



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

12.00 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
- Min. Plen. Pasquale Velotti, Deputy Head of the Service for Legal Affairs, Diplomatic Disputes and International Agreements, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

12.40 General Rapporteur's Overview of the Symposium

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

13.00 *Group Picture & Lunch*





14.30 **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

- Philippe Greciano, Professor; President, Franco-German University

Speakers

- Rosario Aitala, Judge, International Criminal Court
- Mame Mandiaye Niang, Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- Lindsay Freeman, Technology, Law, and Policy Director, Human Rights Centre, University of California Berkeley, USA
- Michael Kanu, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the UN in New York (*online*)
- Kate Orlovsky, Director, ICC and ICL Program, International Bar Association
- Raphaëlle Nollez-Goldbach, Director of Studies Law and Public Administration, École Normale Supérieure, France (*online*)

16.15 **Comfort Break**

16.30 **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

- Rod Rastan, Legal Advisor, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

Speakers

- Beth Van Schaack, US Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice, Department of State, USA
- Priya Gopalan, International Criminal Law Lawyer; Chair, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, UN Human Rights Council
- Matevž Pezdirc, Head of EU Genocide Network Secretariat, Eurojust
- Eduardo Cifuentes Muñoz, Judge and former President, Special Jurisdiction for Peace, Colombia
- Ousman Njikam, Deputy Registrar, Central African Republic Special Criminal Court

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

20.30 ***Official Dinner at Grand Hotel Ortigia (Via Mazzini 12)***

Friday, 13 October

12.00 **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
- Kiran Menon, Senior Officer, International Nuremberg Principles Academy
- Emmanuelle Laudic-Baron, Magistrate in charge of the International Department, Ecole nationale de la Magistrature
- Jean-François Thony, President, Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights

13.00 *Lunch Break*

14.30 <i>Panel 3: Strengthening Accountability for Atrocity Crimes</i>

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

- Paolina Massidda, Principal Counsel, Independent Office of Public Counsel for Victims, International Criminal Court

Speakers

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

16.00 *Comfort Break*





16.15 **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

- Elizabeth Evenson, Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch
- Sanji Mmasenono Monageng, Judge and Member, ICC Advisory Committee on the Nomination of Judges (*online*)
- Geraldine Danhoui, President, ICC Staff Union Council
- Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez, Judge, International Criminal Court

18.00 **Closing Remarks and Presentation of the Draft Siracusa Statement**

Speaker

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

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