



The Permanent Missions of Chile, Finland and Togo cordially invite you to a panel

"Continued relevance of the International Law Commission"

Thursday 27 October from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. at the UN Conference Room 7

Light sandwich lunch will be provided

Introductory remarks: *Ambassador Kai Sauer, Permanent Representative of Finland*

Moderator: *Ambassador Marie Jacobsson, Member of the ILC*

Panelists: *Dr. Marja Lehto, candidate of the Nordic countries to the ILC*

Dr. Koffi Kumelio A. Afandé, candidate of Togo to the ILC

Professor Claudio Grossman, candidate of Chile to the ILC

Concept

The International Law Commission (ILC) has made important contributions to strengthening the rule of law at the international level. It has laid basis for some of the cornerstones of international legal order and prepared legal texts that – whether they end up being adopted as multilateral conventions or not – often carry special weight, influencing both state practice and jurisprudence of international jurisdictions.

The point of departure for the cross-regional panel is the shared belief that the ILC's mandate continues to be relevant in view of current political and legal challenges. The discussion introduces views of three candidates to the ILC on where they see the Commission's greatest strengths and potential.

Ambassador Marie Jacobsson, member of the ILC since 2007, moderates the panel in which the participants are Dr. Marja Lehto, candidate of the Nordic countries, Dr. Koffi Kumelio A. Afandé, candidate of Togo, and Professor Claudio Grossman, candidate of Chile. Questions from the floor are very much encouraged.

This platform provides an opportunity to hear panelists' reflections and ideas about the significance of the ILC and about their respective missions as aspiring members of that distinguished body.

The discussion will touch upon, among other things, the utility of the ILC's work for government legal advisers/academicians/regional courts/ in education and training. This would allow the participants to focus on the ILC's contribution to filling gaps in specific areas of international law or to addressing new legal challenges.

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