

Strengthening Gender Justice through International Prosecutions



Day 1 Thursday 6 September

08.15 **Registration desk open** [First floor, outside White I & II Room, Hilton Hotel]

09.15 **Welcome — working together to strengthen gender justice**

Context and purpose of the Symposium

- **Michelle Bachelet** Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Women (video)
- **Brigid Inder** Executive Director, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice
- **Anne Marie Goetz** Chief Advisor, Peace and Security, UN Women

Address

- **Fatou Bensouda** Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Court (ICC)

10.20 MORNING TEA

10.45 **How far have we come, where do we need to go?**

The panel will provide a review of some of the successes, challenges and lessons learned across multiple tribunals and courts regarding the prosecution of gender-based crimes and offer some reflections on strategies for further strengthening prosecutions in this area.

Moderator

- **Patricia Viseur Sellers** Visiting Fellow, Kellogg College, University of Oxford

Panel

- **Dr Kelly Dawn Askin** Senior Legal Officer for International Justice, Open Society Foundations (OSF)
- **Associate Professor Valerie Oosterveld** Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario
- **Michelle Jarvis** Senior Legal Advisor to the Prosecutor and Senior Appeals Counsel, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- **Gloria Atiba-Davies** Head of Gender and Children Unit, ICC

12.15 LUNCH

13.30 **Building a successful case**

An opportunity to examine the importance of and challenges faced, in preparing a case at the investigation and pre-trial stage. The panel will discuss some of the investigative challenges in gathering evidence and constructing cases including those in situations where gender-based crimes have featured.

Moderator

- **John Ralston** Executive Director, Institute for International Criminal Investigations

Panel

- **Xabier Agirre Aranburu** Senior Analyst, ICC
- **Bob Reid** Chief of Operations, ICTY
- **Erin Gallagher** Investigator, ICTY

15.00 AFTERNOON TEA



15.25 **Securing a successful prosecution for gender-based crimes**

The panel will explore some of the challenges and lessons learned in building a successful prosecution strategy and presenting a case at the trial phase, including in cases involving gender-based crimes. The panel will reflect upon the different statutes and their implications for the trial strategy including but not limited to disclosure, witness proofing and protection issues.

Moderator

- **Pam Spees** Staff Attorney, Centre for Constitutional Rights

Panel

- **Petra Kneuer** Senior Trial Lawyer, ICC
- **Maxine Marcus** Trial Attorney, ICTY
- **Lorraine Smith van Lin** Programme Manager, International Bar Association's International Criminal Court (IBAICC) Programme

17.00 SHORT BREAK

17.15 **Keynote Speech**

- **Ambassador H.E. Ms Tiina Intelmann** President, Assembly of States Parties

18.00 **Reception** [Atrium, Ground floor, Hilton Hotel]

Day 2 Friday 7 September

08.30 **Registration desk open** [Ground floor, Hilton Hotel]

09.30 **Dial forward**

Chief Prosecutors discuss the opportunities and challenges of leading international prosecutions for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide including accountability for the commission of gender-based crimes.

Moderator

- **Brigid Inder** Executive Director, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice

Prosecutors

- **Fatou Bensouda** Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Court (ICC)
- **Serge Brammertz** Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- **Brenda J Hollis** Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL)
- **Hassan Jallow** Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)



Day 2 continued

11.00 MORNING TEA

11.30 **Accessible justice**

The panel will explore some of the issues relating to victims/survivors including reparations and participation in an international justice process.

Moderator

- **Maryam Elahi** Director, International Women's Programme, OSF

Panel

- **Professor Ruth Rubio Marin** Professor of Constitutional and Public Comparative Law, European University Institute
- **Kristin Kalla** Senior Programme Officer, Trust Fund for Victims, ICC
- **Paolina Massidda** Principal Counsel, Office of the Public Counsel for Victims, ICC

12.45 LUNCH

14.00 **Global support**

The panel will consider how political support for the Tribunals and the ICC is critical for their success. With the ongoing growth in membership of States Parties to the ICC, what role can States and regional political bodies play in supporting the Court? What steps can be taken to ensure greater cooperation for the implementation of arrest warrants and where do States Parties locate the ICC and the Tribunals in relation to the global system of security, justice and peace?

Moderator

- **Ambassador H.E. Ms Tiina Intelmann** President, Assembly of States Parties

Panel

- **Ambassador H.E. Mr Markus Börlin** Ambassador of Switzerland to the Netherlands and Vice-President of Assembly of States Parties
- **Ambassador H.E. Mr Peter Goosen** Ambassador of South Africa to the Netherlands
- **Ambassador H.E. Mr Christian Wenaweser** Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the United Nations
- **Ambassador H.E. Mr Håkan Emsgård** Ambassador of Sweden to the Netherlands

15.30 AFTERNOON TEA

16.00 **View from the bench**

The panelists will share their views on strengthening international courts and jurisprudence, including for gender-based crimes from a judicial perspective. A distinguished panel of Judges from both international and national courts will discuss these issues drawing upon experiences throughout their careers.

Moderator

- **Gabrielle McIntyre** Chef de Cabinet, Chambers, ICTY

Panel

- **Justice Shireen Avis Fisher** President of SCSL
- **Justice Unity Dow** Former High Court Judge, Botswana
- **Justice Teresa Doherty** Trial Chamber II, SCSL

17.30 **Closing remarks**