



Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict

UNIVERSITIES NETWORK FOR CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT

ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JURISDICTION INVOLVING CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT

Procedural and deontological profiles concerning the role of lawyers

June 8th , 2022-October 20th,2022

THE AIM OF THE COURSE

This advanced training course organized by the Universities Network intends to develop the professional skills of lawyers who work, or intend to work, on issues related to children affected by armed conflicts.

In situations of armed conflict, children are increasingly being brought before the international and national justice systems, either as victims and witnesses or as defendants.

The goal of this advanced training course is to bring conceptual clarity to the issue of children and justice in times of armed conflict by investigating the role of lawyers in national and international legal frameworks. Its aim is to analyze relevant legal provisions, academic debates and a number of case studies. It will articulate how children who have suffered grave violations during armed conflict can access justice, as well as how the current system treats child victims and witnesses. Moreover, it delves into the issues of children who may have committed international crimes during conflict, the nature of their accountability, and where they should be placed on the spectrum between total impunity and total responsibility.

What role do lawyers play in this framework? How can lawyers assist and defend children? How could they approach children who have been impacted by armed conflict? What are the rules that lawyers must follow before the International Criminal Court?

The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is the first international criminal law instrument to criminalize the recruitment and use of children in international or non-international armed conflicts, recognizing the fact that children are present, both in the armed forces of States and in non-State armed groups. It has laid bare the fact that children are truly among the most vulnerable persons in armed conflict. The ICC has so far devoted considerable energy to investigating, prosecuting and sentencing crimes committed against children during armed conflicts. However, the issue of international justice relating to children affected by armed conflict is a question which, due to its delicacy, requires continuous updating and, above all, specialization of the professionals involved.

The goal of this specialization course is to equip lawyers with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect the rights and best interests of children affected by armed conflict in national/international proceedings and in non-judicial processes.



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STRUCTURE OF THE SPECIALIZATION COURSE

The course is divided into 2 modules.

The first module (9 days + 1 day test of 3 hours each for 30 hours in total) will give a general overview of the major provisions of human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law.

The second module (17 days + 1 day exam of 3 hours each for 54 hours in total) will address the particular aspects of the role of lawyers representing children as victims and witnesses or defendants before national and international courts.

Each module will take a theoretical and practical approach, and will include simulations and analysis of relevant case law.

Lessons will be taught by professors, experts, judges and lawyers with experience in national and international proceedings, including before International Tribunals and the International Criminal Court.

The advanced training course is 84 hours in total. It will take place two days per week for 3 hours each day (2 p.m. - 5 p.m. CET)

At the end of the training course, and after the final exam, the best candidates will have the opportunity to undertake an internships at the ICC and NGO's working in the field. The organizer will provide scholarships to the best candidates. More information will be given during the training.

One of the scholarship will be dedicated to the former Italian Ambassador to Australia, Mrs. Francesca Tardioli, who passed away prematurely in 2022, for her deep commitment to human rights protection.

CONTENTS OF THE MODULES

FIRST MODULE

GENERAL OVERVIEW: KEY KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

(9 days + 1 day exam)

8 June 2022

First Day: The phenomenon of children in armed conflict. The concept of child-specific needs in armed conflict.

The lesson will examine the situation of children in armed conflict by exploring the general framework of new modern conflicts, as well as the international (UN), and the regional system approach to armed conflicts.

1.1 Children in armed conflicts: current data and analysis of the geopolitical situation.

1.2 The United Nations system and the Office of the UN Secretary-General Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict.

1.3 The Regional systems to combat the phenomenon of children in armed conflict.

9 June 2022

Second Day: The development of Human Rights Law (HRL). The protection of children under HRL.

This lesson will analyze the rights afforded to children by the main human rights law legal tools.

2.1 The 1989 Convention on the rights of the child (CRC).

2.2. The CRC Optional Protocol.

2.3. Who are children? Analysis of the adequacy of the ICRC and its Protocol to the current armed conflicts.

16 June 2022

Third day: The development of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The protection of children under IHL.

This lesson will focus on how International Humanitarian Law provides protection for children in the event of armed conflict, either of international or non-international nature.

3.1 International and non-international armed conflict. The modern conflicts and their challenges.

3.2. The Geneva Conventions of 1949 (GCIII and GCIV).

3.3. The Additional Protocols of 1977 (API and APII).

17 June 2022

Fourth day: Introduction to International Criminal Law (ICL).

This lesson will explore the evolution of the International Criminal Law through the examination of the international criminal bodies from the Nuremberg Tribunal to the International Criminal Court.

4.1. The Nuremberg Tribunal and the affirmation of the International Criminal Law.

4.2 The International ad hoc Tribunals and Hybrid Courts.

4.3 The International Criminal Court.

22 June 2022

Fifth day: Soft law instruments to protect children in armed conflict.

This lesson will analyze the soft law instruments addressing the issue of children in armed conflict and their impact on the protection of children in armed conflict.

5.1 The Paris Principles and Guidelines on Children Associated with Armed Forces or Armed Group.

5.2 The Vancouver Principles.

5.3 The Safe School Declaration.

23 June 2022

Sixth day: The six grave violations of children's rights in armed conflict.

This lesson will analyze the first Resolution on children and armed conflict adopted by the United Nations Security Council in 1999, placing the issue of children affected by the armed conflict on the Council's agenda and identifying the six grave violations affecting children in armed conflict.

6.1 Killing and maiming of children.

6.2 Recruitment and use of children by armed forces and armed groups.

6.3 Sexual violence against children.

6.4 Abduction of children.

6.5 Attacks on schools and hospitals.

6.6 Denial of humanitarian access for children.

29 June 2022

Seventh day: Sexual and gender-based crimes against children.

This lesson will analyse the crimes with a gender component which have long been neglected in ICL and the developments towards accountability for said crimes. Armed conflicts have the potential to exacerbate pre-existing gender dynamics, making them more regressive or restrictive. The various ways in which girls and boys are recruited and used by armed groups in conflict are frequently reflective of these different gender dynamics. Although roles can and do overlap, the division of labor between boys and girls can reflect stereotypical gender roles as well as preconceived notions about their relative physical strength and personal capacities.

7.1 Sexual and gender-based crimes (SGBC) against children.

7.2 Recruitment and Girls' voluntary participation in armed conflict.

7.3 Disarmament, demobilization, reintegration programs.

7.4. Social stigmatization attached to SGBC.

30 June 2022

Eight Day: Analysis of Case Law.

6 July 2022

Ninth day: Analysis of Case Law: a gender perspective.

7 July 2022

Tenth Day: First Module's Final test.

SECOND MODULE

THE ROLE OF LAWYERS BEFORE THE ICC IN CASES INVOLVING CHILDREN AFFECTED BY ARMED CONFLICTS

(17 days + 1 day of final exam)

13 July 2022

First Day: What is justice for Children?

This lesson will examine how children are increasingly becoming targets of recruitment, attacks, and subject to SGBC in modern warfare. Children are involved in criminal activity as well. Mechanisms put in place to deliver justice may face significant challenges. Although national courts bear the primary responsibility for prosecuting international crimes, in many States affected by armed conflict the infrastructure of the judicial system is often either virtually non-existent or inadequate. Judges, prosecutors, lawyers, and court administrators may have fled, or been victims of the conflict themselves, or cannot be trusted to be independent. By the time the judicial system is functioning again, many years may have passed and the children's recollection of the details of the crimes they have witnessed may be less clear. Also, other aspects can affect justice like the tension between the State's search for reconciliation and the need for accountability for human rights violations; a lack of both, financial and human, compensation or reparation for children's loss of childhood and for the harms suffered. Moreover, children's accountability addresses a contentious issue: where should children be placed on the spectrum between total impunity on one end and total responsibility on the other?

- 1.1. Challenges to justice for children.*
- 1.2. Ending impunity and children accountability.*
- 1.3. Maximizing justice for children.*

14 July 2022

Second Day: Children as victims and witnesses in judicial proceedings and non-judicial processes.

This lesson will examine how children perceive the accountability of those who violate their rights, as well as the processes and main challenges of children participating in the justice system, and the need for children to be protected as victims and witnesses in both judicial and non-judicial mechanisms, such as international courts and tribunals and Truth and Reconciliation Commissions (TRCs).

- 2.1. Challenges regarding the participation of children in judicial proceedings and non-judicial processes.*
- 2.2. The issue of protection of children in judicial proceedings.*
- 2.3. Special measures in judicial proceedings.*

20 July 2022

Third-Day: The sociological and psychological approach to children affected by armed conflict and involved in criminal proceedings.

This lesson will examine the best practices to interact and communicate with children affected by armed conflict, including techniques for explaining complex legal matters and questioning. A special emphasis will be placed on analyzing the psychosocial environments of children affected by armed conflict.

3.1. Initial contact and interview with children.

3.2. Treatment of children during proceedings and the best interest of the child (art. 12 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child).

3.3 The rights of the child during judicial proceedings and the concept of a child-friendly justice.

21 July 2022

Fourth Day: Simulation

27 July 2022

Fifth Day: Children affected by armed conflict and international justice. Accountability mechanisms at the international level.

This lesson will examine how, over the last 20 years, the international community has established new accountability mechanisms to assist States in putting an end to a widespread culture of impunity. These mechanisms are essentially divided into two types: judicial courts or tribunals, which are formal bodies with established procedures, and more informal, non-judicial settings, like TRCs.

5.1. Ad hoc tribunals: Children before the ICTY and ICTR.

5.2. Hybrid courts: Children before the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

5.3. Non-judicial mechanisms.

28 July 2022

Sixth Day: The proceedings before the ICC.

This lesson will analyze the different stages of the proceedings before the ICC.

6.1. Preliminary examination and opening of an investigation.

6.2. The pre-trial stage.

6.3. The trial stage and the reparations proceedings.

6.4. The appeal stage.

6.5. Enforcement of sentence.

14 September 2022

Seventh Day: Crimes within the ICC's jurisdiction against or affecting children.

This lesson will analyze the elements of the crimes under the Rome Statute targeting and/or affecting children.

7.1. Conscription, enlistment, and use of children under the age of 15 years to participate actively in hostilities, as war crimes in violation of Articles 8(2)(b)(xxvi) and 8(2)(e)(vii) of the Rome Statute.

Forcible transfer of children and prevention of birth, as acts of genocide in violation of Articles 6(d) and 6(e) of the Rome Statute.

7.2. Trafficking of children as a form of enslavement constituting a crime against humanity in violation of Articles 7(1)(c) and 7(2)(c) of the Rome Statute.

Attacks on buildings dedicated to education and health care, as war crimes in violation of Articles 8(2)(b)(ix) and 8(2)(e)(iv) of the Rome Statute.

7.3. Torture and related war crimes and crimes against humanity, in violation of Articles 7(1)(f), 7(1)(k), 8(2)(a)(ii), 8(2)(a)(iii) and 8(2)(c)(ii) of the Rome Statute.

Persecution as a crime against humanity, in violation of Article 7(1)(h) of the Rome Statute; and Sexual and gender-based violence as war crimes and crimes against humanity, in violation of Articles 7(1)(g), 8(2)(b)(xxii) and 8(2)(e)(vi) of the Rome Statute.

15 September 2022

Eight Day: The ICC mechanism for children victims of international crimes to access justice.

This lesson will examine how the ICC allows individuals who have suffered harm as a result of any crime within its jurisdiction to participate as victims in the proceedings and the difference with appearing as witness.

- 8.1. *Victims vs. witnesses.*
- 8.2. *Victim status.*
- 8.3. *Participation of children in the proceedings.*

21 September 2022

Ninth Day: The legal framework for Counsel before the ICC.

This lesson will present the legal framework governing the intervention of Counsel before the ICC, analyzing the applicable legal provisions and the legal aid system.

- 9.1. *Regulatory framework for Counsel before the ICC.*
- 9.2. *The Code of Professional Conduct for Counsel appearing before the ICC.*
- 9.3. *The legal aid system before the ICC.*

22 September 2022

Tenth Day: The different role of Counsels before the ICC

This lesson will focus on the different role that Counsel may play in ICC proceedings and the role and mandate of the Office of Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV), with the duty to ensure effective participation of victims in the proceedings, and the Office of Public Counsel for the Defence (OPCD), which provides support and substantive legal assistance to Defence's teams.

- 10.1. *Counsel for the Defence.*
- 10.2. *Legal Representatives of Victims.*
- 10.3. *The Office of Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV) and the Office of Public Counsel for the Defence (OPCD).*

28 September 2022

Eleventh Day: Investigation and collection of evidence concerning and from children.

This lesson will focus on the technical and psychological approach that Counsel should adopt when collecting information and/or undertaking investigation involving children and how to ensure the well-being of children in the process.

- 11.1. *Investigation and collection of information and evidence from children.*
- 11.2. *Methodologies of investigation and cooperation with national stakeholders.*
- 11.3. *Methodologies of interviewing children.*

29 September 2022

Twelfth Day: Simulation

5 October 2022

Thirteenth Day: The role of Counsel assisting children in ICC proceedings.

This lesson will analyze the different aspects related to the legal assistance provided by Counsel representing children in ICC proceedings.

13.1. Presentation of views and concerns during the proceedings.

13.2. The questioning of children during the proceeding.

13.3. Reparations proceedings.

6 October 2022

Fourteenth Day: Simulation.

12 October 2022

Fifteenth Day: Analysis of ICC Case Law.

13 October 2022

Sixteenth Day: Analysis of ICC Case Law.

19 October 2022

Seventeenth Day: Final Exam.

20 October 2022 (TBC)

Eighteenth Day: Conference.

COURSE FEES

500 EUROS (incl.VAT) for students, trainee lawyers, and first year lawyers

1.000 EUROS (incl.VAT) for all lawyers

Students coming from disadvantaged areas, will be entitled of discounted rates.

TRAINERS

Mr Guido ACQUAVIVA, *International Lawyer*

Mr. Ahmed Aubais Neima AL-FATLAWI, *Counsel and Professor of International Criminal Law at University of Kufa (Iraq)*

Ms. Dato' Shyamala ALAGENDRA, *International Criminal Lawyer and former Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions of Fiji*

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Ms. Anne SCHINTGEN, *Head of the Europe Liaison Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict*

Mr. Pieter VANAVERBEKE, *Acting Chief of the Counsel Support Section (CSS) ICC Registry*

Ms. Ludovica VETRUCIO, *Legal Officer, Independent Office of Public Counsel for Victims, ICC*

Ms. Yvonne VISSING, *Professor of Healthcare Studies, at Salem State University*

TRAINERS' CV

Mr. Guido ACQUAVIVA, *International Lawyer*

Guido Acquaviva (PhD, LLM) is Principal Legal Officer at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and has been working on accountability for serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights for almost 20 years. He joined the ICTY in 2003, where he assisted judges in pre-trial, trial, and appellate proceedings, and has since worked at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon – as Senior Legal Officer and Chef de Cabinet to the President – and to establish the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, where he was Deputy Registrar. He consulted with UNHCR on forced displacement and has published extensively on public international law, international criminal law and humanitarian law.

Mr. Ahmed Aubais Neima AL-FATLAWI, *Counsel and Professor of International Criminal Law at University of Kufa (Iraq)*

Ahmed Aubais Neima Al-Fatlawi holds a PhD in Public International Law from the Higher Institute of Legal Studies at the Lebanese University in 2012 and holds a Diploma of Participation from the Geneva Institute of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in 2017. Currently a lecturer at the University of Kufa (Iraq) College of Law, published a number of books on various subjects of International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law, as well as prepared and published many of specialized articles in International Criminal Law. In 2018 he was nominated by the International Committee of the Red Cross as an international expert on the revision of the Third Geneva Convention of 1949, as well as expert on the commentary on the Military Guidelines to the Protection of Natural Environment in Times of Armed Conflict in 2019.

Ms. Dato' Shyamala ALAGENDRA, *International Criminal Lawyer and former Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions of Fiji*

Dato' Shyamala Alagendra is a Malaysian lawyer with over 24 years domestic and international criminal law experience. She has served as a Prosecution Trial Lawyer at the International Criminal Court (ICC), Special Court for Sierra Leone and before the Special Panel for Serious Crimes in East Timor. At the SCSL, she worked closely with former child soldiers and led their testimonies in three out of the four trials. During her time as the Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions of Fiji between 2018-2019, she led prosecutions of child rape cases and secured the first life sentence for child rape ever to be imposed in Fiji and the Pacific. She led the investigations into allegations of human rights violations (including killings, torture and sexual violence) by regional peacekeeping troops deployed to Sierra Leone during the conflict and submitted a fundamental rights petition before the Supreme Court in 2018 on their behalf. Some of the victims were children at the time of the violations and some were children born out of rapes by these peacekeepers. This case was featured in a documentary by Al Jazeera

“Peacekillers”: <https://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/peopleandpower/2018/09/peacekillers-180913060801441.html>

Between 2016-2017, she successfully represented child victims in cases of historical sexual abuse by foreign clergy in Sierra Leone. Compensation was paid by the Church to the victims including to the children born of those rapes. Most recently, she was the Gender & Child Rights Adviser to the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) and is presently the Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes Legal Consultant to the OHCHR Sri Lanka accountability project.

She has also represented accused persons as Counsel at the ICC, STL and EULEX Court in Kosovo.

Ms. Véronique AUBERT, *Lead on Children and Armed Conflict at Save the Children UK and Special Adviser to the ICC Prosecutor on Crimes against and affecting children*

Véronique Aubert is a senior human rights expert on investigating gross violations against children in conflict, and promoting governments and armed actors' compliance with international law standards. She is the Lead on Children and Armed Conflict at Save the Children UK providing policy analysis and child rights expertise, while leading talks with senior government officials and donors. She recently co-authored with Oxford University the report, *Advancing Justice for Children* (March 2021), that explores the barriers and solutions regarding accountability for crimes and violations against children in conflict.

She currently also serves as Special Adviser on Crimes Against and Affecting Children to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. Ms Aubert regularly serves as a child rights expert for Justice Rapid Response to investigate international crimes against children and as a member of Technical Advisory Panel for the Global Fund for Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence.

She previously served as Co-Chair of the Global Coalition to Protect Education from on the development and implementation of the Safe Schools Declaration, and was involved in the publication of the *Education under Attack* report. She was awarded an OBE in 2021 as a reward for her contribution to protecting children in armed conflict.

Ms. Marta BORDIGNON, *Adjunct Professor of Contemporary Politics of Europe, Politics of the Global Economy, Social Justice and Business and Legal Environment of Business at Temple University, Rome Campus (Italy)*

Marta Bordignon, Ph.D. in International Law from University of Rome "Tor Vergata" (Italy), with a thesis on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights through National Action Plans in Italy, Spain and the UK. Currently, Dr. Bordignon is Adjunct Professor of Contemporary Politics of Europe, Politics of the Global Economy, Social Justice and Business and Legal Environment of Business at Temple University, Rome Campus. She is Research Assistant and Member of the Working Group of the Research Project "*The implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights by the European Union and its Member States*", coordinated by the International Law and International Relations Department of the University of Seville (Spain). She co-founded the association Human Rights International Corner (HRIC), of which she has been appointed as President in May 2018. Since 2018, she is co-director of the "Business and Human Rights" Summer School. She authored several papers and book's chapters about the implementation at national level of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, corporate social responsibility, human rights due diligence, indigenous people rights and human trafficking and modern slavery.

Ms. Debora CAPALBO, *Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in International Law with a PhD at Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)*

Debora Capalbo is Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in International Law with a PhD at Sapienza University of Rome (Italy). Her main research topics focus on the legal aspects of nuclear disarmament; gender and disarmament; protection of children in armed conflict; the WPS Agenda and the UNSC Res. 1325. In 2019, she defended her PhD thesis on the "*Legal Aspects of Nuclear Weapons: from Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*" at Sapienza University under the supervision of Prof. Marchisio. In 2015 she took part in the Informal Conference on Disarmament held in Geneva. In 2015, she also attended the 2nd level Master Programme in International Protection of Human Rights, with a final dissertation on "*The Reparations in the System of the International Criminal Court*", and in this context, she did an internship at the International Research Institute "Archivio Disarmo". She is Member of the Universities Network for Children and Armed Conflicts with specific competences for Academic Projects.



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Ms. Francesca CAPONE, *Associate Professor of International Law at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa (Italy)*
Francesca Capone holds a Law Degree from the University of Naples Federico II and a Joint Ph.D. Degree from the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (Italy) and Tilburg University (The Netherlands), earned in October 2013. In 2012-2013 she worked as a research fellow in international law at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London. Currently, she is Associate Professor of International Law at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, where from 2018 to 2021 she was Assistant Professor (tenure track position) and from 2014 to 2018 she served as a Research Fellow, lecturer and Coordinator of the Master in Human Rights and Conflict Management. She has been a visiting fellow and guest lecturer at several academic institutions across Europe and beyond, including Leiden University, the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law and Addis Ababa University. She has undertaken research on a wide range of topics, in particular she has written extensively on children's rights and the protection of vulnerable groups. Her book *Reparations for Child Victims of Armed Conflict: State of the Field and Current Challenges* (Intersentia 2017) won the 2018 Ciardi Prize for the best book in the field of international humanitarian law.

Ms. Cynthia CHAMBERLAIN, *Legal Officer, Chambers ICC*

Costa Rican lawyer, She has worked at the ICC as a Legal Officer in Chambers since 2006. Before joining the Court she worked on women's rights in her home country, particularly the presentation of shadow reports before the CEDAW Committee. She has a Ph.D. in Law (Leiden University, 2014). Her research focused on children and the ICC.

Mr. Dragoș CHILEA, *Lawyer Professor of International Law at the University of Tirgu Mures (Romania), President of the International Criminal Bar (ICB)*

Dragoș Chilea is professor at the University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Sciences and Technology "George Emil Palade" of Târgu Mureș (Romania), President of the International Criminal Bar, lawyer in Constanța Bar Association. His career began after graduating from the Faculty of Law within the University of Bucharest, where he also attended a Master's degree. He was awarded the PhD title for the elaboration of the doctoral thesis entitled "*The Right to Establish Economic Agents in EU Member States*". His legal studies were enriched by courses in Lyon (France) and Athens (Greece) in the European Academy of Public Law. He worked as a prosecutor, Secretary General of the Institution of the Prefect of Constanta County and Prefect of Constanța County, lawyer, vice dean and member of Council of the Constanța Bar Association, president of the International Criminal Bar Council, as well as university professor. He is the author of numerous works published in Romania and abroad and the subjects addressed in his scientific research are: public international law, European law and human rights.

KATHERINE COCCO, *Child Protection Specialist - Children and Armed Conflict (MRM), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)*

Katherine Cocco has over 20 years of experience in the area of protection, including child protection and has worked with a number of agencies including DPO, UNHCR, and OHCHR, in Kosovo, East Timor and Guinea (Conakry). She currently works with UNICEF as Child Protection Specialist on children and armed conflict, as part of the Global Child Protection in Humanitarian Action Team in NYHQ. In her UNICEF deployments, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sri Lanka and the State of Palestine, she worked as Child Protection Specialist on the children and armed conflict programme, establishing and implementing the monitoring and reporting mechanisms, supporting the emergency response including by coordinating partners in the Child Protection as well as the Mental Health and Psychosocial Working Groups and leading the children access to justice programme. She holds a BA in political Science and a LLM in Human Rights from the University of Carlos III of Madrid (Spain).



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Mr. Matteo COSTI, Appeals Counsel, OTP, ICC

Matteo Costi works as Appeals Counsel with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. He previously worked for the European Union Kosovo Special Investigative Task Force (2013-2015) and the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (2005-2013). He began his career as criminal defence lawyer in Italy (2000-2005) where he graduated cum laude at the Bologna University Law School.

Mr. Francisco COX, Lawyer, Legal Representative in the ICC Ongwen case and Member of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Francisco Cox is a Chilean lawyer from Universidad Diego Portales, he holds an LL.M. from Columbia University where he was a Human Rights Fellow, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He was appointed by the Organisation of the American States (OAS) and the Mexican government as one of the 5 experts to investigate the Ayotzinapa Case. He is also a member of the Fact Finding Mission created by the UN's Human Rights Council. He currently represents victims in the ICC's Ongwen Case.

Mr. Stefano DOMINELLI, Professor at the University of Genoa (Italy)

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