

International Criminal Court to receive 2017 Stockholm Human Rights Award

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The 2017 recipient of the **Stockholm Human Rights Award** has been announced today as the **International Criminal Court** ('ICC' or the 'Court'). Given in recognition of work advancing international justice and strengthening respect for human rights, the Award is bestowed annually by the **Swedish Bar Association**, the **International Bar Association** and the **International Legal Assistance Consortium**.

In Stockholm, Sweden, on 20 November 2017, in the presence of Their Majesties King Carl Gustaf and Queen Silvia and an audience of eminent individuals in international law, the Principals of the ICC – the President, **Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi**; the Prosecutor, **Dr Fatou Bensouda**, and the Registrar, **Mr Herman von Hebel** – will receive the Award jointly on behalf of the Court.



President, Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi; Prosecutor, Dr Fatou Bensouda; and Registrar, Herman von Hebel. ©ICC-CPI

Situated in The Hague, the ICC is the only permanent international criminal court of last resort, with a mandate to fight against impunity for the most serious crimes of concern to the international community with full respect for due process rights of suspects and accused persons. The Court was established when the Rome Statute – the legal basis for creating the ICC – entered into force on 1 July 2002 after ratification by 60 states. In the intervening years, the number of States Parties to the Rome Statute has more than doubled, presently standing at 124.

Through building understanding and cooperation with countries worldwide, the ICC has become a reality stemming from a groundbreaking idea of an international criminal court holding to account those who commit the most heinous crimes. States Parties are legally obliged to arrest and surrender ICC suspects to the Court; where required, freeze assets, and cooperate with the Court in other forms such as for the

protection of victims and witnesses. Absent its own police force or enforcement body, cooperation underpins the Rome Statute system.

Since the Court's creation, the Office of the Prosecutor has opened ten official investigations and is conducting ten preliminary examinations. So far, more than 40 individuals have been indicted by the ICC for alleged atrocities with a number of convictions. A large number of victims have participated in the Court's proceedings and benefit from the ICC reparations regime.

Committed to the fight against impunity for atrocity crimes that threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world, in accordance with the Rome Statute and for the critical role it plays in fostering the international rule of law, the ICC will be presented with the **2017 Stockholm Human Rights Award on Monday 20 November 2017 at Berwaldhallen, Dag Hammarskjölds väg 3, Stockholm, Sweden.**

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Notes to the Editor

1. The Stockholm Human Rights Award was established in 2009 by the Swedish Bar Association, the International Bar Association (IBA) and the International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC). It is awarded annually to a person or an organisation for outstanding services in the support of human rights and the rule of law.
2. Past recipients of the Award:
 - 2016 **Mary Robinson**
 - 2015 **Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein**
 - 2014 **B'Tselem**
 - 2013 **Professor M Cherif Bassiouni**
 - 2012 **Thomas Hammarberg and European Roma Rights Centre**
 - 2011 **George Soros and Aryeh Neier**
 - 2010 **Navi Pillay**
 - 2009 **Richard Goldstone**
3. The **International Bar Association** (IBA), established in 1947, is the world's leading organisation of international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. Through its global membership of individual lawyers, law firms, bar associations and law societies, it influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world.

The IBA's administrative office is in London. Regional offices are located in: São Paulo, Brazil; Seoul, South Korea; and Washington DC, US; while the International Bar Association's **International Criminal Court and International Criminal Law Programme** (ICC & ICL) is managed from an office in The Hague.

The International Bar Association's **Human Rights Institute** (IBAHRI) works to promote, protect and enforce human rights under a just rule of law, and to preserve the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession worldwide.

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