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Dear participants,

It is with great pleasure that the co-facilitation for cooperation of the Assembly of States Parties welcomes you to this seminar on the theme of arrests, the second such seminar organized through this co-facilitation, following the Paris seminar on 20 October 2017.

We would like to thank you for attending in such large numbers in order to discuss this important issue. Once again, your presence shows your interest in and the importance you place on Part IX of the Rome Statute on cooperation, which is essential for the Court to operate effectively and have a successful mandate.

The Assembly of States Parties set itself a number of objectives when it adopted the 66 recommendations on cooperation in 2007. In 2018, we chose to highlight certain priority issues for the International Criminal Court and its States Parties: arrests, the 20th anniversary, the Court's relations with the United Nations and the Security Council, as well as monitoring the implementation of the priorities from 2017.

This working seminar has been intended and organized as a discussion forum between international organizations, national experts, legal practitioners and States Parties. Its primary objective is to discuss how to strengthen cooperation regarding the arrests of people suspected of committing crimes within the Court's mandate.

We hope that like last year's Paris Conference, this seminar in The Hague will lead to concrete solutions which will help to build dialogue between the various actors and to fully implement the mandate given to the International Criminal Court.

We would like to thank the President and the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties for their help throughout the preparation of this seminar. We also

express our thanks to the Court and the International Organisation of La Francophonie, without which we could not have held such a successful meeting.

We wish you a very fruitful meeting, the conclusions of which will be discussed at the plenary meeting on cooperation at the next Assembly of States Parties in The Hague on 7 December 2018.

Momar Guèye
Ambassador of Senegal
to The Netherlands

Philippe Lalliot
Ambassador of France
to The Netherlands

Cooperation Facilitation Seminar

The Hague, 7 November 2018

- PROGRAMME -

Interpretation will be provided in French and English

Arrests: a key challenge in the fight against impunity

Wednesday 7 November	
08:45 – 09:15	**Arrival and Registration** (Complimentary coffee)
09:15 – 09:30	**Welcome speech by the Co-facilitators for cooperation** H.E. Mr. Philippe Lalliot, Ambassador of France to the Netherlands H.E. Mr. Momar Guèye, Ambassador of Senegal to the Netherlands **Session opening and general problematic of the seminar**
09:30 – 09:50	Presentation by Judge Alapini-Gansou Pre-trial Chamber, International Criminal Court
09:50 – 10:10	Presentation by Ms. Fatou Bensouda Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
10:10 – 10:30	Presentation by Mr. Peter Lewis Registrar, International Criminal Court
10:30 – 11:00	**Coffee break**
11:00 – 12:30	**First discussion panel** **Round Table: Investigations and issuance of arrest warrants: challenges for efficient cooperation** **Speakers:** - Mr. Pascal Turlan, Judicial Cooperation Adviser, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court - Mr. Kevin Hughes, Chief of Staff, Office of the Prosecutor, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

- Mr. Demba Kandji, First President of the Dakar Court of Appeal
- Mr. Alessandro Sutera Sardo, Prosecutor of the Republic of Italy and Legal adviser to the Embassy of Italy to The Netherlands

Moderator:

H.E. Ms. Gladys Marithza Ruiz Sanchez de Vielman
Ambassador of the Republic of Guatemala to the Netherlands

Q&A

12:30 – 14:00 **Complimentary buffet lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Second discussion panel**
Round Table: The implementation of effective cooperation on arrests

Speakers:

- Mr. Nicolas Le Coz, Deputy Commander, Central Office for Combating Crimes Against Humanity, Genocide and War Crimes (OCLCH)
- Mr. Jean-Claude Aubert, Chief External Operations Support Section, Registry, International Criminal Court
- Mr. Boubacar Sidiki Samake, Prosecutor of the Republic at the Tribunal of grande instance of Commune VI of Bamako District
- Ms. Frederika Schweighoferova, Legal Officer, International Law and Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

Moderator:

Mr. Michel Carrié
Coordinator of Law and Justice, Media and Freedom of Speech Programmes at the Political Affairs and Democratic Governance Directorate, International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF)

Q&A

15:30 – 15:45 **Coffee break**

15:45 – 17:15	**Third discussion panel** **Round Table: The arrest procedure with regard to fundamental rights** **Speakers :** - Mr. Xavier-Jean Keïta, Principal Counsel, Office of Public Counsel for the Defence, International Criminal Court - Ms. Kate Orlovsky, Director, The Hague Office, International Bar Association - Mr. Marc Dubuisson, Director, Judicial Services Division, International Criminal Court - Dr. Caroline Buisman, Vice President in charge of the Defence, International Criminal Court Bar Association **Moderator** : Ms. Kirsten Meersschaert Director of Programs Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) **Q&A**
17:15 – 17:45	**Seminar conclusions** H.E. Mr. Philippe Lalliot, Ambassador of France to the Netherlands H.E. Mr. Momar Guèye, Ambassador of Senegal to the Netherlands
17:45 – 19:00	**Reception**

SESSION OPENING AND GENERAL PROBLEMATIC OF THE SEMINAR
- BIOGRAPHIES -

- **Ms. Reine Alapini-Gansou**, Judge of the Pre-trial Chamber of the International Criminal Court
- **Ms. Fatou Bensouda**, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court
- **Mr. Peter Lewis**, Registrar of the International Criminal Court

Reine Alapini-Gansou

Prior to joining the International Criminal Court (ICC) in 2018, Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou spent twelve years at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), as Chair of the Commission (2009-2012), and as Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders in Africa (2005- 2009 and 2012 -2017).

She has been a member of several United Nations commissions of inquiries on human rights violations, and chaired the joint working group on special procedures of the United Nations and the African Commission on human and people's rights. In 2011, she was appointed as judge at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA).

Author or co-author of several publications, she has been a professor at the University of Abomey - Calavi, in Benin. She holds a joint post-graduate degree (DEA) from the Universities of Maastricht (Netherlands), Lomé (Togo) and Bhutan as well as a university degree in Common Law from the University of Lyon 3 (France). She also obtained a Master's Degree in Business Law and Judicial Careers from the National University of Benin.

She has also obtained several diplomas in the area of international human rights law (1993-2002) at the African Institute of Human Rights in Banjul, René Cassin Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France; and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) in Rome.

Judge Alapini-Gansou was admitted to the Benin Bar in 1986. She worked for the Association Avocats Sans Frontières (ASF) Belgium on the project "Justice for all in Rwanda" in 2001. She is also member of the International Criminal Bar.

Fatou Bensouda

On 12 December 2011, Ms. Fatou Bensouda of The Gambia was elected by consensus Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) by the Assembly of States Parties. Ms. Bensouda was sworn in on 15 June 2012.

Ms. Bensouda had previously held the position of ICC Deputy Prosecutor (Prosecutions), having been elected with an overwhelming majority by the Assembly of States Parties on 8 August 2004 and serving as such until May 2012.

Prior to her work at the International Criminal Court, Ms. Bensouda worked as Legal Adviser and Trial Attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in Arusha, Tanzania, rising to the position of Senior Legal Advisor and Head of The Legal Advisory Unit.

Before joining the ICTR, she was General Manager of a leading commercial bank in The Gambia. Between 1987 and 2000, she was successively Senior State Counsel, Principal State Counsel, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Solicitor General and Legal Secretary of the Republic, and Attorney General and Minister of Justice, in which capacity she served as Chief Legal Advisor to the President and Cabinet of The Republic of The Gambia.

Ms. Bensouda also took part in negotiations on the treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the West African Parliament and the ECOWAS Tribunal. She has served as delegate to United Nations conferences on crime prevention, the Organization of African Unity's Ministerial Meetings on Human Rights, and as delegate of The Gambia to the meetings of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court.

Ms. Bensouda holds a Master’s degree in International Maritime Law and Law of the Sea and as such is the first international maritime law expert of The Gambia.

Peter Lewis

On 28 March 2018, Peter Lewis was elected Registrar of the International Criminal Court (ICC) for a period of five years, and sworn in on 17 April 2018.

Prior to joining the Court, Mr. Lewis was Chief Executive of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in England and Wales between 2007 and 2016.

He previously served as Director of Business Development of the CPS Headquarters in London (2003 – 2006), Chief Crown Prosecutor at the CPS Nottinghamshire (1999 – 2003), Head of Casework Services at the CPS Headquarters (1996 – 1999), Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor at the CPS East Midlands (1993 – 1995), Branch Crown Prosecutor at the CPS Kent (1991 – 1993) and Senior Crown Prosecutor of the CPS West Midlands (1986 – 1991). He was also Prosecuting Solicitor at the West Midlands County Council (1981 – 1986) and Articled Clerk of the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council in West Midlands (1979 – 1981).

Mr. Lewis was a UK delegate to United Nations Preparatory Commission for the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the ICC in 1999-2000 and a member of the expert working group on the draft regulations of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor.

Mr. Lewis holds a BA of Law from the City of Birmingham Polytechnic. He was admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 1981 and received his Higher Courts qualification in 2001.

Mr. Lewis was made a companion of the Order of the Bath in the Queen's birthday honours list in 2012.

SPEAKERS AND MORERATOR OF THE 1ST PANEL
- BIOGRAPHIES -

- **Mr. Pascal Turlan**, Judicial Cooperation Adviser, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- **Mr. Kevin Hughes**, Chief of Staff, Office of the Prosecutor, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- **Mr. Demba Kandji**, First President of the Dakar Court of Appeal
- **Mr. Alessandro Sutera Sardo**, Prosecutor of the Republic of Italy and Legal adviser to the Embassy of Italy to The Netherlands

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Pascal Turlan

Pascal Turlan is the Judicial Cooperation Adviser of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Pascal Turlan previously worked as a legal adviser in France and abroad with humanitarian and human rights NGOs, including as a legal adviser to the ICC preparatory commissions in New York. He then joined the Ministry of Justice of France as a legal officer in the Human Rights Office of the International and European Action Service of the Ministry. After this, he moved to Sierra Leone where he was seconded to the Ministry of Justice of Sierra Leone as Legal adviser and Focal Point for the setting up of the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

He joined the ICC Office of the Prosecutor in 2003, where he successively worked as a Situation Analyst and then as an International Cooperation Adviser.

He is now the judicial cooperation adviser in the Office, responsible for the coordination of mutual legal assistance issues and judicial cooperation efforts in the Jurisdiction, cooperation and Complementarity Division.

International law expert, Pascal Turlan holds a degree in law from the University of Lyon (France), a master in political sciences from Sciences-Po Paris and an LLM from the Europa College in Bruges (Belgium). He gave classes on international criminal justice at Sciences Po Paris, the Institutes of Political Science of Lille and Lyon and the French military school of St Cyr Coëtquidan. He currently teaches specialised courses at the San Remo International Institute of Humanitarian Law and Interpol, among others, and coordinates training sessions for magistrates at the French Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature.

Kevin Hughes

Kevin C. Hughes is Chief of Staff to Prosecutor Serge Brammertz of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

Most recently, he served as Senior Legal Officer to the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) throughout the appeals proceedings in Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor.

He was previously Senior International Legal Officer to the War Crimes Chamber of the State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Legal Officer to the SCSL Appeals Chamber and Legal Officer in the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) Registry. He received his *Juris Doctor* degree from Columbia Law School.

Demba Kandji

Before being appointed First President of the Dakar Court of Appeal, Mr. Demba Kandji was President of a number of Senegalese courts, including the Louga Regional Court, the First Criminal Chamber of the Dakar Special Regional Court and the Dakar Court of Appeal.

Mr. Kandji was also Dean of the investigating judges attached to the Dakar Special Regional Court and has held the role of Attorney-General to the Dakar Court of Appeal. In addition, he has served within the Ministry of Justice of Senegal, occupying the senior role of Director of Criminal Cases and Pardons.

Mr. Kandji is a graduate of the National School of Administration and Magistracy of Senegal and is a doctoral candidate at the University Paris-Nanterre studying

“the ethics of OHADA judges”. He is also an Officer in the National Order of the Lion.

Alessandro Sutera Sardo

Alessandro Sutera Sardo is currently acting as legal adviser to the Embassy of Italy to the Netherlands. Mr. Sutera Sardo was previously a prosecutor for twenty-two years, conducting many complex investigations in fields including organized crime, migrant smuggling and human trafficking, international drug trafficking, money laundering and crimes against vulnerable persons.

Over the years, he has acquired extensive knowledge and experience of judicial cooperation, particularly following the execution of many letters rogatory and requests for judicial assistance, European arrest warrants and extradition requests.

He was legal adviser to the Minister of Justice following the negotiations for the creation of the new European Public Prosecutor’s Office and legal adviser to the European Commission for projects concerning assistance and reform of court systems in Bosnia, Georgia, Kosovo, Lebanon, Montenegro, Macedonia and Tunisia.

Mr. Sutera Sardo has a Master’s degree in criminal law and procedure and also holds a doctorate in criminal law from the University of Florence.

Gladys Marithza Ruiz Sanchez de Vielman

H.E Ms. Ruiz de Vielman is a solicitor since 1974, with particular expertise in Constitutional Law Processes. Between 1994 and 1995, she was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala.

Ambassador Ruiz de Vielman was also Vice President of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries, Ambassador of Guatemala to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, then Ambassador of Guatemala to the United States of America and nowadays Ambassador of Guatemala to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

She has an extensive experience in international relations and international law. She, for instance, represented Guatemala during the negotiations of the Uruguay

Round to establish the World Trade Organization and she represented Guatemala and several other Latin American Countries at the WTO DSB in several trade disputes including the so called “Banana Wars” and a number of bilateral cases for Guatemala. Ambassador Ruiz de Vielman participated in the negotiations of the agreement between Guatemala and the UN to establish the UN Commission against Impunity in Guatemala - CICIG.

Ambassador Ruiz de Vielman was consultant for the World Bank, the Central American Bank for Integration, and other donor driven projects.

She is Law lecturer in several Guatemalan universities and as a visiting lecturer at Georgetown University and the London School of Economics.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATOR OF THE 2ND PANEL
- BIOGRAPHIES -

- **Mr. Nicolas Le Coz**, Deputy Commander, Central Office for Combating Crimes Against Humanity, Genocide and War Crimes
- **Mr. Jean-Claude Aubert**, Chief External Operations Support Section, Registry, International Criminal Court
- **Mr. Boubacar Sidiki Samake**, Prosecutor of the Republic at the Tribunal of grande instance of Commune VI of Bamako District
- **Ms. Frederika Schweighoferova**, Legal Officer, International Law and Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

Moderator:

Mr. Michel Carrié, Coordinator of Law and Justice, Media and Freedom of Speech Programmes at the Political Affairs and Democratic Governance Directorate, International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF)

Nicolas Le Coz

Nicolas Le Coz is a Senior Officer of the French Gendarmerie nationale and a lawyer specialized in International Public Law, Human Rights Law and Domestic, European and International Criminal Law with a Master II in International Public Law (University of Paris Panthéon-Assas), a Master II in International Relations (University of Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne) and the diploma of the Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales (IHEI) of Paris.

As a delegate of the Dominican Republic, he participated to the negotiations of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) before joining the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), where, as a legal intern at the First Trial Chamber, he mainly worked on two cases (1998). In 1999, he joined the Armed Conflicts Bureau of the Ministry of Defence where also he participated to two peacekeeping operations: in Kosovo (2000) as the Liaison Officer of the NATO KFOR North Multinational Brigade Commander before the

UNMIK and Bosnia and Herzegovina (2001) as the Legal Adviser of the NATO SFOR South-East Multinational Division, he joined the General Directorate of the Gendarmerie Nationale (DGGN) in 2002 to serve at the Criminal Police Sub-Directorate (SDPJ).

As an Officer (2002-2008) and Deputy-Head of the "Organized Crime and Specialized Criminality" unit (2008-2016), he was responsible for different criminal issues in particular Genocides, Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes, Organized Crime, Hate Crimes, Violence against Women, Sea Piracy, Trafficking in Human Beings, Mutual Legal Assistance, Child Alert, reforms of the Criminal procedure as well as transposition of EU Directives in criminal matters. He has been the Head of the French Delegation at the Multidisciplinary Group (MDG/GENVAL) of the EU Council (2008-2016).

Mr. Le Coz has been Member (2008-2016) and President (2011-2016) of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) and has been awarded of the *Pro Merito* Medal of the Council of Europe (2018). He is also the author of many publications on Organized Crime, Witness Protection, Trafficking in Human Beings, Criminal Procedure, Freezing and Confiscation of Criminal Assets as well as Mutual Legal Assistance.

Since the 1st of August 2016, Mr. Le Coz is the Deputy-Head of the Central Office for Combating Crimes against Humanity, Genocides and War Crimes (OCLCH) which has the mandate to investigate on Core International Crimes and Hate Crimes.

Jean-Claude Aubert

Jean-Claude Aubert has been the Chief of the External Operations and Support Section (EOSS) of the Registry since its creation in 2015. As such, he coordinates the arrest and surrender operations for the Registry, working with the EOSS specialized units for Cooperation (ERSCU), Analysis (CAU) and Operational Coordination (CPU).

Jean-Claude Aubert has been an International Criminal Court (ICC) Officer since September 2005. From 2005 to 2015, he was the Chief of the field Operations

Section (FOS) of the Registry and, in this position, he set up the first structures for the ICC's field offices.

Before joining the Court, Mr. Aubert served as a career military officer within the French Army. As such, he engaged in several operational command positions at different levels; he held responsibility functions in the Armed Forces; and he coordinated different projects as an expert within the Ministry of Defence, the UN, and NATO in Europe, Africa and Asia (military cooperation, disarmament, peacekeeping, and observation).

Mr. Aubert graduated from the École Spéciale Militaire de Saint-Cyr in International Relations, and has a history degree as well as a diploma of the Armed forces staff School. Mr. Aubert also acquired competences in forces logistics and in military intelligence. Honorary Colonel, Mr. Aubert is an Officer of the French National Order of the Merit and is the holder of the "Croix du Combattant".

Boubacar Sidiki Samake

Before being appointed Public Prosecutor to the Regional Court of Commune VI of the District of Bamako, at the same time as acting as the prosecutor responsible for the judicial centre specialized in combating terrorism and transnational organized crime, Mr. Samake began his career as substitute of the Public Prosecutor to the Regional Court of Commune III of the District of Bamako. He was then a Justice of the Peace for ten years, first with jurisdiction over the region of Kidal, then Fana and then the Koro Cercle.

Mr. Samake has also served within the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of Mali as a technical adviser responsible for human rights and criminal cases.

Mr. Samake is a graduate of the National Institute of Judicial Training of Mali (judiciary) and holds a degree in Private Law from the Institute of Political Science and International Relations and Communication in Mali. He is also a member of the West African Central Authorities and Prosecutors against Organized Crime network (WACAP).

Frederika Schweighoferova

Frederika Schweighoferova is a human rights lawyer from Slovakia, working as a Legal Officer of the International Law and Human Rights Programme at Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) and PGA representative to the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the diplomatic community in The Hague. She provides technical assistance and political advice to parliamentarians to facilitate ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute of the ICC and promotes the creation of parliamentary support at national level towards the integrity of the Rome Statute and the functioning of the ICC. Frederika also works on the Campaign on preventing and countering violent extremism with the aim of identifying and proposing adequate human rights-compliant responses by Governments.

Prior to joining PGA, Frederika worked at the Situation Analysis Section at the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC and the International Federation for Human rights on analysing, investigating and documenting international crimes. Previously, she had worked in the area of human rights and the rule of law at the European Ombudsman, European Parliament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Representation of Slovakia to the United Nations as well as International Organisation for Migration.

She holds two Master's degrees in law, including LL.M. in International and European Union Public law from Erasmus University Rotterdam and is currently enrolled in part- time Master's degree in International Human Rights Law at the University of Oxford.

Michel Carrié

Mr. Michel Carrié is coordinator of Law and Justice, Media and Freedom of Speech Programmes at the Political Affairs and Democratic Governance Directorate of the International Organisation of La Francophonie.

He studied public law and public international law (PhD) at the University of Paris II France, and is a graduate of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.

From 1989 to 1996, he held various positions at the Institut de France and the Cabinet of the Perpetual Secretary of the Académie française, and also contributed to the installation and operation of Senghor University in Alexandria, Egypt (operator of La Francophonie).

He joined the OIF in 1996, after an initial visit to the Directorate of Human Resources (Deputy to the Director), as Deputy Director of Legal and Judicial Cooperation (2000-2005), Director of Human Resources (2006), Legal Adviser (2006-2007), Senior Officer of the Delegation for Peace, Democracy and Human Rights, then Assistant Director, and since then Program Coordinator, Law and Justice, Rule of Law and media and press freedom in the Directorate of Political Affairs and Democratic Governance.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATOR OF THE 3RD PANEL
- BIOGRAPHIES -

- **Mr. Xavier-Jean Keïta**, Principal Counsel, Office of Public Counsel for the Defence, International Criminal Court
- **Ms. Kate Orlovsky**, Director, The Hague Office, International Bar Association
- **Mr. Marc Dubuisson**, Director, Judicial Services Division, International Criminal Court
- **Dr. Caroline Buisman**, Vice President in charge of the Defence, International Criminal Court Bar Association

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Ms. Kirsten Meersschaert, Director of Programs, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)

Xavier-Jean Keïta

Xavier-Jean Keïta joined the International Criminal Court (ICC) in 2007 as Principal Counsel for the Defence Office (OPCD). He has practised law for more than thirty-five years as a member of the Senegal Bar and with the Appeals Court of Paris.

Mr. Keïta was a founding member of the International Criminal Bar and the CIFAF (Africa). He has chaired the first lawyers' union of France (FNUJA), the Commission Admission of the French Bar National Council (CNB), and the International Human Rights Commission, together with SOS Avocats of International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA). He is also an active member of the International Conference of French-speaking Bar Associations (CIB). He is an international law expert (member of the French Institute of International Law Experts, IFEJI) and is a qualified Mediator. Mr. Keïta was also a first-instance Judge at the International Organisation of La Francophonie of the OIF Complaints Board. He has been appointed as Duty Counsel for Germain Katanga and Narcisse Arido, assisted in

the first appearances for Jean-Pierre Bemba, Laurent Gbagbo, and Aimé Kilolo, and was appointed as Counsel for Saif Gaddafi for eighteen months. Mr. Keïta has participated in several conferences, presentations, and seminars worldwide (Africa, Asia, America and Europe) and has lectured for the Asser Institute, The Hague University, the NY Bar, the Paris Bar, and for Afrique et Droit. He has published articles with the IBA, EQ, the ISS, UIA, and the AIJA, La Gazette du Palais, FNUJA Infos, Les Annonces de la Seine, and commented on Art 67 RS in Commentaire du Statut de Rome (July 2012) and Art 55 RS in Comentários ao Estatuto de Roma (Oct 2014).

Mr. Keïta is elected Member of the Executive Council of the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA).

Kate Orlovsky

Kate Orlovsky is the Director of the Hague Office of the International Bar Association (IBA) and of the IBA's International Criminal Court (ICC) and International Criminal Law Programme. This Programme monitors issues related to fairness and equality of arms at the ICC and other Hague-based war crimes tribunals, and encourages the legal community to engage with the work of these courts. The IBA's work includes thematic legal analysis of proceedings, and ad hoc evaluations of legal, administrative and institutional issues which could potentially affect the rights of defendants, the impartiality of proceedings and the development of international justice.

Ms. Orlovsky has over twelve years of experience in civil society organisations with an international justice mandate. She has worked closely with grassroots organisations and activists from ICC conflict situations, and has written extensively on the ICC and transitional justice.

She has an LL.M. from SOAS, University of London, a J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of the Law, and a B.A. from Columbia University.

Marc Dubuisson

Called in October 2002 by the ICC Advance Team – which was created to set up the International Criminal Court (ICC) from scratch – Marc Dubuisson is currently the Director of the Division of Judicial Services (DJS) within the ICC Registry. At the very heart of the Court, the DJS is responsible for providing support to judicial activities, including detention, victims' participation and reparations, counsel support, translation and interpretation services, information management and technology services, and administration of court management. Marc Dubuisson's responsibilities also include the administrative supervision of both the independent Defence and Victims Offices.

Before joining the ICC, from December 1996 until 2002, Marc Dubuisson set up the Court Management and Support Services Section of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

From 1986 until 1996, he had worked in different tiers of jurisdiction at the national level in Belgium, essentially in criminal proceedings (District Court, Police Court and Court of First Instance). He also gained experience in different cabinet ministries within the Belgian Government, above all those concerning international relations and new technologies.

Among other fields of expertise Marc Dubuisson has specialised in the Rule of Law.

He has authored numerous articles and publications, including commentaries on the Rome Statute. He frequently gives lectures and conducts workshops and training for "Master 2" students and magistrates.

Mr. Dubuisson holds a Master of International Law (International Relations Law and European Union Law) from the University of Paris Nanterre.

Caroline Buisman

Caroline Buisman is a member of the Amsterdam and New York Bar and practices domestic and international criminal and human rights law. She has over eighteen years of experience researching and practicing international criminal law at the International Criminal Court (ICC), International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) and has published widely on this subject. She is Associate Counsel for Germain Katanga (DRC) at the ICC, and was Associate Counsel for Joshua Arap Sang (Kenya) until May 2016. She has been involved in investigations in Sierra Leone, Rwanda, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and Kosovo.

She has an LLM from Columbia University (New York), a Masters of Law from Leiden University (Netherlands) and a Ph.D. from Brunel University (United Kingdom).

She regularly teaches and participates in expert panels in the area of international criminal justice.

Kirsten Meersschaert

Kirsten Meersschaert is an experienced advocate on international justice issues, with a special focus on the workings of the International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute system.

As Director of Programs of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), Ms. Meersschaert oversees the development and implementation of the Coalition's campaigns and activities. The CICC is an international network of 2,500 civil society organizations in 150 different countries, working in partnership to deliver justice to victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, through working to ensure universal ratification; effective domestic legislation; States' and regional organizations' support for the ICC and for the integrity of the Rome Statute; and fulfilment of the principle of complementarity whereby states retain the primary responsibility to investigate and prosecute perpetrators of these crimes.

Ms. Meersschaert also serves as Director of the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect (ICRtoP) a network of NGOs from all regions of the world working to strengthen normative consensus for RtoP, further the understanding of the norm, and push for strengthened capacities to prevent and halt genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.