedings in the absence of the accused: Legal, ethical and practical considerations (cohosted 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

Reviewing the ICC's Jurisdiction over the Crime of Aggression: Addressing a Double Standard in International Law (co-hosted by Costa Rica, Gambia, Germany, Liechtenstein, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Vanuatu, the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR) and the Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression)

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

Gender Justice: Avenues for Ensuring Accountability for Gender-Based Crimes in Afghanistan (co-hosted by Chile, Luxembourg, Mexico, Atlantic Council Strategic Litigation Project, Civic Engagement Project (CEP), Foley Hoag LLP, Global Justice Center, Independent Coalition of Afghanistan Women's Protest Movements, International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute, International Bar Association's ICC & ICL Programme, and UCLA Law School The Promise Institute for Human Rights)

Destruction of Gaza's Healthcare Facilities (co-hosted by Al-Haq and the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians (ICJP))

18:15 – 19:45......Africa

Denying a fair trial as an atrocity crime in the context of the Russo-Ukrainian war: Context, practice, law and perspectives (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 (cohosted 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

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

Civilian infrastructure in crisis: Documentation of attacks in Ukraine (co-hosted by Lithuania, eyeWitness to Atrocities, Global Rights Compliance, Physicians for Human Rights and Truth Hounds)

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

The Gender Justice Practitioner Hub: Launch (co-hosted by Australia and the Legal Action Worldwide (LAW))<sup>9</sup>

18:15 – 20:00......Australian Residence<sup>10</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>11</sup> 18:30 – 20:00......Gember restaurant<sup>12</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> By invitation only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Tobias Asserlaan 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> By invitation only. For ASP participants with badges only

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Stadhouderslaan 43, 2517 HV Den Haag.

## Friday, 6 December 2024

Universal Jurisdiction and Complementarity at the ICC: Collaborating to End Impunity (cohosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Clooney Foundation for Justice and Legal Action Worldwide)

08:30 – 09:45 ..... Asia

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

13:15 – 14:45 ...... Europe 1&2

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

Gender Justice and the Crimes Against Humanity Treaty Initiative (co-hosted by the United Kingdom, Crimes Against Humanity Initiative at Washington University, Global Justice Center (GJC), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Physicians for Human Rights, Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA Law and Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice)

13:15 – 14:45 ...... Oceania Foyer

Holding Azerbaijan Accountable: The Role of the ICC for Ethnic Armenians (co-hosted by Center for Truth and Justice, Democracy Development Foundation and International Partnership for Human Rights)

13:15 – 14:45 ...... Africa

# Exhibits<sup>13</sup>

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## Announcements

## Delegates who have registered by 27 November 2024 can collect their badges during early registration on Sunday, 1 December from 15:00 to 17:00 hours at the World Forum Convention Centre

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## 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 regarding side events, general debate and documents can be found on the website of the Assembly <u>here</u>.

## **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

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#### **Requests for side events**

Rooms for side events and meetings, including those of regional groups or other informal meetings of States, may be reserved by contacting the focal point of the Secretariat, Mr. Jose Rodrigo Moreno at: Jose.Moreno@icc-cpi.int, with copy to Ms. Estera Luteranova at: Estera.Luteranova@icc-cpi.int. For inclusion of the side event/meeting to the ASP Journal please provide the focal point with the following information: the title of the event, names of the organizers (including at least one State Party sponsor) and preferred date and time. Modifications to the ASP Journal will be reflected in the following version.

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.

The participation in side events taking place within the secure area of the Assembly will be restricted to those who receive accreditation.

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## Handbook

For further information regarding the session please refer to the Handbook for Participants.

## Documentation

#### Paperless

As per the decision by the Bureau dated 8 September 2021 accessible <u>here</u>, 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, English and French on the ICC YouTube channel.

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