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The United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention (OSAPG) is pleased to invite you to:

“Lessons-identified from International Criminal Law”



Judge Ivana Hrdličková
President of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon

With remarks from

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The UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (OSAPG) would like to invite you to a webinar on “Lessons-identified from International Criminal Law”. The session will focus on sharing experiences on judicial administration and case management with the anticipation of a potential future use to establish a sustainable accountability mechanism, or to assist in the process of reforming the national judiciary. This experience is transferable to tribunals, courts, any other form of accountability mechanism and peacekeeping missions.

Fair and credible judicial proceedings can provide victims of serious international crimes with a form of redress for the gross and systematic violations of human rights and humanitarian law that they have endured. These measures can also help prevent and address feelings of frustration and bitterness, and the possible desire for retaliation. On the contrary, when justice is not served, lingering perceptions of injustice can become a risk factor for further violence and possibly, atrocity crimes.

The Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) is a tribunal of international character. The STL was inaugurated on 1 March 2009. Its primary mandate is to hold trials for the people accused of carrying out the attack of 14 February 2005 which killed 22 people, including the former prime minister of Lebanon, and injured many others. The main case was concluded in March 2022 with the pronouncement of the Appeal Judgement and in June 2022 with the pronouncement of the Sentencing Judgement. The STL marks an evolution in the development of international criminal justice with a number of features which do not exist in other international tribunals or courts.

Speaker Biographies

Ms. Alice Wairimu Nderitu of Kenya is Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide. Ms. Nderitu is a recognized voice in the field of peacebuilding and violence prevention, having led as mediator and senior adviser in reconciliation processes. She served as Commissioner of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission in Kenya, as well as Founding Member and co-Chair of the Uwiano Platform for Peace, a prevention agency linking early warning to early response. She was also one of the founders of Community Voices for Peace and Pluralism, a network of African women professionals preventing, transforming and solving violent, ethnic, racial and religious conflicts worldwide. Widely published, she is the recipient of awards recognizing her commitment to peaceful conflict transformation throughout Africa and her innovative approach to mediation.

Judge Ivana Hrdličková of Czech Republic is the President of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Judge Hrdličková began her career as a Judge in 1990, where she gained more than 20 years of experiences presiding over both civil and criminal law cases. She obtained her Juris Doctor in procedural law, from Charles University in Prague, where she later completed her PhD in International Law focusing on the relationship between international and Islamic law. Throughout her career, Judge Hrdličková has developed specializations in criminal justice, transitional justice, rule of law, and human and women’s rights. She has lectured extensively on these topics with particular emphasis on Islamic law perspectives and has participated in various transitional justice and rule of law initiatives in the Euro Mediterranean region, including as an expert trainer to Tunisian and other judges and service as a Legal Expert for the Council of Europe. Judge Hrdličková was appointed as a Judge of the Appeals Chamber of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in November 2012. She was elected STL President on 19 February 2015 and has served in that role since 1 March 2015. For further information on this webinar, please contact Simona Cruciani (cruciani@un.org).