

# ICC CAMPAIGN UPDATE

## PGA ICC CAMPAIGN for the Effectiveness and Universality of the Rome Statute

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### PGA EVENTS

## 39th PGA Annual Forum



On 27- 28 November 2017, PGA organised the *Milan Forum for Parliamentary Action in Preventing Violent Extremism and Mass Atrocities*, aimed at mobilizing parliamentarians to adopt and implement effective policies to protect civilian populations from mass atrocities and marginalize the ideology of violent extremists.

This event was attended by 105 legislators from all over the world, academics; civil society and UN experts and was centered on justice and the Rule of Law as crucial elements of any viable strategy and policy aimed at addressing the impunity-gap of mass atrocity crimes.

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## Parliamentary Sub-Regional Seminar on International Justice in Uruguay



On 30-31 October 2017, PGA convened a *Parliamentary Sub-Regional Seminar on International Justice: A Fundamental Tool for Sustainable Development in Pacific and Inclusive Societies*, hosted by the House of Representatives of Uruguay.

Participants exchanged views on the advancement of the implementation of Rome Statute provisions in their domestic legal orders, the challenges that remain to complete said implementation and the different regional avenues of justice available to victims of international crimes, including the crimes committed before the entry into force of the Rome Statute.

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### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

## Roundtable on the Harmonization and implementation of the Rome Statute in Niger

On 27 October 2017, PGA convened in Niger a roundtable on the full implementation of the Rome Statute in domestic law. This event took place on the margins of the High-Level Regional Symposium on Cooperation and Complementarity, organised by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Niger and the ICC. Judges, prosecutors, professors, lawyers, parliamentarians actively engaged in discussions on the practical consequences of fighting impunity in Niger, notably through the Rome Statute system.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 04-14 December 2017: **16th Assembly of State Parties (ASP) to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court**

Side-Events to the 16th Assembly of State Parties (ASP) to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court:

- 05 December 2017: *Victims' Reflections on Reparative Justice: The voice and role of victims on the fight against impunity for core crimes under International Law*
- 06 December 2017: *Universality of the Rome Statute within the Broader Human Rights Agenda - The Role of Parliamentarians*

## ICC UPDATES

- 29 November: [The ICC Prosecutor closed the preliminary examination in Situation on registered vessels of the Union of the Comoros, the Hellenic Republic of Greece, and the Kingdom of Cambodia.](#)
- 20 November 2017: [The ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, requests judicial authorisation to commence an investigation into the Situation in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan](#)
  - On 5 December, [the ICC Pre-Trial Chambers requested additional information from the Office of the Prosecutor](#) in order to rule on commencing an investigation into the Situation in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- 09 November 2017: [ICC judges authorised opening of an investigation regarding the Burundi situation](#)