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INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE LEGACY OF THE ICTR
6-7 NOVEMBER 2014, ARUSHA TANZANIA
DRAFT AGENDA (AS OF 12 AUGUST 2014)**

Day One – Thursday, 6 November 2014

08:00-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Opening Session

- Welcome Address
- Keynote Address by distinguished guest

09:30-12:00 Panel 1 *Strategies for Streamlining Cases and Case Management at the International Level*

Potential Topics to be addressed:

- Recruiting and Training Staff
- Evidence Cataloguing and Preservation
- Digitalisation of Investigations/Evidence
- Joinder & Severance of Cases
- Impact of Translation on Case Management
- Case Management (timelines for completion of trials and judgements, electronic filing)
- Effective and efficient decision and judgment drafting strategies
- Archiving judicial and administrative records

12:00-13:30 LUNCH AT THE CONFERENCE VENUE

13:30-16:00 Panel 2 *Assessment of Evidence*

Potential Topics to be addressed:

- Testimony from victims and other highly traumatised witnesses
 - Ensuring sensitive and proper use of evidence from victims of sexual violence, children, and elderly victims.
- Witness Collusion/Tampering
- Accomplice/Detainee Testimony
- Allegations of Inducements or Promises
- Familiarisation with Culture for Investigators, Legal Teams, and Fact-finders
- Use of Domestic Court Records
- Circumstantial Evidence

16:00-17:30 Panel 3 *Cooperation of Domestic Justice Mechanisms with Regional and International Courts (Part 1)*

Potential topics to be addressed:

- Reliance Upon and Complications with State Cooperation
 - Issues with the State that is the subject of the Tribunal's jurisdiction
 - Securing cooperation within limits of the mandate
 - Host Country Issues
 - Privileges and immunities and visa issues
 - Operational security including protection of witness
 - Third State Cooperation Issues
 - cooperation on tracking fugitives
 - obtaining witness testimony and other evidence
 - enforcement of sentences
 - relocation of witnesses, acquitted persons and convicted-released persons
- Enforcing Witness Protection Measures
- Referral of Cases to National Jurisdictions
- Court Administration within Broader Organisation Rules & Regulations
- Evolution of International Tribunals' Mandates Including Move Towards Complementarity
- Partnerships to provide treatment and support to victims

Day Two – Friday, 7 November 2014

08:30-09:45 Panel 3 *Cooperation of Domestic Justice Mechanisms with Regional and International Courts (Continued)*

Plenary discussion following from presentations made at the end of day one.

09:45-10:00 Tea Break

10:00-12:30 Panel 4 *International Fair Trial & Detention Standards*

Potential topics to be addressed:

- International Standards for Detention
 - conditions of detention
 - access of family and counsel
- Language Issues and Effect on Fair Trial Rights
- Effective Disclosure Systems
- Length of Pre-Trial Detention/Alleged Refusal of Remedies
- Planning for Acquittals and Release After Completion of Sentence in the Host Country
- Specificity of Notice of Charges

12:30-14:00 LUNCH AT THE CONFERENCE VENUE

14:00-16:30 Panel 5 *Capacity Building and Outreach as Part of the Legacy*

Potential topics to be addressed:

- Impact and Effectiveness of ICTR Outreach Programmes
 - For victims and witnesses testifying before an international tribunal
 - Clinics for victims and witnesses
 - Mental health services for victims and witnesses
 - Witness protection efforts (linked to panel 3)
 - Youth education efforts
- Capacity Building Efforts
 - Training of judges, lawyers, and court officers by ICTR officials
 - Impact of the ICTR on evolution of rule of law
- Impact of the Tribunal on the Region
- UN training of local and international police forces
- Arusha Staff Association/ICTR Community Outreach
- Impact of the Tribunal on the Host City/Country of the Tribunal
- Dealing with Victims Reparations When Not Within the Mandate

16:30-17:45 Panel 6 *Evolution of Defence Systems in International Tribunals*

Potential topics to be addressed:

- Defence Counsel as Part of the Institutional Structure or as an Independent Entity
- Administration of Defence Teams/Financial Implications of Different Administrative Structures
- Equality of Arms
- Disciplinary Action Mechanisms for All Counsel
- Immunity and its Effect on Counsel

17:45-18:15 Closing Session

Closing Address on the Lasting Impact of the ICTR on International Justice after the Closure of the *Ad Hoc* Tribunals

19:00 RECEPTION/DINNER