CMN Knowledge Hub

Every stage of criminal adjudication for core international crimes involves a web of laws and high volumes of factual and legal materials. States usually have to reconcile national and international obligations, while investigators, prosecutors, lawyers and judges often need to be familiar with the legal requirements of core international crimes under their national legal system, as well as their broader international obligations. The Knowledge Hub supports these challenges through several tools and new services.

Thematic Toolkits

Between 2013-2016, the CMN Knowledge Hub will see the full development of four thematic toolkits, which will support legal work, policy and advocacy concerning core international crimes and serious human rights violations.

Investigation and Fact-Finding

I-DOC
Investigation Documentation System

Ratification Implementation and Cooperation

CJAD
Cooperation and Judicial Assistance Database

Case Mapping Selection and Prioritisation

DOC F
Database on Open Case Files

Case Analysis

CICD
Core International Crimes Database

The toolkits include:
- Databases + Manuals • Thematic Guidelines • Advisory Papers
- Technical Assistance • Capacity Development Partnership

These tools and services are developed and customised through the project:

"Enhancing the Rome Statute System of Justice: Supporting National Ownership of Criminal Justice Procedures through Technology-Driven Services"

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About the CMN

The Case Matrix Network provides knowledge-transfer and capacity development services to national and international actors, in the field of international criminal law. It seeks to empower those working on core international crimes cases, or on the documentation of serious human rights violations that may amount to core international crimes, by providing access to legal information, legal expertise and through additional knowledge tools. The Case Matrix Network (CMN) is a department of the Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP) which is an international not for profit organisation, registered in Belgium.

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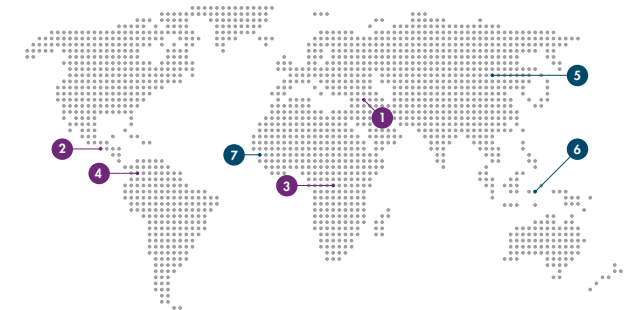

KH Knowledge Hub

The CMN Knowledge Hub and Thematic Toolkits on Criminal Justice for International Crimes

Supporting National Justice for Core International Crimes through Technology

- Ratification, Implementation and Cooperation
- Investigation and Fact-Finding
- Case Mapping, Selection and Prioritisation
- Case Analysis

PRIORITY AREAS

Investigation and Fact-Finding
1- Georgia / 2- Mexico
Case Mapping, Selection and Prioritisation
3- DRC / 4- Colombia
Ratification, Implementation, Cooperation
5- Mongolia / 6- Indonesia / 7- Sierra Leone
Case Analysis
Global

KH CASE MATRIX NETWORK

Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brasil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, DRC, France, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iraq, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, Mongolia, FRY Macedonia, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Philippines, Rwanda, Serbia, Spain, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Uganda, Uruguay, USA.

I-DOC
Investigation
Documentation
System

Supports work on facts relevant to serious human rights violations and criminal law, including analysis, investigation, case preparation, trial and subsequent proceedings.

- Catalogue of information categories: documentation and evidence, criminal incidents and contextual facts, suspects and institutions, victims and witnesses, protected property and objects;
- Structured according to specific legal frameworks;
- Overview of information categories, map and analyse patterns and linkages;
- Construction of criminal and human rights cases using information categories;
- Linked to Case Matrix / CICD analysis of legal requirements;
- Part of the Investigation and Fact Finding Toolkit.

I-DOC builds on logical ideas of the ICC Case Matrix and conceptual discourse in the context of the CMN.

DOC F
Database on Open
Case Files

Provides a structure to organise open case files involving core international crimes and gross human rights violations to support better-informed decisions on selection and prioritisation of cases.

- Structured according to specific legal frameworks;
- Case-mapping and generation of statistics on the progression of cases as well as bottlenecks;
- Increased information and transparency on existing cases;
- Enabled application of criteria for case selection and prioritization;
- Part of the Case Mapping, Selection and Prioritisation Toolkit.

DOCF builds on earlier models developed by CMN Advisers, in Bosnia and Herzegovina (through the good offices of the OSCE Mission) and in the Democratic Republic of Congo (through UNOPS).

CJAD
Cooperation and
Judicial Assistance
Database

Provides information and analysis on all aspects of implementing legislation on cooperation relevant to the ICC Statute, including the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court.

- Access to, overview and comparison of legal information regarding co-operation legislation;
- Global oversight of the broader regulatory regime of the Rome Statute system;
- Detailed, targeted and accurate searches;
- Analysis of specific cooperation approaches;
- Part of the Ratification, Implementation and Co-operation Toolkit.

Developed by the University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre, as an add-on to the National Implementing Legislation Database, a tool within the ICC Legal Tools Database.

CICD
Core International
Crimes Database

Provides up-to-date access to the relevant international case-law on core international crimes and gross human rights violations.

- Real-time access to international judgments, decisions and opinions according to the legal requirements of core international crimes and gross human rights violations;
- Classification and deconstruction of case law according to the means of proof, elements of crimes and modes of liability;
- Fully searchable with search-save functions;
- Ability to customise legal requirements to specific investigatory or adjudicatory frameworks;
- Part of the Case Analysis Toolkit.

Developed by CMN Advisers and implemented in cooperation with the International Criminal Law and Human Rights Initiative.

CLICC
Commentary on the
Law of the International
Criminal Court

Provides provision-by-provision analysis of the Rome Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Criminal Court and enables searches of case-law, doctrine and comments.

CM
Case Matrix

A service of the ICC Legal Tools Project, used in more than 35 countries, it provides legal information on international criminal law, helps organise case files and manage evidence, and contains a database structure for analysis of law and fact in core international crimes cases.

The CMN Methodology

The CMN and its Advisers bring a wealth of experience in the development of technology tools and the provision of technical assistance, training and capacity development in international and national jurisdictions, including in territorial States. Our work builds on and strengthens the taxonomies developed in the ICC Case Matrix and the ICC Legal Tools Database.

- Adapted to working languages.
- Customised to specific legal frameworks (state, federal, regional, international).
- Accessed without financial cost to the user.