Strengthening Gender Justice through International Prosecutions

Programme
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
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]

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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)
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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