

FAITH AND ETHICS CAUCUS FOR THE ICC
EXPERT MEETING IN NYC, MARCH 11-12, 2004

Draft Agenda January 30, 2004

Societies in Transition: The Significance of the International Criminal Court in Justice & Reconciliation

OBJECTIVES:

- To deepen the understanding of the role of the ICC in the promotion of Justice and Reconciliation.

- Invite ICC officials, UN officials, UN Missions, NGO partners, and scholars to discuss the role of the ICC in the promotion of justice & reconciliation.
Participants will be asked:
 1. To identify best practices and lessons learned from truth commissions, international tribunals, special courts, indigenous courts, national courts.
 2. To define and analyze processes of reconciliation.
 3. How can the ICC best stimulate the reconciliation processes in a country?
 4. To encourage faith & ethics-based NGOs to sustain the long-term reconciliation processes at the national, regional and local levels.
 5. How can faith and ethics-based communities assist the ICC to communicate with the grassroots level?

- To consult NGOs regarding ideas of partnership with the ICC.

PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

DAY ONE (Thursday, March 11, 2004):

Morning 10:00 am – 11:30 am, United Nations, Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium

- *DPI/NGO Weekly Briefing: “International Criminal Court: What’s Next?”*

Afternoon 2:00 pm – 5 pm, Church Center for the UN

- *Report on First Expert Meeting in September 2003 hosted by Centre for Justice & Reconciliation, The Hague: The Rome Statute and Victim’s Rights*

- *Presentation: “Key Challenges in Transitional Justice: The International Criminal Court in the Congo and Uganda”*

- *Discussion: How to mobilize faith-based communities to assist ICC investigations and to promote societal reconciliation.*

Evening Time and Location To Be Announced

- ***Celebration of One Year Anniversary of the Swearing in of ICC Judges***
(Reception at a Permanent Mission to the UN)

DAY TWO (Friday, March 12):

Morning 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Church Center for the UN

- ***Presentation: “Lessons Learned: Promoting Processes of Justice and Reconciliation in the Congo and in Uganda”***
- ***Discussion: What are the lessons learned from Ad Hoc Tribunals and from Truth and Reconciliation processes?***

Afternoon 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Church Center for the UN

- ***Presentation: “The International Criminal Court: From Justice to Reconciliation”***
- ***Discussion: NGO Consultation on Ideas for Partnership with the ICC:***
 - Prepare for consultations between ICC officials and key religious leaders and experts from those countries where the Prosecutor’s Office is investigating atrocity crimes.
 - Organize faith and ethics-based communities to provide hospitality and witness protection for survivors called to testify before the ICC.
 - Develop regional strategies to promote the work of the Caucus.
 - Discuss the agenda of the Third Expert’s Meeting @ 3rd ICC ASP Meeting in The Hague in September 2004.
 - Review Arrangements/Agreements/Wrap up.

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