



## Africa and the ICC: Complementarity in ICC Situation Countries

Africa Legal Aid, in cooperation with the Kenya Section of the International Commission of Jurists and the Institute for Security Studies, will convene a Workshop on Africa and the ICC: Complementarity in Situation Countries, from 3 - 4 December. Nairobi, Kenya, has been chosen as the venue for this Workshop in light of recent challenges to international justice in Kenya, and due to the fact that Kenya will soon become the newest ICC situation country.

### **Aims and Goals of the Workshop**

The workshop will build on AFLA's ongoing activities on International Justice and its Gender Justice Campaign. It will engage African civil societies, legal fraternities, gender groups and policy makers in critical dialogues on Africa and the ICC, and more generally on Africa and international justice. **Is the ICC a Court of Last or First and only Resort?**

The Meeting will address how national systems in ICC situation countries are complementing the ICC Statute on the ground. Experiences and perspectives from Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Central African Republic (CAR) will be shared. A Special edition of AFLA's "flagship journal," the AFLA Quarterly on Africa and International Justice: After

Kampala will be issued at the Workshop.



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## **The Complementarity Principle**

As Evelyn Ankumah has observed in her Editorial in the forthcoming edition of the Africa Legal Aid Quarterly, “The Complementarity Principle teaches that it is first and foremost up to national Courts, not the International Criminal Court (ICC), to hold perpetrators of international crimes criminally accountable. Unfortunately too many states, in particular those where the gravest atrocities are committed, are unwilling and/or unable to hold perpetrators accountable. Strengthening the ICC and increasing its resources is desirable. Yet arguably more important is the need to increase the capacities and willingness of state parties to take responsibility”.

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## **Workshop Themes**

Specifically, the Workshop will address the following issues:

- The ICC in Africa: a Court of Last or First and Only Resort
- Reparations and Victims’ Participation
- Gender Mainstreaming in International Justice

The Workshop will conclude with the adoption of practical outcomes which will be submitted for consideration by the forthcoming Meeting of the Assembly of

State Parties to the ICC, as well as the AU Summit.



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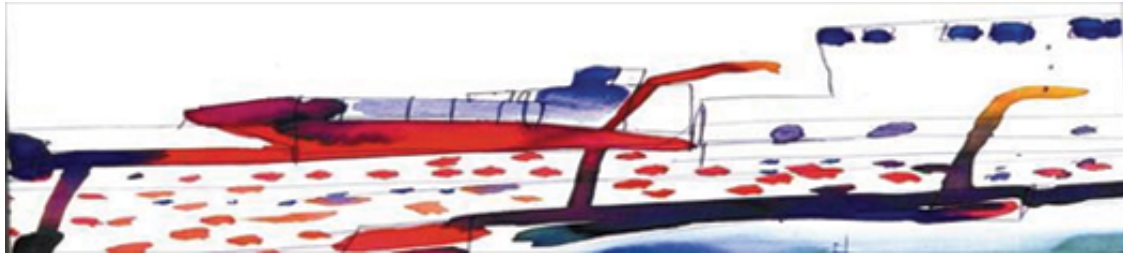
## Categories of Participants

The Conveners of the Workshop have enlisted a faculty of Experts and Resource Persons to share their knowledge and expertise. The list includes:

- H.E. Fatou Bensouda of the International Criminal Court (ICC)
- Hon. Betty Murungi of the ICC Victim's Trust Fund
- Mr. Akbar Khan, Director of Legal and Constitutional Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat
- Mr. Don Deya, CEO of the Pan African Lawyers' Union
- The Africanist Human Rights Scholar and Advocate, Prof. Shadrack Gutto, to mention only a few.

Click [here](#) to view Program. The Meeting is open to all working for human rights and justice development, but prior registration is required. Click [here](#) to register.

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