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From 18-19 May, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) will convene, upon request of stakeholders, a follow-up to its Resoundingly Successful "ICC Lessons Learned conference" held in Johannesburg last September. The follow-up Symposium entitled "Universalizing the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court" will be held at the Auditorium of the Law Firm of Webber Wentzel in Johannesburg, South Africa, including a Welcome Dinner to be hosted by Webber Wentzel on 17th May 2015.

The Symposium has attracted participation by a world-class faculty of experts notably, Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda of the International Criminal Court; Judge Sanji Monageng, President of the Appeals Division of the ICC; Justice Richard Goldstone, First Prosecutor of the ICTR and ICTY and Former Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa; and Professor William Schabas, Immediate Past Chair of the UN Commission of Enquiry into Gaza.



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Justice Richard Goldstone, First Chief Prosecutor, United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR); Former Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa



Professor William Schabas, Professor of International Law, Middlesex University, London; Professor of International Human Rights Law, Leiden University, The Netherlands; Immediate Past Chair of the UN Commission of Enquiry into Gaza

This engagement will be attended by participants from more than 30 countries and is bringing together Civil Society Organizations and Legal Fraternities from various parts of Africa including Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Burundi, Malawi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Tanzania, Zambia, Libya, and South Africa, to engage with officials of ICC State parties and representatives of international and intergovernmental organizations.

The Symposium will address topical and undertreated areas including: Accountability for Sexual and Gender based Violence; Criminalizing the Illegal Use of Force; Complementarity; Protection of Victims and Witnesses; Safety and Security of Acquitted and Released Persons; and Reengaging Africa in the ICC.

A Side event co-hosted by the Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS) at the University of Witwatersrand and Students for Law and Social Justice (SLSJ Wits) will be dedicated to students and youth organizations.



Evelyn Ankumah, Executive Director of AFLA

Evelyn Ankumah, Executive Director of AFLA had this to say: ***There is a need to engage the youth - Africa's future leaders - in international justice. And there is a need to re-engage Africa in International Criminal Justice.***

To access the Symposium program, please [click here](#)

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