

ICCBA-ABCPI

International Criminal Court Bar Association
Association du Barreau près de la Cour Pénale Internationale

Defence Committee | Comité de la Défense



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Dear colleagues,

Re. Introductory presentation on the work of the International Criminal Court

The Defence Committee of the International Criminal Court Bar Association (<https://www.iccba-abcpi.org>) sends its greetings to our friends at the Law Society of South Africa, and writes to advise that it will be holding an online introductory presentation on the work of the International Criminal Court on **Thursday, 18 September 2025** from 18:00 to 19:30.

The presentation will be via Zoom and will be able to accommodate up to 1,000 attendees. Participation will be free.

Although the focus of the presentation will be on defence issues, there will be a speaker discussing the importance and challenges of the work of legal representatives of victims before the ICC. The President of the ICCBA will also give a short presentation on the role of our Association.

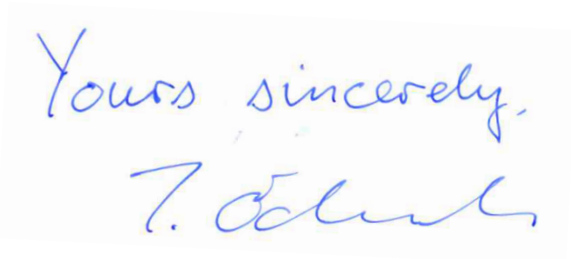
An important part of the presentation will take the form of a discussion on how lawyers, and especially young lawyers, from under-represented parts of the world can “break into” international criminal work.

There will, naturally, be plenty of time for a Questions & Answers session.

Please find a provisional programme attached.

We would be very grateful if you could circulate this invitation and the draft programme among your membership. Our hope is that this will be a useful exercise in outreach to colleagues who may be interested in the work of the ICC, and in the world of international criminal law in general.

Many thanks.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Yours sincerely, I. Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Iain Edwards, Chair
Defence Committee, International Criminal Court Bar Association

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**The Defence Committee of the International Criminal Court Bar Association
invites to you to a presentation on**

THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Thursday, 18 September 2025 | 18:00-19:30 SAST | via Zoom

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- Welcome remarks
- Introduction of the Defence Committee
- Presentation of the ICCBA, Philippe Larochelle, ICCBA President
- Early stages of proceedings at the ICC
- Role and work of the defence
- Role and work of the legal representative of victims
- Particularities of the trial and sentencing process at the ICC
- How to “break into” international criminal law work
- Q&A
- Concluding remarks

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