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Location: Leiden University – Campus Den Haag
Lange Voorhout 44, 2514 EG The Hague

Agenda

Thursday, June 11, 2009

8:30-8:45  Welcome and Opening Remarks
  ▪ Leila Nadya Sadat, Washington University School of Law
    Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law; Director, Harris World
    Law Institute
  ▪ Carsten Stahn, Programme Director, Grotius Centre for
    International Legal Studies, Leiden University-Campus Den
    Haag

8:45-9:00  Welcome Address
  Mayor of the City of The Hague Mr. J.J. van Aartsen

9:15-10:00 Opening Address: Crimes Against Humanity and International
  Criminal Law

  Justice Richard Goldstone, Fordham University School of Law;
  former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for
  the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda

10:00-10:15 Break
10:15-11:15  **Plenary Session: Report from April Experts’ Meeting**
- **Chairs:**
  - **M. Cherif Bassiouni**, DePaul University College of Law; President Emeritus of the International Human Rights Law Institute
  - **William Schabas**, Director, the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway
  - **Overview of Project; Presentation of April Report (Leila Sadat)**

11:15-12:45  **Panel 1: Completing the Work of Rome: The Need for a Crimes Against Humanity Convention**
This panel will discuss situations involving the continued commission of atrocity crimes, as well as questions of timing, feasibility, and scope of a crimes against humanity convention.
- **Chair:** **Juan Méndez**, Scholar in Residence at the Ford Foundation
- **M. Cherif Bassiouni**, DePaul University College of Law
- **Mark Janis**, University of Oxford and University of Connecticut School of Law
- **Leila Nadya Sadat**, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
- **Richard Goldstone**, Fordham University School of Law

12:45-14:15  **Lunch**

14:15-15:45  **Panel 2: Enforcement Issues**
This panel will discuss the enforcement mechanisms of a crimes against humanity convention, including extradition, mutual legal assistance, immunities and issues of state responsibility.
- **Chair:** **Hans Corell**, former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations
- **Sara Criscitelli**, Prosecutions Coordinator, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- **Morten Bergsmo**, Senior Researcher, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo
- **Robert Cryer**, University of Birmingham
- **Elies van Sliedregt**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

15:45-16:00  **Break**
Panel 3: Crimes Against Humanity and the International Criminal Court
This panel will discuss ways in which a comprehensive convention can complement the work of the ICC, with particular focus on the interplay between such a convention and the definition in Article 7 of the Rome Statute.

- **Chair:** Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; International Criminal Court
- **Thomas Wayde Pittman**, Senior Legal Officer, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
- **Carsten Stahn**, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies
- **Judge Kimberly Prost**, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
- **Fabricio Guariglia**, Senior Appeals Counsel, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- **Evelyn Ankumah**, Executive Director, Africa Legal Aid (Invited)

19:00  
Dinner at Pulchri Studio (Lange Voorhout 15, 2514 EA Den Haag)
- **Keynote Address:** Gareth Evans, President & CEO of the International Crisis Group

**Friday, June 12, 2009**

8:30-10:00  
Steering Committee Meeting (limited to committee members only)

10:00-12:00  
Technical Advisory Session: Discussion of Draft Convention
- **Chair:** Leila Nadya Sadat, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
- **Presentation:** M. Cherif Bassiouni, DePaul University College of Law

12:30-14:00  
Lunch

14:00-16:30  
Technical Advisory Session (Resumed)

17:30-19:00  
Reception sponsored by the City of The Hague at Schlemmer (Lange Houtstraat 17, 2511 CV Den Haag)