

Consultative Conference on International Criminal Justice

September 9-11, 2009 at the United Nations Headquarters



Background

The Rome Statute and the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) are key events among many that have created a permanent, global, justice system dependent on international institutions, national states, and non-governmental organizations. Today, that system includes regional courts, international law enforcement bodies, and new organizations working toward the control of violence, the promotion of lasting security, and the manifestation of justice for the world's gravest crimes.

Yet the networks on which this "system" depends—networks among states, among NGOs, among international bodies—are unevenly developed and only tenuously connected to one another. If the international criminal justice system is to continue to mature over the next decade, these networks, too, must be strengthened and, when possible, better coordinated. The Consultative Conference on International Criminal Justice is designed to facilitate that work.

The meeting will continue the tradition of consultation by the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the International Criminal Court in the presentation of OTP's three-year plans in 2003 and 2006, but will expand the discussion beyond the Rome Statute bodies to include national and transnational institutions essential to the realization of international justice. Discussions are to be practical and action-oriented, focused on concrete plans and strategies for the next few years rather than on concepts and principles.

Conference Agenda

Wednesday, September 9

Delegates Private Dining Rooms 1-3, 4th Floor, United Nations Headquarters

1:00 pm Press Briefing

Delegates Dining Room, 4th Floor, United Nations Headquarters

6:00 pm Reception

Speakers: Mr. Barry Lowenkron, Vice President of the Program on Global Security & Sustainability, MacArthur Foundation; Mr. Aryeh Neier, President, Open Society Institute

Thursday, September 10

Rooms 6-8, 4th Floor, United Nations Headquarters

8:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast
West Terrace on the 4th Floor of the United Nations

9:00 am Welcome
Presenters: Mr. Christopher Stone, Guggenheim Professor of the Practice of Criminal Justice, Harvard University and Faculty Director, Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations; Ms. Patricia O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, The Legal Counsel

- 9:20 am Session 1: Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC
Presenter: Dr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- Discussants: Honorable Lloyd Axworthy, President and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Winnipeg and Former Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs; Justice Hassan B. Jallow, Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; Major General Oscar Adolfo Naranjo Trujillo, National Police General Director, Colombia; Mr. Laren Poole, Co-Founder and President, Invisible Children, Inc.; Commissioner Peter Slort, Commissioner, Amsterdam Police, The Netherlands
- 11:00 am Break
- 11:20 am Session 2: The Registrar of the ICC
Presenter: Justice Silvana Arbia, Registrar, International Criminal Court
- Discussants: Justice Richard Goldstone, Former Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; Professor Cherif Bassiouni, President Emeritus of the DePaul University International Human Rights Law Institute and Former United Nations human rights investigator in Afghanistan
- 1:00 pm Lunch
Speaker: Mr. Maina Kiai, Former Chairman of the Kenya National Human Rights Commission
- 2:10 pm Session 3: Coalition for the International Criminal Court
Presenter: Mr. William Pace, Convenor, Coalition for the International Criminal Court
- Discussants: Mr. Kenneth Roth, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch; Ms. Oby Nwankwo, Founder and Executive Director, Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre Nigeria
- 3:45 pm Break
- 4:00 pm Session 4: Assembly of States Parties
Presenter: H. E. Ambassador Christian Wenaweser, President of the Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
- Discussants: H.E. Ambassador Jorge Lomonaco, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the Netherlands; H. E. Ambassador Zachary D. Muburi-Muita, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations
- 5:30 pm Free Time
- 6:30 pm Reception and Dinner
Delegates Dining Room, 4th Floor, United Nations Headquarters
Speaker: Judge Sang-hyun Song, President, International Criminal Court

Friday, September 11

Rooms 6–8, 4th Floor, United Nations Headquarters

8:00 am Continental Breakfast, Informal Conversation
West Terrace on the 4th Floor of the United Nations

9:00 am Session 5: Regional Courts and Commissions
Presenter: Mr. Juan Méndez, Visiting Professor, Washington College of Law, The American University, and President Emeritus, International Center for Transitional Justice

Discussants: Mr. Erik Fribergh, Registrar, European Court of Human Rights; Commissioner Bahame Tom Nyanduga, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; Justice Sergio Garcia Ramirez, Inter-American Court of Human Rights; Justice Patrick L. Robinson, President, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; Commissioner Dinah Shelton, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Mannat/Ahn Professor of International Law, George Washington University Law School

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Session 6: International Relief & Development NGOs
Presenter: Mr. Peter Bell, Senior Research Fellow, Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations at Harvard University

Discussants: Dr. Charles F. McCormack, President and CEO, Save the Children; Dr. George Rupp, President, International Rescue Committee

12:30 pm Lunch
Speaker: Professor Catharine A. MacKinnon, Special Gender Advisor, International Criminal Court

1:45 pm Session 7: Domestic Justice Systems
Presenter: Professor Cecile Aptel, Senior Fellow, International Center for Transitional Justice

Discussants: Dr. Gustavo Gallón Giraldo, Director, Colombian Commission of Jurists; Justice Augusto Ibañez, President, Supreme Court of Justice, Colombia; H.E. Dr. Luzolo Bambi Lessa, Minister of Justice, Democratic Republic of Congo

3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm Concluding Session & Final Observations by Presenters
Moderator: Mr. Christopher Stone

With Observations by: H. E. Ambassador Augustine Mahiga, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations, Dr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Justice Silvana Arbia, Mr. Bill Pace, H.E. Ambassador Christian Wenaweser, Judge Sang-hyun Song, Mr. Juan Méndez, Mr. Peter Bell, Professor Cecile Aptel

4:30 pm Adjourn

