

Hosted by the Legislature of Liberia

Regional Roundtable Discussion on Implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

*Joint Legislative Chamber, Capital Building - Monrovia, Liberia
Wednesday, 9th February, 2011*



*With the support of
The European Commission, European Union, the Governments of Belgium,
The Netherlands and Switzerland*

AGENDA

10:00am – 10:30am **Welcome and Opening Session**

Senator Abraham Massally (Liberia) – Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee, Senate of Liberia

Ambassador Attilio Pacifici, Head of Delegation of European Union to Liberia

Hon. M.J. Nolan, MP (Ireland), Member of PGA Executive Committee

Chairman of Opening Session: *Hon. Worlea Saywah- Dunah MP (Liberia) – PGA Member*

10:30am-11:00am *Keynote Address by H.E. Cllr. Christiana Tah - Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Liberia*
Keynote Presentation by Ms. Fatou Bensouda (The Gambia), Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

11:00am -11:15am **Interactive Discussion**

Question and Answer Session for all in Attendance

11:15am – 11:30am **Coffee Break**

11:30am-1:00pm ***The 2 Components of Implementing Legislation – Complementarity and General Principles and Administrative/Procedural Law allowing for cooperation with the ICC***

Hon. Hon. Shiaka Sama (Sierra Leone) – Vice Chairman of PGA National Group in Sierra Leone

Hon. George Kuntu Blankson, MP (Ghana) – Majority Chief Whip

Hon. M. Ateby Williams MP (Côte d'Ivoire)

Hon. M. Gouali Dodo Junior Basile, MP (Côte d'Ivoire)

Chair: *Hon. Bernadette Lahai, MP (Sierra Leone), PGA Executive Committee Member*

1:00pm – 2:00pm **Lunch Break**

2:00pm – 3:00pm **Resumed Session**

The 2 Components of Implementing Legislation – Complementarity and General Principles and Administrative/Procedural Law allowing for cooperation with the ICC

Senator Abraham Massally (Liberia) – Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee, Senate of Liberia

Dep. Boubacar Diarra (Mali) – Chair National PGA Group

Dep. Albert David Gomez (Guinea)

Chair: *Hon. Gabriel Smith, MP (Liberia) – PGA National Group of Liberia*

3:00pm- 3:15pm **Observations and Adoption of Statement**

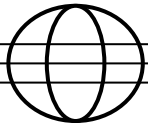
Hon. Bernadette Lahai, MP (Sierra Leone), PGA Executive Committee Member

Mr. Peter Barcroft, Senior Programme Officer, PGA

3:15-3:45pm **Vote of Thanks and Closing Remarks**

Senator Franklin Siakor, PGA Member and former PGA International Council Member

4:00pm **Return to Hotel**



Parliamentarians for Global Action

Final Declaration

We, Parliamentarians from Liberia, Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea and Sierra Leone, from countries that all have accepted the jurisdiction of the ICC:

1. Recognize the importance of the ICC as a means of preventing impunity for crimes of the most serious nature - genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes
2. Take note of the important principle of complementarity as included in the Rome Statute of the ICC which gives precedence to national legal systems in the investigation and prosecution of such crimes, except where national authorities are unwilling or unable to investigate or prosecute such crimes
3. Undertake, therefore, and as appropriate, to seek to put in place the necessary implementing legislation, including legislation on cooperation, to give effect to the Rome Statute of the ICC within our respective countries, without undue further delay
4. Agree to remain in contact with each other so that we may continue to share our respective and useful experiences, including any new steps or measures that we may take in this area
5. Note our interest in receiving any information that we may consider appropriate or useful in assisting us with progressing our respective implementing processes
6. Express our profound appreciation to the Legislature of Liberia and to PGA for organizing this Regional Roundtable Discussion on the Implementation of the Rome Statute of the ICC

DONE in MONROVIA this 9th day of February, 2011