

Prioritization Criteria, I-DOC and the Quality of Atrocity Fact-Work

**Monday, 2 December 2024, 13:15-14:45,
The Hague, World Forum, 'Europe 1 and 2'**

A side-event (with lunch) to the 23rd Session of the ICC Assembly of States Parties, convened by the Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP), sponsored by Korea and Norway, co-sponsored by the Coalition for International Criminal Justice (CICJ), Commission for International Justice and Accountability (CIJA), Fondacija Fond za humanitarno pravo (Foundation Humanitarian Law Center), Global Rights Compliance, Human Rights Law Centre (University of Nottingham), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Norwegian Helsinki Committee, and Truth Hounds.

The complementary nature of the ICC, growing knowledge about international criminal law and how it relates to violent conflict, and a more realistic understanding of what the Court can currently achieve gradually shift attention to national criminal justice for core international crimes. Chaired by Dr. David Donat Cattin (NYU Center for Global Affairs), this side-event considers three ways ICC experience and services, in tandem with CILRAP and partners, can support work on fact-rich cases in national jurisdictions.

13:15-13:45 **Using Prioritization Criteria to Bring the Best-Suited Cases to Justice First**



With 26 chapters (8 new) by 29 authors, the Third Edition of *Criteria for Prioritizing and Selecting Core International Crimes Cases* (549 pp.) is launched at the side-event (e-book freely available at <http://www.toaep.org/ps-pdf/4-bergsmo-third>). By offering in-depth analyses of key documents and practical challenges, this TOAEP book can help to ensure that the best-suited cases are processed first.

- H.E. Ambassador Erling Rimestad (Norwegian Ambassador to the Netherlands);
- Justice Erik Møse (former Judge, Norwegian Supreme Court, ICTR (also its President) and ECHR);
- Professor and Head of School Olympia Bekou (University of Nottingham);
- Peter McCloskey (lead Senior Trial Attorney in the ICTY's Srebrenica cases); and
- Professor Claus Kreß (University of Cologne; ICJ Judge *Ad Hoc*).

13:45-14:00 **Further Improved Access to International Criminal Law Sources**



To aid national jurisdictions in performing their role under complementarity, the Court maintains the award-winning ICC Legal Tools Database ('LTD') and digests of case law. This segment provides concise information on the latest developments, including the significant increase in LTD documents (335,000+), the CAR model of a national case-law database built on the LTD platform, updates of the Elements and Means of Proof Digests, and the new Russian Lexsisus.



- Devasheesh Bais (Deputy Co-ordinator, ICC Legal Tools Database);
- Dr. Volker Nerlich (Head of Chambers' Staff, ICC Chambers); and
- Antonio Angotti (Co-ordinator, Lexsisus).

14:00-14:45 **Enhancing Atrocity Fact-Work: Experiences With I-DOC in Iraq and Ukraine**



To help maintain a legally-structured overview of factual information and support case-preparation in multiple ways, the CMN has developed the I-DOC system drawing on the ICC Case Matrix. I-DOC is used in several fact-finding projects by, *inter alia*, the Norwegian Helsinki Committee. This segment discusses experiences with its use in Iraq and Ukraine and its potential.

- Gunnar Ekeløve-Slydal (Director, Coalition for International Criminal Justice; Deputy Secretary-General, Norwegian Helsinki Committee);
- Iliia Utmelidze (Director, CILRAP-CMN; creator of I-DOC);
- Judge Ayman Mustafa (Head, Commission for Investigation and Gathering Evidence, Iraq);
- Valentyna Soloviova and Yuriy Uhrin (Analytical Department Manager and Lawyer, Truth Hounds);
- Ilya Nuzov (Acting Head, Justice Desk, International Federation for Human Rights); and
- Dr. William H. Wiley (Director, Commission for International Justice and Accountability).