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 Walleyn, Advocate at Walleyn & 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