

INVITATION

Promoting the Effectiveness of Proceedings of the International Criminal Court

Thursday, 11 December 2014, 1.15–2.45 pm
GA building, Conference Room 8

Side Event to the 13th Assembly of States Parties
co-hosted by the Permanent Missions of Switzerland, Croatia, Germany
and the United Kingdom



Speakers:

- **H.E. Mr. Sang-Hyun Song**, President of the ICC
- **H.E. Mr. Herman von Hebel**, Registrar of the ICC
- **Mr. David Tolbert**, President of the International Center for Transitional Justice
- **Mr. Shehzad Charania**, Co-Focal Point Study Group on Governance Cluster I / Legal Adviser, Embassy of the UK to the Netherlands
- **Mr. Claus Kreß**, Professor at University of Cologne

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Jürg Lindenmann, Deputy Director of the Directorate of International Law, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

Concept Note

Promoting the Effectiveness of Proceedings of the International Criminal Court

The effectiveness of proceedings of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is key to the strength and credibility of this core institution of international criminal justice. The efficient and fair delivery of justice is also a precondition to fulfilling the rights of victims and accused, the targeted use resources and deterrent effect of the Court.

Against this background, the Assembly of States Parties (primarily through the Study Group on Governance) the Court (primarily through the Working Group on Lessons Learnt) and civil society (through numerous projects) have been addressing this issue for quite some time. The effectiveness of proceedings was also at the heart of a recent retreat in Glion, organized by Switzerland in early September. While important steps have been made by all stakeholders of the Court, the effectiveness of proceedings must remain a priority and enjoy continued attention.

To that effect, two sets of questions may be discussed at the side event entitled "Promoting the Effectiveness of Proceedings of the International Criminal Court": First, the possible contribution of the Court, States Parties and the civil society towards greater effectiveness of ICC proceedings. Second, the development of indicators for the Court's performance as used by national and other international criminal tribunals and as suggested by experts for the ICC.

The side event presents a unique opportunity to discuss efforts to improve the effectiveness of ICC proceedings with high-level Court officials, decision-makers in States Parties, key representatives of the civil society and experts at the margins of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute. We very much look forward to your active participation.

Documentation:

- Expert Initiative on Promoting Effectiveness at the International Criminal Court: Report at <http://tiny.cc/l3jcqx>
- Retreat on Strengthening the Proceedings at the ICC organized by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Glion/Switzerland, 3-5 September 2014: Chair's Summary at <http://tiny.cc/81fcqx> and Background Document at <http://tiny.cc/w4fcqx>

Food and Drinks:

Sandwiches and drinks will be provided

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