



***In the framework of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union,  
The French Embassy in the Netherlands is organising a conference entitled***

***"Obtaining justice and reparations for genocide survivors,  
What mobilisation and what role for the European Union and the  
the international community?"***

on Friday 13 May 2022, from 2.00 to 5.30 pm

*Grand Auditorium of Leiden University,  
The Hague Campus (Turfmarkt 99, The Hague)*



**Universiteit  
Leiden**



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## **CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES**

European Day against Impunity is an initiative that raises awareness about and promotes actions taken against genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. In recognition of this upcoming date, the French Embassy in The Hague is organising a half-day conference to outline the current issues related to the quest for justice and reparations for survivors of genocide. The Day Against Impunity reminds us that the international community must continue working toward strengthening the system of national and international justice and protection for survivors of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity by ensuring accountability, ending impunity, and assisting survivors in their recovery.

More than 70 years after the adoption of the International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the French Embassy proposes to carry out a review of the issues related to the long process of formally recognizing the crime of genocide, its judicialization, and the forms of reparation associated with it, based on recent cases. Discussion will also include concerns related to rebuilding survivors' communities and developing resilience – major challenges that are crucial to the contribution of lasting peace.

At this event, three roundtables will bring together high-level representatives of various public institutions, judicial actors and representatives of civil society organizations working alongside and for survivors 'rehabilitation (European Union, international courts and organisations, representatives from national Court, academia, NGO etc.) to share and debate legal and political issues and tools related to the recognition of the crime of genocide, the prosecution of its perpetrators, and the necessary support and reparations that should be provided to survivors of this crime.

The European Union plays an important role in supporting survivors of the most serious violations of international humanitarian law, as well as those individuals and organisations who are actively seeking justice, protection, and accountability on their behalf. The fight against impunity and for the rule of law are among the main priorities of its external action.

Discussion will include the following: How can the legal tools developed since the end of World War II for this purpose be effectively implemented to prevent the commission of genocide? Are there other avenues of collective engagement to achieve this goal? What are the next steps that the EU and the international community should take to advance justice, recognition and reconstruction for the victims of the crime of genocide?

This conference is part of the programme of the Embassy of France to The Netherlands in the context of the French Presidency of Council of the European Union in the first half of 2022.

# PROGRAMME

Friday 13 May 2022

## *"Obtaining justice and reparations for genocide survivors, What mobilisation and what role for the European Union and the international community?"*

**13:30** Opening of the Conference Room to the Public and the Speakers

**14:00** Welcoming remarks - Ambassador of France to The Netherlands, Luis Vassy

### Opening Addresses

- **Nadia Murad**, Nobel Peace Prize 2018, President of Nadia's Initiative. Advocate for the rights of survivors of sexual violence
- **Eamon Gilmore**, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights

### ROUNDTABLE 1

**14:20** **The role of the UN bodies in the prevention, establishment and reparation of genocide**

**Moderator : Muriel Ubeda-Saillard**, Professor in International Law & former Vice-President for Legal Affairs at the University Lille, Co-Director of Master 2 "International Criminal Justice"

- **Gilbert Guillaume**, Former President of the International Court of Justice and Judge *ad hoc*
- **Alice Wairimu Nderitu**, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General on the Prevention of Genocide
- **Serge Brammertz**, Prosecutor, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

*Q&A Session*

### ROUNDTABLE 2

**15:30** **The role of international, regional and domestic criminal courts and jurisdictions in investigating, prosecuting and recognizing international crimes**

**Moderator : Carsten Stahn**, Professor of International Criminal Law and Global Justice at Leiden Law School since 2010

- **Karim Khan**, ICC Prosecutor, First head of the United Nations Investigative Team to promote accountability for crimes committed by Da'esh/ISIL in Iraq (UNITAD)
- **Ekaterina Trendafilova**, President of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, former ICC judge
- **Dr Anna Zabeck**, Senior Federal Prosecutor, Germany

*Q&A Session*

**10/15 min break**



**16:40** **Support and reparations for survivors during and after the recognition of genocide and passage of justice**

**Moderator : Larissa van den Herik**, Professor of Public International Law at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies at Leiden University

- **Abid Shamdeen**, Executive Director of Nadia's Initiative, development specialist, and Yazidi activist
- **Rupert Skilbeck**, Director, NGO REDRESS
- **Lazare Eloundou Assomo** – Director of World Heritage, UNESCO

*Q&A Session*

**17:30** **Closing remarks**

**Mark Rutte**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Netherlands