

KAMPALA

ICC Review Conference

THE JOINT ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL COURTS IN PROSECUTING SERIOUS CRIMES AND PROVIDING REPARATIONS: THE AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

A SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY DOMAC, REDRESS and DENMARK
Co-sponsored by South-Africa

Friday 4 June 2010, 9:00 – 17:00

Monyonyo Speke Complex, Commonwealth Banquet Hall, MCR C

The seminar is designed to discuss the joint role of international and national courts in prosecuting serious crimes and providing reparations to victims. The focus will be on international criminal courts having jurisdiction over serious crimes in Africa and corresponding proceedings at the national level. The aim of the seminar is to identify and discuss ways to improve coordination of national and international proceedings, with a view to optimizing the complementary nature of international and national courts.

The DOMAC Project is on the Impact of International Courts on Domestic Criminal Procedures in Mass Atrocity Cases. It explores what impact international procedures have on prosecution rates before national courts, their sentencing policies, award of reparations and substantive procedural legal standards. The project is aimed to issue recommendations to the EU and other national and international actors that would strengthen the co-operation between national and international courts functioning in the aftermath of mass atrocity situations. DOMAC partners are Reykjavik University, University of Amsterdam, Hebrew University and University College London. DOMAC is funded under the Seventh Framework Programme for EU Research. For more information, see www.domac.is

REDRESS is an international human rights organisation with a mandate to seek justice and redress for survivors of torture and related international crimes. It works to assist survivors to gain both access to the courts and redress for their suffering, and advocates on behalf of victims from all regions of the world. It undertakes litigation, conducts legal and policy research, advances the reform of laws and institutions and works with stakeholders worldwide to strengthen capacity. REDRESS coordinates the Victims' Rights Working Group, an international network of civil society groups and experts working to advance victims' rights before the International Criminal Court. For more information, see www.redress.org



PROGRAM

9:00 Registration - Coffee

9:15 Opening, Thordis Ingadottir, Reykjavik University, DOMAC Director

9:30 **The joint role of national and international courts in investigating and prosecuting international crimes**

Chair: Fatou Bensouda, ICC Deputy Prosecutor

1. Sigall Horovitz, Hebrew University, DOMAC: *Domestic Impacts of International Courts in Rwanda, Sierra Leone and DRC*
2. Martin Mennecke, Associate Professor - University of Aarhus, Denmark: *Positive Complementarity – Closing the Impunity Gap?*
3. Carla Ferstman, Director of REDRESS: *Stock-taking on the situation with universal jurisdiction trials regarding atrocities in Africa*
4. Dr. Dadimos Haile, Head of International Justice Programme, Avocats Sans Frontières: *Victims' experiences of national and international trials in DRC*

Coffee break

11:15 **Capacity development initiatives and impacts**

Chair: Phakiso Muchochoko, Head Legal Advisory Section, ICC Registry

1. Ruth MacKenzie, Senior Lecturer, University of Westminster, DOMAC Steering Committee: *Exploring the impact of international tribunals on domestic criminal justice capacity*
2. Michal Golabek, European Commission: *The European Union contribution to strengthening the national capacity to fight impunity*
3. Akbar Khan, Director, Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Commonwealth Secretariat: *The Commonwealth and the ICC; Building national capacities to fight impunity*

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **International and national courts: an evaluation of the normative impact**

Chair: Chile Eboe Osuji, Senior Legal and Policy Adviser to the High Commissioner for Human Rights

1. Prof. Herman van der Wilt, Amsterdam University, DOMAC Steering Committee, *Africa and international criminal law: a new brand of neo-colonialism?*
2. Anne-Marie Rosa, Legal Adviser, ICRC: *Interplay between international criminal tribunals and national authorities on the execution of sentences: A focus on Africa*

Coffee break

15:45 **The ICC reparation regime: the impact on national processes**

Chair: Ruben Carranza, Director, Reparative Justice Program, ICTJ

1. Edda Kristjansdottir, Amsterdam University, DOMAC: *Impact of international reparations programs on domestic procedures by way of ICC implementation*
2. Mariana Goetz, REDRESS: *Scope and implementation of the ICC's reparative justice mandate and its impact on national reparations*

16:45 **Concluding Remarks**

Prof. Yuval Shany, Hebrew University, DOMAC Steering Committee
Carla Ferstman, Director of REDRESS

