

**Call for applications for the Course on *Fundamentals on Defence Rights before International Courts*, 15 – 19 May 2017.**

Dear Madam / Sir,

The *Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights* has launched the *Siracusa Institute's International Defence Counsel Training Programme* (the *Programme*). It is the first multifaceted and globally-oriented *Programme* specifically designed for defence lawyers, in-house counsel and jurists dealing with cases related to the prosecution of international crimes in national and international jurisdictions, including crimes of a transnational nature. The *Programme* includes various modules of training in relevant jurisprudence of international courts, procedural elements of international proceedings, and the substantive and procedural aspects of international legal cooperation in cases related to international and transnational crimes.

The Siracusa Institute is honoured to work in this *Programme* with the *Association Internationale des Avocats* (UIA), the *Association Internationale de Droit Pénal* (AIDP), the International Criminal Justice Consortium (ICJC), the Italian *Scuola Superiore dell'Avvocatura* (SSA), and the *Centre d'Etudes sur la Sécurité Internationale et le Coopération Européennes* (CESICE). To ensure the maximum benefit for all participants, the Institute is ready to engage with relevant bar associations and law societies for the accreditation of its Courses within respective continuing legal education programs (CLE). Some accreditations have been already granted and others are in the course of being granted.

The *Programme* has an outstanding Academia of world-renowned practitioners and jurists, whose expertise and prestige ensures that this *Programme* is of the highest standards. We are grateful to have members of the Academia as patrons, as well as lecturers and academic advisers.

Details on the *Programme*, its Academia and the calendar of Training Courses can be found at our website: <http://internationaldefencecounsel.siracusainstitute.org>

We are pleased to open applications for the Course on ***Fundamentals on Defence Rights before International Courts***, which will be held from 15-19 May 2017 at our headquarters in Siracusa, Italy (a UNESCO world heritage site). Due to limited available positions in the Course, early registration is highly recommended.

To register, you are kindly requested to [Login](#) on the top-right corner of International Defence Counsel Training Program homepage, set up an account and then fill out the online application form. Once you have submitted your application online, you will receive a confirmation email.



Please do not hesitate to contact the Siracusa Institute with any questions you might have:  
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We would appreciate if you would make this announcement available to those in your networks who might be interested in this *Fundamentals Course* and in our overall *Programme*.

The Siracusa Institute and our Partners look forward to welcoming you to our Courses!

Yours sincerely,



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The Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights