



'JUSTICE DONE AT HOME OR CLOSE TO HOME'

'Justice done at home or close to home', was the recurring theme in the latest of a series of stakeholders' consultations, convened by Africa Legal Aid (AFLA). The meeting on 'emerging trends on complementarity,' and a commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the ICC Statute- courtesy of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands- was held in Kampala, Uganda, from 4-5 July 2018.

The dialogue was designed for stakeholders from Central and Eastern African countries. Participants attended from Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda. They included members of the judiciary, prosecutors, civil societies, legal fraternities, academics, and representatives of intergovernmental organisations.

The meeting concluded with a panel discussion on the 'Bemba Acquittal, and What it Means for International Criminal Justice'.

We share some reflections.



During the Opening Ceremony, from left to right: **H.E. Judge Kimberly Prost** of the ICC; **Hon. William Byaruhanga**, Attorney General of Uganda; and **Evelyn A. Ankumah**, Executive Director of AFLA.



Evelyn A. Ankumah makes her presentation on 'Justice Done at Home or Close to Home'.



H.E. Judge Kimberly Prost gives her keynote address on 'Strengthening Complementarity as a Cornerstone of the Rome Statute System'.



Hon. William Byaruhanga opening the conference.



Panel on **Creating Political Will in the Pursuit of International Justice.**

From left to right: **Jose Dougan-Beaca**, Former Senior Human Rights Officer at the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, presents on '*Perspectives from Equatorial Guinea*'; **Phoebe Murungi**, BarefootLaw; **H.E. Amb. Mirjam Blaak-Sow (Chairing)**, Uganda's Ambassador to the Benelux and EU, Member of AFLA Governing Council; **Dr. Robert Eno, Registrar**, African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights; **Paul Ngeleka Musangu**, Coordinator, Network for ECCAS Lawyers, presents on '*Views from the Democratic Republic of Congo*'; and **Jacqueline Moudeïna**, Executive Director, Chadian Association for the Promotion and Defence of Human Rights, and Counsel for Hissène Habré's Victims.



Panel on **The Victim in Focus.**

From left to right: **Joseph Akwenyu**, Victims' Legal Representative in the Ongwen Case before the ICC; **Dr. Carla Ferstman**, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University of Essex; Former Legal Director of Redress; **Joyce Nalunga Birimumaaso (Chairing)**, CEO of Uganda Law Society; **Patricia Bako**, Avocats Sans Frontiers; and **Scott Bartell**, ICC Trust Fund for Victims.



At the close of Day 1, **Judge Kimberly Prost** addresses the gathering at the reception Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Rome Statute at the Dutch Residence. **H.E. Amb. Henk Jan Bakker** looks on.



Dr. Carla Ferstman, and Chris Muthuri



From left to right: **Paul Ngeleka Musangu; Chris Muthuri; Alain Tolmo**, Special Prosecutor of the Special Criminal Court in the Central African Republic; **Dr. Carla Ferstman; Evelyn A. Ankumah; Amb. Jan Bakker; Judge Kimberly Prost; Amb. Mirjam Blaak-Sow; Jacqueline Moudeïna; Theo Oltheten**, First Secretary, Political Affairs and Rule of Law, Embassy of The Netherlands; **Dr. Robert Eno**; and **Getahun Kassa**, Asst. Prof. of Law and Human Rights, Addis Ababa University.



Panel on **The Special Criminal Court in the Central African Republic and the Proposed Hybrid Court for South Sudan.**

From left to right: **Jehanne Henry**, Team Leader, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch; **Jackline Nasiwa**, Executive Director, Centre for Inclusive Governance, Peace and Justice; Member of Transitional Working Group for South Sudan; **Jane Adong (Chairing)**, Field Counsel for Victims in the Ongwen Case; Former Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR); **Alain Tolmo**; and **Roland Amoussouga**, Head of Integrated Office, United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission (MINUSCA) in the Central Africa Republic (CAR).



Panel on **Building Legislative, Investigative, Prosecutorial and Judicial Capacity in Uganda.**

From left to right: **Charles Richard Kaamuli**, Principle State Attorney, Lead Prosecutor, Kwoyelo War Crimes Case; **Venis Baguma Tumuhimbise**, Head of Investigation on International Crimes and Counter-Terrorism, International Crimes Division (ICD) of the High Court of Uganda; **Dr. Carla Ferstman (Chairing)**; **Justice Elizabeth Nahamya**, Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT); and **Sylvia Namubiru Mukasa**, Executive Director, Legal Aid Service Providers Network (LASPNET).



A warm greeting: **Justice Elizabeth Nahamya** and **Evelyn A. Ankumah**. In the background, **Sylvia Namubiru Mukasa** and **Amb. Mirjam Blaak-Sow** share a light moment.



Panel on **Situations in Burundi, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Gabon, and Kenya**.

From left to right: **Daniel Mekonnen**, Director, Eritrean Law Society, Geneva; **Mathieu Sake**, Community Association for the Protection of Human Rights (ACPDH), Burundi; **Sarah Kihika (Chairing)**, Director, International Centre for Transitional Justice; **Getahun Kassa**; **Jose Dougan-Beaca** presents on '*Views from Gabon*' on behalf of **Paulette Oyane**; and **George Kegoro**, Executive Director, Kenya Human Rights Commission.

Panel on **The Bemba Acquittal, and What it Means for International Criminal Justice.**



From left to right: **Njonjo Mue**, Senior Advisor, Kenyans for Peace with Truth and Justice (KPTJ); **Evelyn A. Ankumah (Chairing)**; **Paul Negeleka Musangu** (DRC); and **Alain Tolmo** (CAR).



A Full House.



Participants gather at the close of Day 1 of the meeting for a picture.

A Report on AFLA's Consultations on Emerging Trends on Complementarity in Africa will be published soon.

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