



# 4° International Conference on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems

SPECIAL CONVENING AMIDST COVID-19  
TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL

September 14-18, 2020

## **Monday, September 14:**

### **Meeting this Moment as Legal Aid Providers Amidst COVID-19**

**10:00 - 11:30 (GMT-3) Opening Plenary** | *Translation: Arabic, English, French, Spanish, Portuguese*

- Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Pedro Lenza | Professor of Constitutional Law and Civil Procedure, Largo São Francisco Faculty of Law, University of São Paulo
- Welcome: Mr. Rodrigo Pacheco | Public Defender General of the State of Rio de Janeiro
- Keynote: Ms. Gay McDougall | Senior Fellow and Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence, Leitner Center for International Law and Justice / Center for Race, Law and Justice, Fordham University School of Law
- Remarks: Ms. Elena Abbati | Representative, United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC) Brazil  
Ms. Katyna Argueta | Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Brazil
- Discussant: Dr. Jurema Werneck | Director, Amnesty International - Brazil, Founder and Member of the NGO Criola and
- Summation: Ms. Jennifer Smith | Executive Director, The International Legal Foundation (ILF)



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## Tuesday, September 15:

### Advocating for Release & Protecting the Rights of People Deprived of Liberty

#### 02:30 - 04:00 (GMT-3) Panel #1 (Asia) | *Translation: Burmese, Dari, English, Nepali*

Panelists: Hon. Ms. Sapana Pradhan Malla | Justice, Supreme Court of Nepal  
Mr. Hussain Ramoz | Advisor to the Attorney General on National Affairs, Office of the Attorney General of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan  
Ms. Madhurima Dhanuka | Program Head, Prison Reforms Program, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI)  
Mr. Cedric Foussard | Global Learning Senior Advisor, Terre des hommes  
Ms. Maité De Rue | Policy Officer, Open Society Justice Initiative

Moderator: Ms. Holly Hobart | Senior Program Director, ILF

#### 07:00 - 08:30 (GMT-3) Panel #2 (Africa, Europe, Middle East) | *Translation: Arabic, English, French*

Panelists: Ms. Olivia Rope | Director of Policy and International Advocacy, Penal Reform International  
Dr. Ammar Dwaik | Director General, Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR) Palestine  
Mr. M. Mabrouk Khoualdi | Director of Criminal Cases and Human Rights, General Committee for Prisons and Rehabilitation, Ministry of Justice of Tunisia  
Mr. Bruno Langhendries | Access to Justice & Detention Expert, Avocats Sans Frontières  
Ms. Joëlle Riziki | Project Coordinator, Avocats Sans Frontières DRC  
Ms. Nathalie Fragoso | Human Rights Lawyers Collective (CADHU)

Moderator: Ms. Anika Holterhof, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC

#### 10:00 - 11:30 (GMT-3) Panel #3 (Americas) | *Translation: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese*

Panelists: Ms. Caroline Tassara | Public Defender & Custody Hearings Coordinator, Public Defender's Office of the State of Rio de Janeiro  
Mr. Luis Lanfredi | National Council of Justice, Brazil  
Mr. Mariano Patricio Maciel | Federal Public Defender, Argentina & Inter-American Public Defender  
Ms. Jo-Ann Wallace | President and CEO, National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA)  
Ms. Glenda Carolina Ayala Mejía | Head of the National Committee for the Prevention of Torture - Comité Nacional de Prevención contra la Tortura, Tratos Crueles, Inhumanos y Degradantes (CONAPREV), Honduras

Moderator: Mr. Andre Castro, Public Defender's Office of the State of Rio de Janeiro



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## Wednesday, September 16:

### **Holistic Representation & Access to Justice for Vulnerable & Marginalized Groups**

#### **02:30 - 04:00 (GMT-3) Panel #4 (Asia) | Translation: Burmese, English, Dari, Nepali**

- Panelists: Mr. Jose Manuel I. Diokno | Founding Dean, De La Salle University (DLSU) College of Law & Chair of the Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG) - Philippines  
Mr. Shahin R. Ali | Acting Director, Legal Aid Commission - Fiji  
Ms. Rea Abada Chiongson | Senior Legal Advisor on Gender, International Development Law Organization (IDLO)  
Mr. M. Nabi Waqar | Country Director, ILF Afghanistan  
Mr. Febi Yonesta | Head of Organizational Development, Indonesian Legal Aid Foundation (YLBHI)
- Moderator: Ms. Sara Hossain | Advisory Board Member, Open Society Justice Initiative

#### **07:00 - 08:30 (GMT-3) Panel #5 (Africa, Europe, Middle East) | Translation: Arabic, English, French**

- Panelists: Ms. Valeriia Kolomiets | Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine  
Ms. Ilze Tralmaka | Legal Aid Policy Officer, Fair Trials  
Ms. Chinelo Elizabeth Uchendu | Lawyer and National Coordinator of Legal Advocacy and Response To Drugs Initiative (LARDI), Nigeria  
Mr. Ghadanfar Kamanji | Country Director, ILF Palestine  
Ms. Nadia Carine Fornel Poutou | President, Association des Femmes Juristes Centrafricaines
- Moderator: Mr. D. Christopher Decker | Joint Programme Manager, Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People, UNDP

#### **10:00 - 11:30 (GMT-3) Panel #6 (Americas) | Translation: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese**

- Panelists: Ms. Rosana Leite | Public Defender of the State of Mato Grosso, Brazil & Coordinador, Public Defender's National Commission on Women's Rights  
Ms. Raquel Asensio | Coordinator, Commission on Gender Issues of the Federal Public Defenders' Office of Argentina  
Mr. Gilles Trudeau | Corporate Secretary, Montreal Community Legal Center (CCJM)  
Ms. Isabel Erreguerena | Coordinator, EQUIS Justice for Women  
Ms. Fran Sherman | Professor and Director, Juvenile Rights Advocacy Program at Boston College Law School
- Moderator: Ms. Gloria Manzotti | Rule of Law, Citizen Security & Human Rights Specialist, UNDP



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## Thursday, September 17:

### Combating Systemic Racial & Ethnic Discrimination

#### 02:30 - 04:00 (GMT-3) Panel #7 (Asia) | *Translation: Burmese, English, Dari, Nepali*

Panelists: Mr. Ajay Shankar Jha Rupesh | Executive Director, Public Defender Society of Nepal  
Mr. David Woodroffe | Principal Legal Officer, Northern Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA)  
Mrs. Pompen Khongkachonkiet (Noinoi) | Director, The Cross Cultural Foundation (CrCF), Thailand  
Ms. Preeti Pratihshuti Dash | Associate, Project 39A, National Law University, Delhi  
Mr. Patrick Burgess | Co-founder and President, Asia Justice and Rights (AJAR)

Moderator: Ms. Shikha Pandey | Program Manager, ILF

#### 07:00 - 08:30 (GMT-3) Panel #8 (Africa, Europe, Middle East) | *Translation: Arabic, English, French*

Panelists: Mr. Bruno Min | Legal Director, Fair Trials  
Hon. Mr. Dunstan Mlambo | Judge President of the Gauteng Division of the High Court of South Africa  
Mr. Hussein Khalid | Executive Director, HAKI Africa  
Ms. Hanen Fathallah | Legal Director, ILF Tunisia  
Ms. Sabrina Mahtani | Co-Founder & Board Member, AdvocAid

Moderator: Mr. Zaza Namoradze | Director, Open Society Justice Initiative—Berlin Office

#### 10:00 - 11:30 (GMT-3) Panel #9 (Americas) | *Translation: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese*

Panelists: Ms. Ana Paula de Oliveira | NGO Mães de Manguinhos, Brazil  
Ms. Masha Lisitsyna | Senior Managing Legal Officer, Criminal Justice Cluster, Open Society Justice Initiative  
Ms. April Frazier Camara | Co-Founder & Chair, Black Public Defender Association  
Dr. Raymund E Narag | Associate Professor, Southern Illinois University School of Justice and Public Safety

Moderator: Mr. Nicolás Laino | Public Defender, Federal Public Defender's Office of Argentina & Member of ILF Board of Directors



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## **Friday, September 18:**

### **Closing Session & Call to Action**

**10:00 - 11:30 (GMT-3) Closing Plenary** | *Translation: Arabic, English, French, Spanish, Portuguese*

Acknowledgements: Mr. André Castro | Public Defender's Office of the State of Rio de Janeiro  
Keynote: Mr. Diego García-Sayán | UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers  
Outcome Declaration: Mr. Zaza Namoradze | Director, Open Society Justice Initiative—Berlin Office  
Hon. Mr. Dunstan Mlambo | Judge President of the Gauteng Division of the High Court of South Africa  
Legal Aid Network: Ms. Jennifer Smith | Executive Director, The International Legal Foundation (ILF)  
Dr. Stella Maris Martinez | Public Defender General of Argentina  
Concluding Remarks: TBC | United Nations