

Frontiers of International Criminal Law and Justice

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Statement by Dr. Hwang Jun-shik Director-General, International Legal Affairs Bureau, Korean MFA

Thank you, Professor Bekou and good afternoon, colleagues.

I am honored to join our co-sponsors Norway and Sweden in supporting this important event, on behalf of the Republic of Korea.

I would like to thank CILRAP and Director Morten Bergsmo for hosting this meaningful side-event every year.

We are particularly pleased to see robust participation from the civil society and academia today. Civil society stakeholders play an indispensable role in advancing accountability. The Korean Government is committed to engaging constructively with them in our shared pursuit of justice.

Today's programme explores three important and inspiring issues or frontiers, in terms of broadening the scope of international criminal justice. By examining links between corruption and other international crimes, discussing theoretical foundations, and expanding linguistic accessibility, we will be able to demonstrate that diverse perspectives and broad participation are critical to robust international justice system.

In this regard, I am sure that the works launched today will contribute to the evolution of international criminal law – expanding its reach, deepening its foundations, and strengthening its impact.

Thank you.