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Africa Legal Aid (AFLA), in cooperation with ICJ-Kenya and the Division for Internationalisation at the University of Johannesburg, convened a high level pan-African and lessons learned conference entitled "Africa and the International Criminal Court (ICC): Lessons Learned and Synergies Ahead". This conference was held at Webber Wentzel Auditorium, Johannesburg, South Africa, from 9-10 September 2014.



During a conference session on the theme "Africa and the ICC: One Decade On" : (L-R) H.E. Navanethem Pillay, Immediate Past United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Honorable Mogoeng Mogoeng, Chief Justice and President of the Constitutional Court of South Africa; H.E. Tiina Intelmann, President, Assembly of State Parties (ASP) to the International Criminal Court (ICC) and H.E. Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor, International Criminal Court (ICC)

The intervention was part of AFLA's on-going efforts to engage Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), legal fraternities, government representatives, diplomatic spheres, academics, opinion leaders, and the media in discourse on the evolving regime of international justice, and more specifically as it relates to Africa. The conference addressed, undertreated, and emerging areas of international criminal justice, including Complementarity in Practice; Implementing the ICC Statute in Africa; Intensifying ICC Cooperation in Africa; Gender Crimes; and Adopting a Holistic Approach to International Criminal Justice. The outcomes of the conference will be carried forward in a Side Event convened by AFLA at the upcoming Meeting of the Assembly of State Parties (ASP) to the ICC in New York, in December.



Conference participants during a session at the conference

The meeting attracted participation of a world-class faculty of experts including H.E. Navi Pillay, immediate past United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Judge Florence Mumba, Former Vice President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), who is also the first African female to sit on an international Court in The Hague. The list included H.E. Judge Sang-Hyun Song, President of the ICC; H.E. Tiina Intelmann, President of the Assembly of State Parties (ASP) to the ICC; H.E. Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the ICC; H.E. Jan Lucas van Hoorn, Netherlands Ambassador to the ICC and OPCW; H.E. Anniken Krutnes, Ambassador of Norway to The Netherlands and Facilitator of The Hague Working Group on Cooperation; H.E. Elizabeth Rehn, Minister of Defense of Finland and Board Member of the ICC Trust Fund for Victims; Prof. Vincent Nmehielle, Legal Counsel of the African Union (AU); Honorable Joe Ghartey, Minority Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana and Former Attorney-General and Minister of Justice of Ghana; Dr. Ahmed El Gehani, Libya Focal Point for ICC Requests and Honourable Mogoeng Mogoeng, Chief Justice of South Africa.



(L-R) Professor Shadrack Gutto, Centre for African Renaissance Studies, University of South Africa and Chair Governing Council of AFLA; Mr. Opia Mensah Kumah, Resident Representative, UNDP; Evelyn Ankumah, Executive Director, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) and Honourable Joe Gharthey (MP) Second Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana, Former Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Ghana

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