



Commemoration of the Day of International Criminal Justice

Truth, Memory and Justice: Engaging victims of mass atrocities in international criminal justice

Concept note

Date and time: Wednesday, 17 July 2024, 15:00 to 16:30

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Interpretation: English and French

*Panel discussion organized by the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute,
Ms. Päivi Kaukoranta*

This year, the Day of International Criminal Justice would be devoted to victims of mass atrocities and to mechanisms to ensure their meaningful involvement and participation in international criminal proceedings since the early stages.

The voices of those who suffer the consequences of international crimes and their quest for truth lay at the foundation of international criminal justice, the Rome Statute and the International Criminal Court.

The commemorative event will focus on three main issues:

1. How to protect the memory of mass atrocities that have involved millions of people since the inception of the 20th century.
2. How to properly address the quest for justice of victims and survivors of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide within the system of the International Criminal Court.
3. How to improve the statutory framework to allow a deeper and more meaningful participation of victims in the Court's proceedings since their beginning, including by providing victims with means of judicial redress before the Pre-Trial Chamber during the investigative stage of the proceedings as well as rights of participation as parties to the proceedings and rights of appeal.

The discussion will not refer to any situation before the Court.

Opening remarks by the moderator:

Ms. Päivi Kaukoranta, President, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute

Panel members:

Judge Tomoko Akane, President, International Criminal Court

Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, First Vice-President, International Criminal Court

H.E. Mr. Michael Imran Kanu, Vice-President, Assembly of States Parties

Mr. Pablo de Greiff, Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence

The panel discussion will be followed by question & answer segment. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers for States and other stakeholders wishing to pose a question should be made from 11 July until the end of Tuesday, 16 July via email at: asp@icc-cpi.int and copied to Estera.Luteranova@icc-

cpi.int specifying the name and title of the speaker. Participants will be inscribed on the speakers list on a first come, first served basis with States Parties being given priority. Participants are kindly requested to keep their questions to a maximum of three minutes.



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