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## Carrying Forward the Legacy of the Extraordinary African Chambers in the Habré Trial: an African Solution to an African Problem



It was a historical first when Africa Legal Aid, in cooperation with the Commission of the African Union, convened a Side Event at the 29th AU Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 3-4 July. The Seminar which took place on the compound of the AU Headquarters was entitled: **Carrying Forward the Legacy of the Extraordinary African Chambers in the Habré Trial: an African Solution to an African Problem.**

A report of the Seminar will be available soon.

We share some impressions below.



**Reed Brody**: Advocate for Habrés Victims; Commissioner, International Commission of Jurists, and **Professor Robert Dossou** Former Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for the Establishment of the Extraordinary African Chambers (EAC).



Clockwise: **Mbacké Fall**, former Prosecutor of the Extraordinary African Chambers in the Habré trial, **H.E. Olufemi Elias**, Assistant Secretary-General and Registrar, UN Mechanism for International Tribunals, **Dr. Ousmane Njikam**, External Relations, UN Mechanism for International Tribunals, and in the back, **Michael Adenuga**, Senior Adviser to the Registrar, UN Mechanism for International Tribunals.



AFLA Executive Director **Evelyn A. Ankumah** and **Judge Demba Kandji**, Supreme Court of Senegal. Demba Kandji was the Senegalese magistrate who first indicted Hissène Habré for torture, crimes against humanity, and barbaric acts on 3rd February 2000.



From left to right: **Renifa Madenga**, Researcher, Southern and Eastern African Centre for Women's Law; Former Legal Officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, **Pieter de Baan**, Executive Director, ICC Trust Fund for Victims, **Mama Koite Dumbia**, Member of the Board of Directors of the ICC Trust Fund for Victims, **Carla Ferstman**, Director, Redress.



From left to right: **Judge Sir Howard Morrison**, Appeals Division, International Criminal Court, **Justice Elizabeth Nahamya**, Former Judge and Deputy President of the International Crimes Division of the High Court of Uganda and Judge of the Residual Special Court of Sierra Leone, **Reed Brody**, and **Renifa Madenga**.



**Fatoumatta Sandeng**, daughter of slain Gambian activist Solo Sandeng addresses the audience.



**Evelyn A. Ankumah** with **Vincent Nmehielle**, Former AU Legal Counsel, and **Ade Omofade**, Senior Conduct and Discipline Advisor, Peace and Security Department, African Union Commission.



**Adewale Iyanda**, Senior Legal Officer (Institutional and General Legal Affairs) & Ag. Head of AUCIL Secretariat and **Vincent Nmehielle**.



**Mounir Ballal**, Defence Counsel in the Habré case takes the floor. Seated next to him his **Honourable Mbacké Fall**.



**Kim Thuy Seelinger**, Director, Sexual Violence Program, Human Rights Centre, Lecturer, Berkeley School of Law, takes the floor. On her left, **Manuel Ventura**, Director, The Peace and Justice Initiative, The Hague, and on her right, **Dagnachew Wakene**, Regional Director of Programs, Africa Disability Alliance.



**Dagnachew Wakene** takes the floor.



**Professor Nsongurua Udombana** presents on *'Beyond Hissène Habré's Conviction'*, **Professor Shadrack Gutto** of AFLA's Governing Council chairs.



During the floor discussion of the final panel.



During the closing ceremony - A full house.





**Adewale Iyanda, Professor Shadrack Gutto, Vincent Nmehielle, and H.E. Olufemi Elias.**



Back row left to right: **Holo Makwaia**, Former Senior Trial Attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, **Eishaddai Mesfin Haileyesus**, Researcher, Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), **Renifa Madenga**. Front row on the right: **Erin Rosenberg**, Associate Legal Officer, ICC Trust Fund for Victims.



A group picture at the close of the Seminar.

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