

Symposium

Strategic Vision for the Next Decade: How to Ensure Consistent and Sustainable Support for the International Criminal Court

Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Adoption of the ICC's Rome Statute

12-13 October 2023, Siracusa (Italy)

Thursday, 12 October

9.30 Welcome Remarks

- Jean-François Thony, President, Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights
- Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, President, Assembly of States Parties, International Criminal Court
- Piotr Hofmański, President, International Criminal Court
- Representative of the Italian Government (*TBC*)

10.15 General Rapporteur's Overview of the Symposium

- William Schabas, Professor of International Law, Middlesex University, UK

10.30 *Coffee Break*

11.00 Panel 1: Reinforcing Rome Statute Crimes

This panel discussion will reflect on opportunities for reinforcing the Rome Statute's substantive criminal scope through the inclusion of new crimes. Among others, topics to be addressed in the first panel include the Slave Trade, Cyberwarfare, Environmental Destruction, and Starvation in non-international armed conflicts, as well as addressing longstanding gaps and limitations in the Statute's criminal and jurisdictional scope.

Moderator

- Raphaëlle Nollez-Goldbach, Director of Studies Law and Public Administration, École Normale Supérieure, France (TBC)

Speakers

- Rosario Aitala, Judge, International Criminal Court
- Karim A. A. Khan KC, Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- Lindsay Freeman, Technology, Law, and Policy Director, Human Rights Centre, University of California Berkeley, USA
- Michael Kanu, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative for Legal Affairs, Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the UN in New York (TBC)
- Kate Orlovsky, Director, ICC and ICL Program, International Bar Association

13.00 *Lunch Break*

14.30 Host Country Address: *Presentation TBC*

- Representative Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (TBC)

15.00 Panel 2: The Future of Complementarity: Domesticating the Rome Statute Values and Revitalising the Principle of Complementarity

This panel discussion will reflect on lessons learned from 25 years of operationalising the principle of complementarity in practice and jurisprudence, including the expectations and obligations of states and the International Criminal Court in light of that history and the ICC Office of the Prosecutor's new policy paper on complementarity. The panel will also consider the future of complementarity considering the recently adopted Mutual Legal Assistance Convention for crimes against humanity, genocide and war crimes, and the potential for developing new frameworks to facilitate international cooperation with the Court.

Moderator

- Kimberly Prost, Judge, International Criminal Court (TBC)

Speakers

- Beth Van Schaack, US Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice, Department of State, USA (TBC)
- Representative from Japan (TBC)
- Matevz Pezdirc, Director, EU Genocide Network on Universal Jurisdiction (TBC)
- Roberto Carlos Vidal López, President, Special Jurisdiction for Peace, Colombia (TBC)
- Ousman Njikam, Deputy Registrar, Central African Republic Special Criminal Court (TBC)

17.00 ***Comfort Break***

18.15 **Close of the Day's Sessions**

20.30 ***Official Dinner***

Friday, 13 October

11.00 **Presentation of the *Ethica* Principles for International Criminal Judges**

Moderator

- Amélie Becquart, Special Advisor on International Criminal Justice, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

Speakers

- Piotr Hofmański, President, International Criminal Court
- Representative of International Nuremberg Principles Academy (TBC)
- Representative of the Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (TBC)
- Representative of the Siracusa International Institute (TBC)

12.00 **Panel 3: Strengthening Accountability for Atrocity Crimes**

This panel discussion will consider future prospects for ensuring victims' rights to truth, justice and reparation and a victim-centred approach, the delivery of justice more expeditiously through shortened proceedings, and corporate accountability for atrocity crimes.

Moderator

- Angela Mudukuti, Legal Advocacy Director, Waging Justice for Women, Clooney Foundation for Justice (TBC)

Speakers

- Solomy Balungi Bossa, Judge, International Criminal Court
- Anta Guissé, Defence Counsel (TBC)
- Chantal Meloni, Senior Legal Advisor on International Crimes and Accountability, European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights (TBC)
- Carla Ferstman, Professor of Law, University of Essex, UK (online)

13.30 **Lunch Break**

14.45 **Panel 4: Enhancing the Court's Institutional Framework**

This panel discussion will consider future prospects and challenges for the Court's governance and functioning, including issues relating to resources, workplace culture, and election procedures.

Moderator

- Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar, International Criminal Court

Speakers

- Christian Wenaweser, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN in New York (online)
- Tirana Hassan, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch (TBC)
- Sanji Mmasenono Monageng, Judge and Member, ICC Advisory Committee on the Nomination of Judges

- Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez, Judge, ICC Pre-Trial Division
- Geraldine Danhoui, President, ICC Staff Union Council (*TBC*)

16.15 Closing Remarks and Presentation of the Draft Siracusa Statement

Speaker

- William Schabas, Professor of International Law, Middlesex University, UK

16.45 *Close of Symposium and Farewell Aperitivo in the Institute's Courtyard*