

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

WEST AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

Leadership, Challenges, and Opportunities

International Justice Symposium in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung's Rule of Law Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa and with the support of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre and the School of Law of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA)



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In order to examine and explore the contributions and ongoing challenges facing West Africa in the fight to achieve meaningful justice and accountability for atrocities in the region, the Wayamo Foundation, the Africa Group for Justice and Accountability (AGJA), in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung's Rule of Law Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa and with the support of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre and the School of Law of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) will hold a symposium on 21 and 22 March 2019, under the banner of "West African International Justice – Leadership, Challenges, and Opportunities". During this one-and-a-half-day conference, international and regional experts will critically assess the contributions of West Africa to global justice and the continuing challenges of achieving justice for atrocity crimes.



Thursday 21 March 2019

Gerhard Schröder Hall,
Kofi Annan International
Peacekeeping Training
Centre

8:30

*Registration of
participants*

9:00 – 9:10

Welcoming remarks

- **Griffiths S. Evans**,
Air Vice Marshal,
Commandant, Kofi
Annan International
Peacekeeping
Training Centre
(KAIPTC)

9:10 – 9:45

Opening remarks

- **Bettina Ambach**, Director, Wayamo Foundation
- **Hassan Bubacar Jallow**, Chair of the Africa Group for Justice and Accountability (AGJA) and Chief Justice of The Gambia
- **Justice Sophia Akuffo**, Chief Justice of Ghana, Supreme Court of the Republic of Ghana
- **Christoph Retzlaff**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany
- **Peter Wendoh, Project Advisor**, Rule of Law Program for Sub Saharan Africa, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Nairobi

9:45

Group picture

9:45 – 10:30

Leadership, Challenges and Opportunities – A conversation with:

- **Zainab Bangura**, AGJA Member and Former UN Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict,
- **Navi Pillay**, AGJA Member and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Moderator: Joseph Roberts-Mensah, Director, Wayamo Africa

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30

Panel 1: The International Criminal Court in West Africa: Complementarity in Action?**Moderator:** Angela Mudukuti, Senior International Criminal Justice Lawyer, Wayamo Foundation

- **Elise Keppler**, Associate Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch
- **Eric-Aimé Semien**, President at Observatoire Ivoirien des Droits de l'Homme, Abidjan
- **Matthew Odu Una**, Prosecutor, Complex Case Group, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Nigeria



12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00

Panel 2: The Future of International Justice and Emerging Contexts in the Region

Moderator: **Mohamed Chande Othman**, AGJA Member and former Chief Justice of Tanzania

- **Adama K. Dempster**, Secretary General, Civil Society Human Rights Advocacy Platform of Liberia and Lead Justice Campaigner for the Establishment of a War Crimes Court in Liberia
- **Philipp Ambach**, Chief of the Victims Participation and Reparations Section in the Registry of the International Criminal Court
- **Catherine Samba-Panza**, AGJA member and former Transitional President of the Central African Republic
- **Betty Kaari Murungi**, AGJA Member and Advocate of the High Court of Kenya

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break



15:15 – 16:45

Panel 3: New Challenges and New Opportunities: Investigating Human Rights Violations and Atrocity Crimes in the Region

Moderator: **Fatiha Serour**, AGJA Member and Senior Adviser to the Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation

- **Reed Brody**, Counsel and Spokesperson for Human Rights Watch
- **Justice Emile Short**, Former Chair, Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, Ghana
- **Emmanuel Bombande**, Former Deputy Foreign Minister of Ghana and UN senior mediation advisor in the Central African Republic
- **Kwesi Aning**, Director, Faculty of Academic Affairs & Research, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, Ghana and Clinical Professor of Peacekeeping Practice at Kennesaw State University, Atlanta

16:45 – 17:00 Closing remarks by AGJA

Friday 22 March 2019

Moot Court, Faculty of Law, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), African Centre of International Criminal Justice

8:30 *Registration of participants*

9:00 – 9:10

Welcoming remarks

- **Kofi Abotsi**, Dean of the Law School, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA)

9:10 – 11:00

Lecture and discussion: Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking**Moderator: Mark Kersten**, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto and Deputy Director, Wayamo Foundation

- **Rahel Gershuni**, UNODC Consultant and former National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator from Israel
- **Richard Ansah Gyambiby**, Senior State Attorney, Ministry of Justice and Attorney-General's Department, Ghana

11:00

Closing remarks

- **Kwaku Agyeman Budu**, Head of Law Centres and Deputy Director of the African Centre of International Criminal Justice, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA)

Refreshments and departure of participants**- CONTACT -**

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