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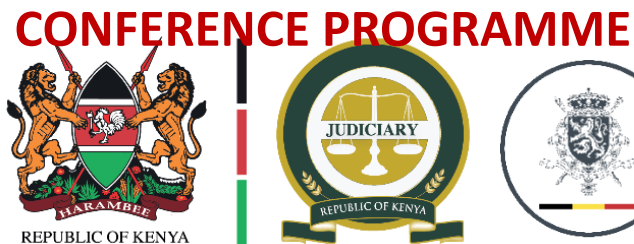
International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges

The 14th IARMJ World Conference Nairobi, Kenya



17 – 21 November 2025

CONFERENCE-17-19 NOVEMBER | POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS 20 - 21 NOVEMBER

“PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE REFUGEE AND MIGRATION SYSTEMS”



CONFERENCE DAY 1 – Monday, 17 November 2025

8:00 – 8:45 (45 mins)	Registration
8:45 – 10:15 (1 hr 30 mins) (please take your seats by 8:40am sharp)	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice Isaac Lenaola, President of the IARMJ • Dr Mamadou Dian Balde, Regional Director, East and Horn of Africa, UNHCR • Dr Stefanie Rothenberger, Director, Rule of Law Programme, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya/President of the Supreme Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President of Kenya
10:15 – 10:45 (30 mins)	 Conference photo  and Refreshments
10.45 – 12.00 (1 hr, 15 mins)	Session 1 (Chair: Justice Njoki Ndungu, Supreme Court, Kenya) The Challenges Facing the Asylum System in a Complex World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Tan, Director, Division of International Protection and Solutions, UNHCR • Charles Pontes Gomes, Director, International Centre for Asylum and Migration Protection, Brazil • Dr Gudrun Dahme, Presiding Judge, Higher Administrative Court of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A</p>
12.00 – 1:00 (1 hr)	Session 2 (Chair: Bostjan Zalar, High Court, Slovenia) The Rights of Internally Displaced Persons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Edwin Abuya, Kenya • Professor H�el�ene Lambert, University of Melbourne, Australia <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A</p>
1:00 – 2:00 (1 hr)	Lunch
2:00 – 3:00 (1 hr)	Session 3 (Chair: Lady Justice Joyce Kavuma, High Court, Uganda) Mixed Movements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Chief Justice Dunstan Mlambo, High Court, South Africa • Judge Aikaterini Koutsopoulou, President of Chamber, Administrative Court of First Instance of Athens, Greece; President European Chapter IARMJ <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A</p>
3:00 – 4:00 (1 hr)	Session 4 (Chair: Zouheir Ben Tanfous, Magistrat chez Tribunal Administratif de Tunisie) Asylum v Humanitarian Considerations – a Place for Both <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice Shirzad Ahmed, Federal Court, Canada • Judge Maria Josefina (Joy)Torres, Regional Trial Court, Member Special Committee on Facilitated Naturalization for Refugees and Stateless Persons, Supreme Court of the Philippines <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A</p>
4:00 – 4:30 (30 mins)	Refreshments
4:30 – 5:30 (1hr)	Session 5 (Chair: Professor James C Simeon) Working Parties' reports Launch of Guidelines – Social Media and Judicial Wellbeing (Katelijne Declerck, Judge (ret.) Immigration and Asylum Appeal Court, Belgium)

18:30 – 20:30 Reception at conference venue

CONFERENCE DAY 2 – Tuesday, 18 November 2025

7:30 – 8:30 (1 hr)	Working Parties Breakfast	
09:30 – 10.15 (45 mins)	Breakout Sessions (Moderator: Judge Judith Gleeson, UK)	
	1a: The IARMJ Well-being and Resilience Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Melanie Plimmer, UK Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) 	1b: Climate change, disasters and international protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Tamara Wood, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, UNSW / Latrobe Law School, Australia
10.15 – 11.00 (45 mins)	2a: Making Credibility Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Martin Treadwell, Chair, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, New Zealand • Catherine Njoroge, Director of Programmes, Refugee Consortium of Kenya 	2b: Child claimants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johan Berg, Board Leader, Immigration Appeals Board, Norway • Jacob van Garderen, Director Public Interest Practice, South Africa
11:00 – 11.30 (30 mins)	Refreshments	
11:30 – 12.00 (30 mins)	Breakouts – reporting back	
12.00 – 1.00 (1 hr)	Session 6 (Chair: Judge Heleen Kerstens-Fockens, Court of The Hague, the Netherlands) Security, Trafficking and international protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-président Thomas Besson, Cour Nationale du Droit d'Asile (CNDA), France • Professor Siobhán Mullally, University of Galway, Ireland and UN Special Rapporteur on Human Trafficking <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A</p>	
1.00 – 2:00 (1 hr)	Lunch	
2:00 – 3:00 (1 hr)	Session 7 (Chair: Judge Marcel Gunster, Court of The Hague, the Netherlands) AI and the World of Law and Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Mugambi Laibuta, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Professor Dr Paul Timmers, University of Louvain, Belgium <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A</p>	
3:00 – 3:30 (30 mins)	Refreshments	
3:30 – 4:45 (1 hr 15 mins)	Session 8 (Chair: Justice Kashim Zannah, Nigeria) “Events Seriously Disturbing Public Order” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selma Sassi, Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, IDPs and Migrants in Africa • Katelijne Declerck, Judge (ret.) Immigration and Asylum Appeal Court, Belgium <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A</p>	
4:45 – 5:30 (45 mins)	Chapter meetings Africa, Americas, Asia Pacific and Europe Chapters	

19:00 Official Conference Dinner (formal or national dress)

Master of Ceremonies: Justice Isaac Lenaola, Supreme Court of Kenya

Guest of Honour: Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya, **The Hon Dorcas Oduor**

CONFERENCE DAY 3 – Wednesday, 19 November 2025

9:00 – 10:00 (1 hr)	<p>Session 9 (Chair: Elizabeth Taubøll, Utlendingsnemnda, Norway)</p> <p>The Law of Reavailment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice Russel Zinn, Federal Court, Canada Judge Julian Phillips, UK Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) <p>Q & A</p>			
10:00 – 10:45 (45 mins)	<p>Breakout sessions (Moderator: Judge Judith Gleeson)</p>			
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1.45 – 2.45 (1 hr)	<p>Session 10 (Chair: Justice Zione Ntaba, Malawi)</p> <p>Detention, Camps and Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wilson Macharia, Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists <p>Q & A</p>			
2.45 – 3.45 (1 hr)	<p>Session 11 (Chair: Zilpha Raphesu, Chair, Refugee Appeals Authority, South Africa)</p> <p>Socio-Economic Rights of Refugees, Asylum-seekers and Migrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gehad Madi, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants Dr Mamadou Dian Balde, Regional Director, East and Horn of Africa, UNHCR <p>Q & A</p>			
3:45 – 4:00 (15 mins)	<p>Refreshments</p>			
4:00 – 4:30 (30 mins)	<p>Closing Event</p> <p>Master of Ceremonies: Justice Isaac Lenaola</p>			
4:30 – 5:00 (30 mins)	<p>IARMJ Annual General Meeting</p>			
5:00 – 5:30 (30 mins)	<p>Meeting of the IARMJ Supervisory Council</p> <p>(Chair: Judge (retired) Judith Gleeson)</p>			

End of Conference – Workshops to follow the next day