

CONCEPT NOTE

Workshop for Legal Communities from Georgia and Countries of Nearby Regions

(26 October 2018; Tbilisi, Georgia)

1. Rationale

The purpose of the Workshop, organised in collaboration with the Georgian Bar Association, is to provide English speaking lawyers from Georgia and countries of nearby regions with basic information about the International Criminal Court (“ICC” or “Court”) as well as the options they have to participate [in the capacity of Counsel] in proceedings before the Court. In this respect, the overall objective is to encourage these lawyers to submit an application to be included in the lists of counsel and assistants to counsel for the ICC. Furthermore, the Workshop seeks to contribute to increasing the number of women included on the List of counsel and List of assistants to counsel.

During one working day, specialised speakers from the different organs of the Court (Chambers/Presidency, Office of the Prosecutor, Registry) will provide insights on the Court in order to allow lawyers to make an informed decision about applying for inclusion on the ICC’s lists of counsel and assistants to counsel. The sessions will be held in English, one of the official working languages of the Court (English and French). Participants will also have the opportunity to interact with the Court’s personnel during the sessions, and to clarify any question they might have.

For information and possible selection of counsels attending the workshop, the minimum criteria to apply to the list of counsel are:

- Established competence in international or criminal law and procedure,
- The necessary relevant experience in criminal proceedings, whether as a judge, prosecutor, advocate, or in another similar capacity. This experience must amount to at least ten: (10) years for Lead Counsel and eight (8) years for Associate counsel,
- Excellent knowledge of and fluency in at least one of the working languages of the Court (English or French),
- No convictions for serious criminal or disciplinary offences considered to be incompatible with the nature of the office of counsel before the Court.

2. Participating Countries

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey, Ukraine and the participation of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe.

3. Location/Venue & Other Practical Details

The Workshop will be held on 26 October 2018 at a venue located in Tbilisi, Georgia. More information will be provided in due course, along with other practical details.