

**ADC-ICT
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**



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THE ONE ABOUT EXPERTS

**Exploring Contemporary
ICL Practice &
Challenges with Experts & Friends**



**Marriott Hotel, The Hague
29 November 2025**

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The One About Experts brings together practitioners, defence counsel, and experts in international criminal law to explore the essential role of expertise in shaping contemporary practice. The conference will provide a platform to examine how knowledge, experience, and strategic insight influence decision-making in complex international criminal proceedings. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with discussions on the practical application of defence expertise, the use and impact of expert testimony, and the design and implementation of hybrid and domestic justice mechanisms.

Through this holistic exploration, the conference aims to illuminate the challenges and innovations driving the evolution of international criminal law, offering participants insights and a deeper understanding of how expertise contributes to effective and fair justice.

The event is designed for practitioners, academics and students alike, fostering interaction, exchange, and learning from leading voices in the field. It highlights the dynamic interplay between theory and practice, while showcasing the evolving approaches that define accountability, advocacy, and expert engagement in international justice today.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Welcome Remarks

Speaker: Dragan Ivetić, ADC-ICT President
Time: 9:15 - 9:30

The One Where the Defence Counsels Give Their Expert Opinions on 2025

Time: 9:30 - 11:00

This panel will spotlight the expertise of defence counsel in ongoing international criminal proceedings. Drawing on casework experience, it will explore key developments, strategic choices, and ethical considerations that define defence practice. Participants will gain first-hand insight into the challenges counsel face in 2025 and how their expertise shapes outcomes in international trials.

The One Where They Talk About Expert Witnesses in ICL

Time: 11:30 - 13:00

This panel will examine the role of expert witnesses in international criminal law. It will address the identification and instruction of experts, the processes through which they are called, and the presentation of their testimony in court. The discussion will highlight how expert evidence is used, tested, and evaluated, and the broader impact it has on the pursuit of justice.

The One Where Experts Talk About International Domestic Justice

Time: 14:30 - 16:00

This panel will explore domestic justice mechanisms addressing international crimes and the practical expertise required to make them effective. Discussions will examine the skills needed to conduct field investigations, work within national legal frameworks, and support accountability processes in complex environments.

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- 09:25 – 09:30 **Welcome**
 Dragan Ivetic, President, ADC-ICT
- 09:30 – 11:00 **The One Where the Defence Counsels Give Their Expert Opinions on 2025**
 Annie O'Reilly, Moderator
 Mylène Dimitri, Defence Counsel, ICC
 Iain Edwards, Defence Counsel, ICC, IRMCT and KSC
 Kate Gibson, Defence Counsel, ICC, IRMCT and KSC
 Joe Holmes, Defence Counsel, KSC
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Break**
- 11:30 – 13:00 **The One Where They Talk About Expert Witnesses in ICL**
 Peter Haynes KC, Moderator
 Judge Althea Violet Alexis-Windsor, International Criminal Court
 Judge Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez, *International Criminal Court*
 Sabrina Rewald, International Legal Consultant and Co-Founder, *Fénix Foundation*
 Anna Sagana, Assistant Professor, *Department of Clinical Psychological Science, Maastricht University*.
 Dr. Kacper Zajac, *Department of Clinical Psychological Science, Maastricht University*.
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30 – 16:00 **The One Where Experts Talk About International Domestic Justice**
 Jason Antley, Moderator
 Prof. Mohamed Badar, School of Law, *Northumbria University School of Law*
 Linda Osman, Legal Officer, *Syrians for Truth and Justice*
 Benjamin Thorne, Assistant Professor in Criminal Law, *University of Reading*
- 20:30 onwards **Social Event - Bar & Restaurant Suzie Q**
 Dr. Lelykade 33-37, 2583 CL, The Hague
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