



PRESIDENCY OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

**Commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute of the
International Criminal Court**

United Nations Headquarters, New York

17 July 2023

Programme

**8:00-9:30 INFORMAL BREAKFAST ON THE OCCASION OF THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE ADOPTION OF THE ROME STATUTE**

Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations

Invitees: Panelists and Ministers (upon invitation)

Location: Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations

Date: Monday, 17 July 2023

Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters

Duration: one day (two segments of three hours each from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00)

Interpretation into Arabic, English, French, and Spanish

10:00-10:40 OPENING CEREMONY

Presided by Ms. Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, President, Assembly of States Parties

Speakers

*Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations
Legal Counsel (on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations)*

*H.E. Ms. Maria Tripodi, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International
Cooperation (Italy)*

Judge Piotr Hofmański, President, International Criminal Court

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Speakers

H.E. Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada

Mr. William R. Pace, former Convenor, Coalition for the International Criminal Court

Ms. Minou Tavárez Mirabal, Chair, Board of Directors of Trust Fund for Victims

In Memoriam (video tribute to key figures from Rome who have passed)

*The Assembly of States Parties would like to express its gratitude to the European Commission, the Permanent Missions of
Canada, Italy and Liechtenstein to the United Nations, the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human
Rights and the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court for their generous financial support for the
commemorative events.*

10:40-12:40 STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE NEXT DECADE: HOW TO ENSURE CONSISTENT AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPORT FOR THE ICC

High-level, in-person Ministerial Roundtable on the strategic vision of the Court for the next decade, open only to Ministerial Level Representatives.¹

Ms. Melinda Reed, Acting Convenor of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), will address attendees on behalf of civil society.

Mr. Karim A. A. Khan KC, Prosecutor, International Criminal Court, will deliver concluding remarks.

12:40-13:00 COOPERATION AGREEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

13:00-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

13:15-14:30 Ministerial side-event on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Rome Statute: *The ICC and the Crime of Aggression: In Defense of the UN Charter*

Co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Germany and Liechtenstein to the United Nations, and co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, Estonia, Luxembourg, Slovenia and Vanuatu to the United Nations

Location: United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 3

15:00-18:00 STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE NEXT DECADE: HOW TO ENSURE CONSISTENT AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPORT FOR THE ICC (cont.)

15:00-15:55

Panel I

Connecting the dots: Strengthening the international criminal law ecosystem

Moderator H.E. Mr. Robert Keith Rae, *Vice-President, Assembly of States Parties*

Speakers

1. Ms. Catherine Marchi-Uhel, *Head, International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism on Syria*
2. Mr. Dapo Akande, *Professor, Oxford University*
3. Ms. Anta Guissé, *Counsel for the Defence*
4. Ms. Ekaterina Trendafilova, *former Judge, International Criminal Court*

Question and answer segment

¹Information regarding inscription to the list of speakers will be communicated prior to the event.

16:00-16:55

Panel II

Ensuring adequate remedy to victims of Rome Statute Crimes

Moderator Ms. Deborah Ruiz Verduzco, *Executive Director, Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims*

Speakers

1. Mr. Chang-ho Chung, *Judge, International Criminal Court*
2. Mr. Fabian Salvioli, *UN Special Rapporteur on truth, justice and reparation*
3. Ms. Evelyne Ombeni, *Legal Representative of Victims, International Criminal Court*
4. Ms. Danya Chaikel, *Representative to the International Criminal Court, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)*

Question and answer segment

17:00-17:50

Panel III

Strengthening the Rome Statute system: The Review Mechanism and beyond

Moderator Mr. Mark Ellis, *Executive Director of the International Bar Association*

Speakers

1. H.E. Mr. Paul van den Ijssel, *State Party Representative for the Review Mechanism (Netherlands)*
2. H.E. Mr. Michael Kanu, *State Party Representative for the Review Mechanism (Sierra Leone)*
3. Mr. Osvaldo Zavala Giler, *Registrar, International Criminal Court*
4. Ms. Elizabeth Evenson, *Associate Director, Human Rights Watch*

Question and answer segment

17:50-18:00 Closing remarks by Ms. Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, President, Assembly of States Parties

18.00-20:00 RECEPTION ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE ROME STATUTE

Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations

Open to all attendees

Location: Sputnik Lounge, Visitor's Entrance, United Nations Headquarters



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