

Journal

29 November 2019

**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES
THE HAGUE, 2 – 7 DECEMBER 2019**

Forthcoming official meetings¹

Monday, 2 December 2019

First plenary meeting

- Opening of the session
 - Silent prayer or meditation
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Election of a Bureau member
 - Appointment of the Credentials Committee
 - Organization of work
 - States in arrears
 - Report on the activities of the Court
 - Report of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims
 - Report on the activities of the Bureau
 - Election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance
 - Election to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance
 - Election of one member of the Advisory Committee on nominations of judges
- 10:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

Informal consultations on the budget²

12:00 – 13:00.....Europe 1&2

Meeting of the Credentials Committee^{3 4}

12:30 – 13:00.....Oceania 2

Second plenary meeting

- General debate
- 15:00 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

¹ Unless otherwise specified, the meetings are open to States Parties, non-States Parties (Observer States and invited States), the Court, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other observers and participants as defined in rules 92 and 93 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties.

² Closed meeting: Open only to States Parties and the Court.

³ Immediately following the adjournment of the plenary.

⁴ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Credentials Committee.

Tuesday, 3 December 2019

Third plenary meeting

- General debate

10:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

Fourth plenary meeting

- General debate

15:00 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

Wednesday, 4 December 2019

Fifth plenary meeting

- Consideration of the budget: Presentations by the Registrar and the Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance

- Consideration of the Audit reports

- Statement by the Chairperson of the Audit Committee

- Statement by the External Auditor

10:00 – 11:00.....King Willem Alexander

Sixth plenary meeting

-Review of the Court⁵

11:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

Informal consultations on the omnibus resolution

15:00 – 16:30..... Europe 1&2

Reserved

16:30 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

Thursday, 5 December 2019

Seventh plenary meeting

- Cooperation⁶

10:00 – 12:00.....King Willem Alexander

Reserved

12:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

⁵ The plenary meeting will be dedicated to the topic “Review of the Court”. A speakers’ list has been opened and States and other stakeholders wishing to speak should request inscription on the list as soon as possible at: ASPplenary@gmail.com. Participants are kindly requested to deliver statements of no more than three minutes.

⁶ The plenary session on cooperation is titled “Inter-State and Inter-Institutional cooperation at the heart of cooperation challenges”. The panel discussion will be divided into two segments. A speakers’ list will be opened and States and other stakeholders wishing to intervene in the discussions should request inscription on the list as soon as possible at: iccaspcoperation@gmail.com. Participants are kindly requested to deliver statements of no more than three minutes. You can also find the programme and concept note at: https://asp.icc-cpi.int/EN_Menus/asp/sessions/documentation/18th%20session/pages/asp-18-panel-discussions.aspx.

Informal consultations on the omnibus resolution

15:00 – 16:30..... Europe 1&2

Reserved

16:30 – 18:00..... King Willem Alexander

Friday, 6 December 2019**Eighth plenary meeting****- Progress report by the Coordinators****- Introduction of draft resolutions**

10:00 – 10:30..... King Willem Alexander

Reserved

10:30 – 13:00..... King Willem Alexander

Reserved

15:00 – 16:30..... King Willem Alexander

Reserved

16:30 – 18:00..... King Willem Alexander

Saturday, 7 December 2019**Ninth plenary meeting****- Adoption of resolutions**

10:00 – 10:30..... King Willem Alexander

Reserved

10:30 – 12:30..... King Willem Alexander

Meeting of the Credentials Committee⁷

12:30 – 13:00..... Oceania 2

Tenth plenary meeting**- Consideration of reports****- Report of the Credentials Committee****- Oral report of the Rapporteur****- Adoption of the report****- Closure of the session**

15:00 – 18:00..... King Willem Alexander

⁷ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Credentials Committee.

Other forthcoming meetings

Monday, 2 December 2019

Lessons from the Gbagbo and Blé Goudé Case and ICC review (co-hosted by Ireland, the Netherlands, Uganda and Africa Legal Aid (AFLA))

08:30 – 09:45.....Everest 1&2

European Union coordination meeting⁸

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Meeting of the African States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC (hosted by Zambia)

13:15 – 14:45.....King Willem Alexander

Launch of Exhibit - Bringing justice home: from the ICC to the victims in Palestine (co-hosted by the State of Palestine and Al-Haq)

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

The Hague Principles on Sexual Violence – Translating the lived experience of sexual violence survivors into law and policy (co-hosted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Finland, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice (WIGJ))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania

The Application of the Rome Statute to Cyberwarfare: The International Criminal Court’s Jurisdiction over the Crime of Aggression (co-hosted by Austria, Estonia, Liechtenstein and the Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression)

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

Investigating and Prosecuting Ecocide: The Current and Future Role of the ICC (co-hosted by Vanuatu, Ecological Defence Integrity, Green Transparency, Heinrich Böll Foundation and Institute for Environmental Security)

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

A Civil Society Conversation on ICC Review: Towards a Victim-Centered Assessment of ICC Performance (co-hosted by the American Bar Association's International Criminal Court Project, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and Human Rights Watch)

13:15 – 14:45.....Kilimanjaro 1&2

The future of International Criminal Justice and Africa: Strengthening the role of the International Criminal Court in the African region (co-hosted by Sierra Leone, African Network for International Criminal Justice and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))

13:15 – 14:45.....Africa

⁸ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the group.

Should the ICC open a preliminary examination in Mexico? Discussion about allegations of crimes against humanity in Mexico (co-hosted by the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH))

13:15 – 14:45.....Antarctica

Reception hosted by H.E. O-Gon Kwon, the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute on the occasion of the eighteenth session of the Assembly⁹

18:30 – 20:30.....Amazon Hall

Tuesday, 3 December 2019

The prosecution of economic and financial crimes: towards an extension of the ICC's jurisdiction (hosted by Association Française pour la promotion de la compétence universelle (AFPCU))

08:00 – 10:00.....Antarctica

Strengthening the ICC while Upholding its Independence and Safeguarding the Integrity of the Rome Statute (co-hosted by Costa Rica, Estonia, Liechtenstein, Sierra Leone, Spain and Human Rights Watch)

08:30 – 10:00.....Everest 1&2

European Union coordination meeting¹⁰

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Draft Convention on Crimes against Humanity (hosted by Germany)

09:00 – 10:00.....Europe 1&2

Visit to the permanent premises¹¹

13:15 – 14:45.....ICC permanent premises

Towards a Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of the Crime of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes (co-hosted by Argentina, Belgium, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Senegal and Slovenia)

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

Realizing the Promise of Complementarity in Uganda: Challenges and Opportunities in delivering justice to victims (co-hosted by Uganda, the United Kingdom and Justice Rapid Response (JRR))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania

It's about time - revisiting the timing and duration of decision-making at the ICC (co-hosted by Austria, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom and Wayamo Foundation)

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

⁹ By invitation only.

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¹¹ Buses will be available at the World Forum Convention Center at 13:00 and will leave for the permanent premises at 13:15. After the tour, the buses will depart from the permanent premises to the World Forum Convention Center at 14:30. Lunch will not be provided however a simple lunch can be purchased at the visitor's restaurant.

- Realizing Expeditious Criminal Proceedings (co-hosted by Italy and Japan)**
13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2
- Fortalecer la CPI y el sistema del Estatuto de Roma: Perspectivas de Latinoamérica y el Caribe (co-hosted by Uruguay and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))**
13:00 – 15:00.....Africa
- ISIS prosecutions: putting Iraqi and Syrian victims’ rights first (co-hosted by the Impunity Watch, PAX & the Violations Documentation Centre)**
13:00 – 15:00.....Antarctica
- Alternative Values, Alternative Facts: Media Manipulation and Disinformation in Duterte's Philippine Drug War (hosted by StoptheDrugWar.org)**
18:00 – 20:00.....Antarctica
- Raising the Bar: Improving the Nomination and Election of Judges to the International Criminal Court (co-hosted by Czech Republic, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and the Open Society for Justice Initiative (OSJI))**
18:15 – 19:45.....Europe 1&2
- Defense in International Criminal Tribunals (hosted by the Democratic Republic of the Congo)**
18:15 – 19:45.....Oceania
- Technology and 21st Century Fact-Finding: Setting & Standardizing Processes for International Criminal Investigations (co-hosted by Liechtenstein, Berkeley Human Rights Center and Global Rights Compliance)**
18:15 – 19:45.....Oceania 2
- State Cooperation and Respect for Human Rights - Finding Solutions in Cases of (interim) Release (co-hosted by the Netherlands and the International Bar Association (IBA))**
18:15 – 19:45.....Everest 1&2
- Towards Ethical and Equitable Engagement: Formalising a mutual guided relationship between the Court and intermediaries (co-hosted by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and Lawyers for Justice in Libya)**
18:15 – 19:45.....Africa

Wednesday, 4 December 2019

- Genocide victims in Iraq and the Middle East testify (hosted by the Kurdish national Coalition for the ICC)**
08:00 – 10:00.....Antarctica
- Bureau meeting¹²**
08:30 – 09:30.....Oceania

¹² Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Bureau.

European Union coordination meeting¹³	
09:00 – 10:00.....	Oceania 2
Latin American and the Caribbean countries meeting (GRULAC)¹⁴	
09:00 – 10:00.....	Everest 1&2
Pursuing Universality of the Rome Statute in an Evolving International Context: Persistent Challenges, New Dimensions, and Adaptive Strategies (co-hosted by the Netherlands, Republic of Korea and the Parliamentarians for Global Action)	
13:00 – 15:00.....	Kilimanjaro 1&2
Head of State Immunities (co-hosted by Germany and the International Nuremberg Principles Academy)	
13:15 – 14:45.....	Europe 1&2
The value of a harm-based, victim-centered approach to reparative justice (hosted by the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (BDTFV))	
13:15 – 14:45.....	Oceania
The Politics of Peace: How the ICC Intervention Impacts Accountability in Countries that Fail to Provide Justice to Victims (co-hosted by Norway, Justice International and the Transitional Justice Coordination Group (TJCG))	
13:15 – 14:45.....	Oceania 2
Protection and Participation of Victims in the ICC System (co-hosted by Chile and Italy)	
13:15 – 14:45.....	Everest 1&2
Colombia: the role of the ICC in the context of an unfinished transition (co-hosted by Avocats Sans Frontieres - Canada, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), Comisión Colombiana de Juristas, Colectivo de Abogados José Alvear Restrepo, Sisma Mujer, Colombia Diversa, Corporación Humanas)	
13:15 – 14:45.....	Africa
European States & Civil Society: Strengthening the ICC and Rome Statute system (co-hosted by Finland and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))	
13:15 – 14:45.....	Antarctica
The War Crime of Starvation of Civilians as a Method of Warfare in Non-International Armed Conflicts (co-hosted by Switzerland and Global Rights Compliance)	
18:15 – 19:45.....	Europe 1&2
Rights of Indigent Detainees to Family Visits: A Conversation on the ICC Trust Fund for Family Visits (co-hosted by the Netherlands and the ICC Registry)	
18:15 – 19:45.....	Oceania

¹³ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the group.

¹⁴ Closed meeting: Open only to States Parties of the regional group.

Guinea: A decade Later, victims of 2009 massacre are still denied justice (co-hosted by Association des victimes, parents et amis du 28 septembre 2009 (AVIPA), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Même droits pour tous (MDT) and Organisation guinéenne de défense des droits de l'Homme et du citoyen (OGDH))

18:00 – 20:00.....Africa

Justice for survivors of South Sudan's conflict (co-hosted by Amnesty International and Legal Action Worldwide)

18:00 – 20:00.....Antarctica

Thursday, 5 December 2019

Seizing Illicit Assets for Reparations: Challenges and Opportunities (co-hosted by France, Uruguay and REDRESS)

08:30 – 10:00.....Europe 1&2

**Strengthening the role of the International Criminal Court in the Asia-Pacific region
A discussion among Civil Society, States, and the ICC (hosted by the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))**

08:30 – 10:00.....Antarctica

European Union coordination meeting¹⁵

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Visit to the permanent premises¹⁶

13:15 – 14:45.....ICC permanent premises

Lancement de la seconde édition de l'ouvrage: «Statut de Rome de la Cour pénale internationale, commentaire article par article en français» (hosted by France)

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

Panel d'échanges sur l'éthique dans les enquêtes sur les crimes relevant de la compétence de la Cour pénale internationale (co-hosted by the Netherlands and the National Commission for Human Rights of the Democratic Republic of Congo (CNDH))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania

Accountability for International Crimes Committed against Ethnic Minorities in Myanmar: Discussing Complementary Avenues for Justice (co-hosted by Canada, Liechtenstein, the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, the Global Justice Center, the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice)

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

Justice for Victims of Rights Violations and Sexual Violence in The Gambia (co-hosted by the Netherlands, Uganda, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA), La Fondation pour l'Égalité des Chances en Afrique and the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice (WIGJ))

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

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Is a picture worth a conviction? The impact of audiovisual evidence in the prosecution of international crimes – a success story from the Democratic Republic of Congo (co-hosted by eyeWitness to Atrocities, TRIAL International and WITNESS)

13:00 – 15:00.....Africa

Accountability for Grave Crimes: the ICC and Complementarity Options for Ukraine (co-hosted by Human Rights Watch, International Renaissance Foundation and the Ukrainian Legal Advisory Group (ULAG))

13:00 – 15:00.....Antarctica

What are the Prospects of Bringing Omar Bashir to Justice? (co-hosted by Human Rights Watch, Journalists for Justice, Kenya Human Rights Commission and The Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ Kenya))

18:00 – 20:00.....Africa

Impunidad y deudas históricas de acceso a la justicia para mujeres y personas LGBT víctimas de violencia sexual y persecución (co-hosted by Corporación Humanas (Colombia), Sisma Mujer (Colombia), Colombia Diversa (Colombia), MUSONET (Malí))

18:00 – 20:00.....Antarctica

Rights of Detainees before the International Criminal Court (co-hosted by France, Senegal and the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA))

18:15 – 19:45.....Europe 1&2

Reception by the Trust Fund for Victims (hosted by the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (BDFV))

18:15 – 20:00.....Oceania Lounge

Friday, 6 December 2019

Enhancing Prosecution: A Crucial Factor in Cooperation for Core International Crimes (co-hosted by Australia, Sweden, the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) and the International Nuremberg Principles Academy)

08:30 – 10:00.....Europe 1&2

European Union coordination meeting¹⁷

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Launch of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor’s report on Preliminary Examination Activities 2019 (co-hosted by Bulgaria, Finland, Niger, Senegal, Slovenia, Tunisia, Uruguay and the ICC Office of the Prosecutor (OTP))

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

Turning challenges into opportunities: Rethinking UN and civil society cooperation towards accountability in Myanmar and Syria (co-hosted by the Netherlands and Switzerland)

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania

¹⁷ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the group.

Establishing Reparative Justice for Victims of International Crime (co-hosted by Ireland and the Institute for Security Studies (ISS))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

In the Aftermath of ISIL: Community Hearings for Gender-Based Violence Survivors and their Communities in Iraq (co-hosted by Canada and MADRE)

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

Paths to Justice and Accountability for Venezuela: Ongoing Initiatives by the International Community (co-hosted by the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, Defiende Venezuela and Un Mundo Sin Mordaza)

13:15 – 14:45.....Africa

11 Years After the August War: Uninterrupted Story of Impunity (co-hosted by the United Kingdom, Georgian Coalition for the International Criminal Court (GCICC) and Justice International)

13:00 – 15:00.....Antarctica

Reception on the occasion of the eighteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties (co-hosted by the City of The Hague and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))¹⁸19:00 – 21:00.....Restaurant Gember¹⁹**Saturday, 7 December 2019****Bureau meeting²⁰**

08:30 – 09:30.....Oceania

European Union coordination meeting²¹

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Exhibits**Bringing justice home: from the ICC to the victims in Palestine (co-hosted by the State of Palestine and Al-Haq)**2 to 7 December.....The west hallway to the World Forum Theatre²²¹⁸ By invitation only.¹⁹ Stadhouderslaan 43, 2517 HV The Hague.²⁰ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Bureau.²¹ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the group.²² Opposite conference room Europe 1&2.

Announcements

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The payment at the restaurant and food counters (World Café and Oceania Lounge) can only be made by card (debit and credit). They do not accept cash.

Guidelines for the preparation and conduct of sessions of the Assembly

The Guidelines adopted by the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties on 15 November 2018 regarding side events, general debate and documents can be found on the website of the Assembly at the following link:

https://asp.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/asp_docs/ASP17/Guidelines%20preparation%20and%20conduct%20of%20ASP%2029Nov2018.1200.pdf.

Prepared statements

Speakers at the Assembly of States Parties are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Assembly greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Although interpretations rely upon the statement actually delivered, copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the King Willem Alexander Hall.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 20 copies for minimum distribution to the podium and relevant services, and 250 additional copies for general distribution in the King Willem Alexander Hall.

Delegations are also invited to send by e-mail an electronic copy of their statement(s), in one or more of the four official languages, to ensure timely posting of the text on the Assembly website and as a step to reducing paper usage. Statements should be sent to: asp@icc-cpi.int.

Requests for side events/booking of conference rooms

Rooms for side events and meetings, including those of regional groups or other informal meetings of States, may be reserved by contacting the focal point of the Secretariat, Ms. Estera Luteranova at esterluteran@gmail.com. For inclusion of the side event/meeting to the ASP Journal please provide the focal point with the following information: the title of the event, names of the organizers, and preferred date and time. Modifications to the ASP Journal will be reflected in the following version.

Please kindly note that the Secretariat does not send invitations to side events. The invitations should be sent by organizers for their respective side event.

The participation in side-events taking place within the secure area of the Assembly will be restricted to those who receive accreditation.

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Handbook

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https://asp.icc-cpi.int/EN_Menus/asp/sessions/documentation/18th%20session/pages/default.aspx.

Other announcements

We would like to request side event organizers to keep 15 minutes between (side) events so that the World Forum can clean and tidy up the room before the next scheduled event.

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