



JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE UNDER THREAT? – GLOBAL CONFERENCE IN STRASBOURG

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2018

- 8.30h **Registration**
Council of Europe
528 Avenue de l'Europe
2nd floor room 5
!! Please bring your passport !!
- 9.00h **Welcoming Remarks**
Prof. Dr. Michael Eichberger
Former Judge of the German Federal Constitutional Court
- 9.15h **Judicial independence – Presentation of the regional events of the
Rule of Law Programmes in 2018**
Dr. Franziska Rinke
Coordinator International Rule of Law Programmes
- Status Report – Perspectives on judicial independence in the Rule of
Law Programmes regions**
- 9.30h **a) Sub Saharan Africa**
- Keynote Address by**
Hon. Justice David Maraga
Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kenya
- 9.50h **Open Discussion / Q&A**
- 10.00h **b) Latin America**
- Keynote Address by**
Hon. Justice Maria Thereza de Assis Moura
Vice President Superior Court of Justice of Brazil
- 10.20h **Open Discussion / Q&A**
- 10.30h **c) Asia**
- Keynote Address by**

Justice Ilwon Kang

Retired Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of South Korea

10.50h **Open Discussion / Q&A**

11.00h **Health Break**

11.30h **d) Middle East/ North Africa**

12.00h **Keynote Address by**
Mireille Najm-Checrallah
Attorney-at-Law, Beirut

12.20h **Open Discussion / Q&A**

12.30h **Initiatives of the Council of Europe**
Thomas Markert
Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission
Council of Europe

12.45h **Group Photo – Lunch Break**

**Continuing Status Report – Perspectives on judicial independence in
the Rule of Law Programmes regions**

14.00h **e) South East Europe**

Keynote Address by
Marin MRČELA
Vice-President of the Supreme Court of Croatia
President of GRECO

14.20h **Open Discussion / Q&A**

14.30h **The case-laws with respect to the independence of judiciary – the
initiatives in the regional courts**

Perspective of the European Court of Human Rights
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Angelika Nußberger
Vice-President European Court of Human Rights

Perspective of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
Pablo Saavedra
Executive Secretary Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Perspective of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
Prof. Charles Manga Fombad
University of Pretoria

Panel discussion moderated by
Dr. Marie-Christine Fuchs
Director of the Rule of Law Programme Latin America

15.30h **Transfer to the Sofitel Hotel**
4 Place Saint-Pierre-le-Jeune, 67000 Strasbourg

16.00h **Health Break**

16.30h **Group Discussion: Selection and appointment of Judges**

The participants will be divided into five (5) groups representing the five regions (Sub Saharan Africa, Latin America, Asia, Middle East/North Africa, South East Europe). Each group will be assigned one case study to work on. The case study was developed by the former Constitutional Court Judge Prof. Dr. Michael Eichberger. Each group will be assisted by the responsible Director of the Rule of Law Programme.

The session will start with a short input from a regional expert, namely:

Sub Saharan Africa
Prof. Charles Manga Fombad
University of Pretoria

Latin America
Hon. Justice Maria Thereza de Assis Moura
Vice President Superior Court of Justice of Brazil

Asia
Justice Maria Filomena D. Singh
Associate Justice, Court of Appeals of the Philippines

Middle East/ North Africa
Justice Jean Fahed
President Judge at Supreme Judicial Council

South East Europe
Justice Simona-Maya Teodoroiu
Justice at the Constitutional Court of Romania

Each group will select a Rapporteur. The Rapporteurs will be given 5 minutes each to present their group's output on the following day.

19.00h **Reception at the Sofitel Hotel**

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2018

8.30h **Registration**
Main Building Council of Europe
2nd floor room 5

9.00h **Group Presentations and Open Discussion: What can we learn globally?**
Moderator: Dr. Christian Steiner

Lawyer/Consultant

12.00h

Lunch Break

13.00h

The role of judicial councils – Presentation of the UN report

Dr. Diego García-Sayán

Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers

14.00h

Kyiv Recommendations on Judicial Independence

Prof. Dr. Anja Seibert-Fohr

University Heidelberg

Mater of Ceremonies: Dr. Franziska Rinke, KAS