

## **Programme**

Nuremberg Forum 2022
The International
Criminal Court 2002-2022:
A Court in Practice

13-15 October 2022

Courtroom 600, Nuremberg Palace of Justice Bärenschanzstraße 72, 90429 Nuremberg Germany





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# The International Criminal Court 2002-2022: A Court in Practice

#### Welcome Address

On behalf of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy, we welcome you to the Nuremberg Forum 2022, entitled: "The International Criminal Court 2002–2022: A Court in Practice". This conference pays tribute to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and reflects on its twenty-year practice.

In 1998, the approval of the Rome Statute and its subsequent coming into force in 2002 were heralded as turning points in the evolution of international criminal justice. After 20 years in existence, the ICC and the larger Rome Statute system are seen as an essential part of ending cycles of violence. Significant obstacles have however plagued the Court in different spheres of its work. Despite the ICC's potential for global influence, the basic political concerns ingrained in the exercise of its authority frequently confine the Court. It has become increasingly obvious that the ICC is dependent on State cooperation, particularly when it comes to locating and apprehending suspects. Moreover, the ICC's perceived lack of legitimacy is a crucial issue that still interferes with its work.

In recent years, many advocacy and civil society organisations have called for the ICC to get more involved in crisis situations, such as the crises in Myanmar/Bangladesh and Ukraine. In this context, on 14 November 2019, ICC Pre-Trial Chamber III gave the Prosecutor permission to begin an investigation into the alleged crimes that fall under its purview in the circumstance in Myanmar/Bangladesh. On 2 March 2022, an investigation of the situation in Ukraine was started based on referrals by 43 States Parties.

Such instances serve as a constant reminder of the ICC's growing importance in the world today. Therefore, what can the ICC and the international community do to strengthen the work of the Court? What can be considered a workable system that would ensure compliance and enforcement of the Nuremberg Principles? By reflecting on the ICC's major achievements and challenges over the past 20 years, this conference will shed light on the Court's practice so far in achieving the Nuremberg Principles' aspirations and how it is advancing the common fight against impunity for core international crimes.

We are honoured to host eminent experts, academics and practitioners whose work in international criminal law continue to shape and foster the growth of the ICC and the field of international criminal law in general. We appreciate everyone's participation and ongoing support of our work and shared goal: fighting impunity and promoting sustainable peace through justice.

Klaus Rackwitz Director International Nuremberg Principles Academy

## Day 1: 13 October 2022

#### 3.00-3.30 pm

#### **Opening Remarks**

Dr Christophe Eick, Legal Advisor, Director-General for Legal Affairs, Federal Foreign Office of Germany

Dr Nasser Ahmed, City Councillor, City of Nuremberg, representing the Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg

**Dr Navi Pillay**, President, Advisory Council of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy; former High Commissioner, United Nations (UN) High Commission for Human Rights; former Judge, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and ICC

#### 3.30-5.30 pm

### **Keynote Addresses**

H. E. Christian Wenaweser, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the UN

Luis Moreno-Ocampo, former Prosecutor, ICC

Dr Fatou Bensouda, High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, The Gambia; former Prosecutor, ICC

**Brigid Inder OBE**, Former Executive Director, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice

#### 7.30 pm

**Welcome Dinner** 

## Day 2: 14 October 2022

## **Morning Session**

#### 10.00-10.20 am

#### **Opening Remarks**

Dr Thomas Dickert, President of the Higher Regional Court of Nuremberg Judge Piotr Hofmański, President, ICC

#### 10.20-12.15 am

## Panel I: ICC's Major Achievements

William R. Pace, former Director, Coalition for the International Criminal Court

Speakers:

Judge Sang-Hyun Song, former President, ICC

Judge Piotr Hofmański, President, ICC

Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji, former President, ICC

#### 12.15-1.15 pm

Lunch

#### **Afternoon Session**

#### 1.15-3.00 pm

## Panel II: Complementarity: Universal Aspirations Versus Tangible Results

Prof. Diane Orentlicher, Professor of International Law, American University's Washington College of Law

Speakers:

Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, President, ICC Assembly of States Parties (ICC ASP), former

Tamara Taraciuk Broner, Deputy Director for the Americas, Human Rights Watch Prof. Dire Tladi, Professor of International Law, University of Pretoria

3.00-3.30 pm Coffee Break



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## Panel I: ICC's Major Achievements

#### William R. Pace

Former Director, Coalition for the International Criminal Court

#### Chair:

William R. Pace served as the Convenor of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court from its founding in 1995 to 2019. He was also the Executive Director of the World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP) and a co-founder and steering committee member of the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect. He has been engaged in international justice, rule of law, environmental law and human rights for nearly 40 years. He previously served as Secretary-General of the Hague Appeal for Peace, Director of the Center for the Development of International Law and Director of Section Relations of the Concerts for Human Rights Foundation at Amnesty International, among other positions. He is the President of the Board of the Center for United Nations Reform Education and an advisory board member of the One Earth Foundation, as well as a co-founder of the NGO Steering Committee for the UN Commission on Sustainable Development and the NGO Working Group on the United Nations Security Council. He is the recipient of the William J. Butler Human Rights Medal from the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights and has served as an Ashoka Foundation fellow. Mr Pace has authored numerous articles and reports on international justice, international affairs and UN issues, multilateral treaty processes and civil society participation in international decision-making.

#### Speakers:

**Judge Sang-Hyun Song**Former Judge and President, ICC

Judge Sang-Hyun Song was the President of the ICC from March 2009 to March 2015. For more than 30 years, beginning in 1972, Judge Song taught as a professor of law at Seoul National University Law School. He has held visiting professorships at a number of law schools, including Harvard, New York University, Melbourne and Wellington. Judge Song started his legal career as a judge-advocate in the Korean army and later as a foreign attorney in a New York law firm. He has served as a member of the advisory committee to the Korean Supreme Court and the Ministry of Justice. Judge Song has vast experience in relevant areas of international law, principally international humanitarian law and human rights law. He is co-founder of the Legal Aid Centre for Women and of the Childhood Leukemia Foundation in Seoul and the President of UNICEF/KOREA. Judge Song is also the respected author of several publications on relevant legal issues and the recipient of the highest decoration of the Korean Government (MUNGUNGHWA, 2011).

#### Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji

Distinguished International Jurist, Ryerson University; former Judge and President, ICC Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji is a Distinguished International Jurist at the Lincoln Alexander School of Law and a Special Advisor to the President's Office at Toronto Metropolitan University. He recently completed his term as President of the ICC. He concurrently served as a senior judge in the Appeals Division of the ICC from 2018 to 2021. Prior to joining the ICC, Dr Eboe-Osuji served as the Legal Advisor to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva. Earlier in his career he worked at the ICTR in various capacities, including prosecution counsel. Before joining international public service, he practiced law as a courtroom advocate in Canada and Nigeria. Dr Eboe-Osuji is a visiting professor at Stanford University Law School. He has also taught as adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa.



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