



## ENHANCING CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN THE ICC REVIEW CONFERENCE:

### THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON STOCKTAKING PROCESSES

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#### CONCEPT NOTE

In an effort to enhance the participation of civil society in the upcoming Review Conference of the States Parties to the Rome Statute, the Human Rights Network of Uganda (HURINET-U), the Uganda Coalition on the International Criminal Court (UCICC), and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ-Africa Program) are co-hosting the International Symposium on Stocktaking Processes, which will convene in the days leading up to the review conference. The symposium will bring together individuals from around the world who have expertise in the various stocktaking issues that will be addressed by the Assembly of State Parties (ASP). The purpose of the symposium will be the development of a communiqué that outlines a series of recommendations for the ASP.

In order to facilitate the development of the communiqué, all symposium participants will spend much of their time working in one of four small workshops. The four workshops will focus on each of the stocktaking issues under consideration by the ASP: the impact of the ICC on victims and affected communities; the impact of the court on peace processes; the court's principles of cooperation; and the principle of complementarity. (The placement of participants in each of these workshops was based on each individual's work experience and expertise.) During each of the workshops, participants should:

- *Identify the problems:* What are the most *urgent problems or issues* that need to be addressed by the court? Try to identify at least three.
- *Identify priorities to address the problems:* What *overarching goals* should the ASP prioritize in order to address the problems identified by participants? Try to come up with at least two priorities for each problem identified.
- *Recommend policies:* What *specific, actionable policies* can the ASP pursue to fulfil the priorities outlined above? Try to create at least two to three policies for each of the priorities identified.

By the end of the first day of the symposium, each of the four workshops should have a rough draft of the problems, priorities, and policies that they wish to include in the communiqué. From each of these drafts, rapporteurs from each of the workshops will join together to create a draft of the communiqué, which will be reviewed, edited, and finalized by symposium participants on day two.