

# Accountability for Crimes under International Law in Libya: Challenges and Prospects

**Tuesday, 19 March 2019, 11:00 – 12:00**  
**Palais des Nations, Room XXV**

The magnitude of ongoing gross human rights violations in Libya, including extrajudicial executions, torture, enforced disappearances, human trafficking, sexual violence and slavery, is significant. Domestic accountability mechanisms are unable to address them due to political instability and a fragile security environment. Efforts by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to prosecute perpetrators have had limited success.

Criminal organizations take advantage of the resultant impunity gap, entrenching their presence and consolidating smuggling and trafficking routes towards Europe. The OHCHR, UNCHR, IOM and international NGOs have issued alarming reports about crimes committed against migrants and IDPs along these routes.

The International Commission of Jurists, in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany, invites you to a panel discussion on accountability for crimes under international law in Libya. Panelists will discuss shortcomings in Libyan law and practice for ensuring accountability, political and security challenges impacting prospects for reform, the role of the International Criminal Court, and the consequences for tackling human trafficking and abuse of migrants.

At the event, the ICJ will circulate a briefing paper discussing the above issues and setting out recommendations for Libyan authorities and the international community.

## Opening Remarks:

- **Ambassador Monique T. G. van Daalen**, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands

## Panelists:

- **Salah al-Marghani**, former Justice Minister of Libya
- **Marwa Mohammed**, Lawyers for Justice in Libya
- **Mark Kersten**, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, and Wayamo Foundation
- **Said Benarbia**, Middle East and North Africa Programme, International Commission of Jurists

## Moderator:

- **Mary Fitzgerald**, Libya researcher and expert