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International Association of Refugee Law Judges - Eleventh World Conference
Athens, Greece - 29 November to 1 December, 2017
ASYLUM AND MIGRATION LAW 20 YEARS LATER

Venue:

Titania Hotel, Panepistimiou 52, Athens 10678

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2017

07:00 - 08:45	Conference Registration
SESSION 1	OPENING CEREMONIES AND WELCOME MESSAGES
08:45 - 09:30	Chair: Ahmed Arbee, Chapter Head Africa Chapter
08:45 - 09:00	Call to Order – Announcements
09:00 - 09:15	Mr Ioannis Mouzalas, Minister of Migration Policy, Greece
09:15 - 09:30	Judge Katelijne Declerck, President of the IARLJ

SESSION 2	KEYNOTE ADDRESSES
09:30 - 10:10	'International protection and human mobility: legal principles and policy challenges'
	Mr Volker Türk, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection

SESSION 3 10:10 - 11:10	CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN THE CONTEXT OF REFUGEE AND MIGRATION LAW, A JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE
	Chair: Kashim Zannah, High Court of Justice, Maiduguri, Nigeria and Vice-President of the IARLJ
10:10 - 10:30	Judge Lars Bay Larsen, Court of Justice of the European Union
10:30 - 10:50	Judge Mogoeng Thomas Reetsang Mogoeng, Chief Justice of South Africa
10:50 - 11:10	Justice Russel Zinn, Federal Court of Canada

11:10 – 11:50 Coffee Break and Conference Photo

SESSION 4	SECURITY ISSUES IN ASYLUM AND MIGRATION LITIGATIONS
11:50 - 12:50	Chair: Johan Berg, Immigration Appeals Board, Norway
11:50 - 12:10	Judge Sanji M. Monageng, Appeals Division of the International Criminal Court
12:10 - 12:30	Judge Jacek Chlebny, Supreme Administrative Court of Poland. "Access to classified evidence in
	immigration cases"
12:30 - 12:50	Jacob van Garderen, National Director Lawyers for Human Rights, Pretoria, South Africa

12:50 - 14:00 Lunch

SESSION 5	BREAKOUT MEETINGS: SECURITY ISSUES/CLASSIFIED INFORMATION
14:00 - 14:50	Chair: Judge Ani Harutyunyan, Administrative Court of Armenia
	BREAKOUT MEETING 1: Chair: Judge Judith Gleeson, Judge of the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and
	Asylum Chamber) United Kingdom
	BREAKOUT MEETING 2: Chair: Colleen Zengotitabengoa, Chief Refugee and Asylum Law Division
	Refugee, Asylum and International Operations, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
	BREAKOUT MEETING 3: Chair: Judge Michael Hoppe, Judge Higher Administrative Court of Baden-
	Wuerttemberg, Mannheim, Germany
	BREAKOUT MEETING 4: Chair: Jacob van Garderen, National Director Lawyers for Human Rights,
	Pretoria, South Africa

SESSION 6	REPORTS BACK FROM SESSION 5 & Q&A
14.50 - 15:20	



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15:20 – 15:45 Coffee Break

SESSION 7	STATELESSNESS
15:45 - 16:35	Chair: Judge Catherine Koutsopoulou, Administrative Court of First Instance of Athens, 3d
	Independent Appeal Committee
15:45 - 16:05	Mr Tamas Molnar, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) "Statelessness as an issue
	of international protection"
16:05 - 16:25	Judge Maxim Ferschtman, First Instance Court, Netherlands
16:25- 16:35	Q&A

SESSION 8 16:45 - 17:45	Chapter meetings
	Africa Chapter : Chair Chapter President Ahmed Arbee
	Americas Chapter : Chair Chapter President Russel Zinn
	Asia Pacific Chapter : Chair Chapter President Martin Treadwell
	Europe Chapter : Chair Chapter President Hugo Storey

19:00 – 22.00 DINNER in Conference Hotel Titania

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2017

SESSION 9	IARLJ - WORKING PARTIES BREAKFAST MEETINGS
07:30 - 09:00	Co-ordinator: Dr James Simeon, Coordinator Inter-Conference Working Parties

SESSION 10	HUMAN RIGHTS – CURRENT REGIONAL ISSUES
09:10 - 10:35	Chair: Judge Dunstan Mlambo, President Gauteng, Division of the High Court of South Africa
09:10 - 09:30	Judge Paul Lemmens of the European Court of Human Rights
09:30 - 09:50	Judge Roberto de Figueiredo Caldas, President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
09:50 - 10:10	Judge Ben Kioko, Vice-President of the African Court on Human and People's Rights "Between a
	rock and a hard place: Enhancing Institutional Legitimacy and Protection of Human rights- a
	persistent challenge of emerging human rights institutions: the case of the African Court".
10:10 - 10:35	Judge Maria Josefina G. San Juan-Torres, Presiding Judge, Morong Philippines, "Asian Perspectives,
	realities and challenges in Asylum, surrogate protection and Human rights"

10:35 - 11:00 Coffee break

SESSION 11	BREAKOUT MEETINGS: Chair: Judge Hugo Storey, Judge of the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and
11:00 - 12:00	Asylum Chamber) United Kingdom
	Breakout meeting 1: Chair Judge Martin Treadwell, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, New
	Zealand
	Breakout meeting 2: Chair Judge Marleen Maes, Council for Alien Law Litigations, Belgium
	Breakout meeting 3: Chair Aubrey Ledwaba, Deputy Judge President: Gauteng High Court, South
	Africa
	Breakout meeting 4: Chair: Amor Boubakri, International Consultant UNDP, Guinea

SESSION 12	PLENARY: REPORT BACK FROM SESSION 11 & Q&A
12:00 - 12:30	



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12: 30 - 14:00 Lunch for conference participants at conference venue

& separately a lunch for the Women Judges outside the conference hotel, organized by Judge Catherine Koutsopoulou and Judge Polina Frida

SESSION 13	INTER WORLD CONFERENCE WORKING PARTIES BREAKOUT SESSIONS
14:00 - 15:15	

15:15 - 15:45 Coffee Break

SESSION 14 15:45 - 16:30	CHAIR: Dr James Simeon, Coordinator Inter World Conference Working Parties Coordinator
	Plenary: Rapporteurs report back to the conference participants.
	Q&A

SESSION 15	IARLI General Assembly Meeting
16:30 - 17:00	

SESSION 16	IARLI Council Meeting
17:00 - 17:30	

19:00 – 22:00 Conference Dinner: Dionysus Restaurant

DAY 3: FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2017

SESSION 17	NON-STATE ACTORS OF PERSECUTION
09:00 - 10:00	Chair: Judge Panagiotis Danias, Court of Appeal and Vice President of AGAJ
09:00 - 09:20	Judge Kuniko Ozaki, Vice-President of the International Criminal Court
09:20 - 09:40	Ross Pattee, Executiv Director, Immigration and Refugee Board, Canada
09:40 - 10:00	Justice Isaac Lenaola, Justice of the Supreme Court of Kenya, "Al Shabaab in Kenya"

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

SESSION 18	BREAKOUT MEETINGS: NON-STATE ACTORS OF PERSECUTION
10:30 - 11:30	Chair: Judge Sebastiaan de Groot, First Instance Court The Netherlands
	Breakout meeting 1: Chair: Louise Moor, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, New Zealand,
	"What's in a label: Non state actors of persecution and protection"
	Breakout meeting 2: Chair: Ross Pattee, Executive Director, Immigration and Refugee Board,
	Canada
	Breakout meeting 3: Chair: Isabelle Dely Judge, president of the 4th Section Head of the
	Research and Documentation Center National Court of Asylum (CNDA)

SESSION 19	PLENARY: REPORT BACK FROM SESSION 18 & Q&A
11.30 - 12.00	

SESSION 20	CLOSING REMARKS
12:15 - 12:30	Katelijne Declerck, President of the IARLJ

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Conference Participants reconvene for optional cultural tour