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HUMAN RIGHTS



Delivering Justice to Victims of International Crimes

Seminar on victims' rights to participation, protection, support and reparation

29 October 2014, The Hague

AGENDA

10.30 – 11.00 **Registration and coffee**

11.00 – 11.10 **Welcome** - *Matevz Pezdirc, Head of EU Genocide Network Secretariat*

11.10 – 11.30 **Presentation and overview of findings and recommendations of project report
“Delivering Justice to Victims in the EU”**
Jürgen Schurr, Legal Advisor, REDRESS

Panel One

11.30 – 12.45 **Ensuring victims can participate effectively in proceedings**

- Case study: Participation in investigations by victims of Franco-era crimes in Spain
Lydia Vicente, Director, Rights International Spain
- Participation of victims of rendition in criminal proceedings in Poland,
Irmina Pacho, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Strategic Litigation Programme
- Best practices to facilitate victims' participation in national proceedings
Silke Studzinsky, Legal Adviser, Trust Fund for Victims, ICC
- **Chair:** Karine Bonneau, Director of International Justice Programme, FIDH

12.45 – 13.45 **Lunch provided by the EU Genocide Network Secretariat**

Panel 2

13.45 – 15.00 **Strengthening protection of victims and witnesses**

- Victim Witnesses in International Crime Proceedings – The Approach of the Central War Crimes Unit (ZBKV) of the German Federal Criminal Police Office – *Klaus Zorn, Head of ZBKV, German Federal Criminal Police Office*
- Security strategies for victims located abroad when protection is not available from local authorities – *Andrew Anderson, Deputy Director, Frontline*
- Threats to victims and witnesses within EU Member States: the case against [Ramzan Kadyrov](#) in Austria - *Nadja Lorenz, lawyer representing family of assassinated witness Umar Israilov*
- **Chair:** Benedict de Moerloose, Legal Advisor, TRIAL

Panel 3

15.00 – 16.00 **Effective victim support throughout the course of proceedings**

- Effective support for victims of international crimes: case study from France
Diana Kolnikoff, Psychotherapist, TRACES réseau clinique international, France
- A victims' perspective on the support and assistance needed to take part in proceedings
Wolfgang Blam, Survivor of the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda
- **Chair:** Juergen Schurr, Legal Advisor, REDRESS

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee

Panel 4

16.30 – 17.30 **Access to reparation including compensation**

- Seeking compensation from criminal offenders' whose assets are located abroad – reparation in Rwanda and beyond
Luc Walley, Advocate at Walley & Blanmailland SPRL, and victims' representative at the ICC and in Belgian proceedings related to the 1994 Rwandan genocide
- Asset tracing and asset recovery: what role to assist victims in obtaining reparation?
Gretta Fenner, Managing Director, Basel Institute on Governance, Director, Institute for Asset Recovery
- **Chair:** Andreas Schueller, Legal Advisor, ECCHR

17.30 – 17.45 **Conclusions and summing up**

18.30 – 19.30 Cocktail Reception, Mövenpick Hotel