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**“A NEW WORLD ON THE MOVE: THE REALITIES OF IRREGULAR**

**MASS MIGRATION AND THE CHALLENGES FACING ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION JUDGES”**

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**CONFERENCE, DAY 1 – Wednesday, 19 February 2020** **correct as at 13 Feb 2020**

8:30 - 9:30 (30m)	<b>Registration</b>
9:30 - 10:15 (45m)	<p><b>Session 1 - Opening ceremony (Master of Ceremonies, Judge Sebastiaan de Groot)</b></p> <p>Entry of members of the main bureau</p> <p>National Anthem of Costa Rica</p> <p>Mrs Gabriela Richard Rodríguez, President TAM, Costa Rica</p> <p>Judge Katelijne Declerck, President IARMJ, Belgium</p> <p>Mr Michael Soto Rojas, Minister of Public Security, Costa Rica</p>
10:15 - 10:35 (20m)	<b>Conference photo</b>
10:35 - 11:00 (25m)	<b>Refreshments</b>
11:00 - 11:45 (45m)	<p><b>Session 2 (Chair: Judge Isaac Lenaola)</b></p> <p><b>The Global Compact on Refugees</b></p> <p>Isabel Márquez, Deputy Director, UNHCR Americas</p>
11:45 - 12:15 (45m)	<p><b>The Global Compact on Migration</b></p> <p>Michele Klein Solomon, Director of the Migration Policy and Research Department, IOM</p>
12:15 - 12:30 (15m)	Q&A for UNHCR and IOM
12:30 - 13:30 (1hr)	<b>Lunch – also, the Women Judge’s lunch (Chair: Judge Judith Gleeson)</b>
13:30 - 14:30 (1hr)	<p><b>Session 3 (Chair: Dr Harald Doerig)</b></p> <p><b>The Regional Human Rights Courts</b></p> <p><i>IARMJ and the human rights approach to the refugee definition: Ottawa '98 to San José '20 – Judge Hugo Storey</i></p> <p><i>African Court of Human and People’s Rights – Judge Dunstan Mlambo, Judge President, Gauteng Division, High Court of South Africa</i></p> <p><i>The Inter-American Court on Human Rights – Elizabeth Odio Benito, President, IACHR</i></p>
14:30 - 15:00 (30m)	<b>Refreshments</b>
15:00 - 16:30 (1hr 30m)	<p><b>Session 4 (Chair: Judge Michael Hoppe)</b></p> <p><b>Climate Change Displacement</b></p> <p><i>Teitiota v NZ: Imminence and Climate Change – Martin Treadwell, Deputy Chair, IPT NZ</i></p> <p><i>Environmental Refugees and the OAU Convention – Judge John Mativo, High Court of Kenya</i></p> <p><i>Climate Change and Disaster Displacement – Carole Dahan, Senior Legal Adviser, UNHCR</i></p> <p><i>Are environmental migrants adequately protected under international law? – Alice Sironi, IOM</i></p>
16:30 - 17:00 (30m)	<p><b>Session 5</b></p> <p>Chapter meetings</p>
19:00	<p><b>Solemn Opening Ceremony of the IARMJ Conference – Radisson Hotel</b></p> <p>Mrs Epsy Campbell Barr, First Vice-President of Costa Rica</p> <p>Judge Katelijne Declerck, President IARMJ, Belgium Milton Moreno, UNHCR Representative in Costa Rica</p>

## CONFERENCE, DAY 2 – Thursday, 20 February 2020

7:30 - 8:45 (1hr 15m)	<b>Working Parties' breakfast (James Simeon)</b>	
9:00 - 10:00 (1hr)	<b>Session 6 (Chair: Judge Esteban Lemus Laporte)</b> <b>Protection Instruments Beyond the Refugee Convention</b> <i>Europe</i> – Dominique Kimmerlin, Présidente de la Cour Nationale du Droit d'Asile <i>Africa</i> – Judge Thami Beshe, South Africa <i>Asia</i> – Brian Barbour, Regional Refugee Protection Advisor, Act for Peace	
10:00 - 11:00 (1hr)	<b>Session 7 (Chair: Judge Julian Phillips)</b> <b>International Criminal Law – Refugee Exclusion Clauses - Migration &amp; Public Security Issues</b> Judge Howard Morrison, Judge of the International Criminal Court <i>Exclusion on the Basis of Public Order and National Security</i> – Maria Bances del Ray, Senior Protection Coordinator, UNHCR Americas <i>Smuggling and trafficking: protection challenges and impacts on migrant perception</i> – Alice Sironi, IOM	
11:00 - 11:30 (30m)	<b>Refreshments</b>	
11:30 - 12:30 (1hr)	<b>Session 8</b> Breakout Sessions on International Criminal Law and Exclusion	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“Criminalisation at Points of Entry and Departure”</b> – Yukari Ando, Japan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“When is a Non-Political Crime Serious?”</b> – Judge Michael Hoppe, Germany</li> </ul>
12:30 - 13:00 (30m)	Breakouts – reporting back <i>Rapporteurs: Johan Berg and Sylvie Cossy</i>	
13:00 - 14:00 (1hr)	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 - 14:30 (45m)	<b>Session 9 (Chair: Tjerk Damstra)</b> <b>Decision-Making</b> <i>Vicarious Trauma for Refugee Judges</i> – Martha Roche, IPT NZ	
14:30 - 15:00 (15m)	Q &A on Vicarious Trauma	
15:00 - 15:30 (30m)	<b>Refreshments</b>	
15:30 - 16:30 (1hr)	<b>Session 10</b> Breakout Sessions on Decision-Making	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“Social Media and RSD”</b> – Christine Cody, AAT Australia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“Persuasive Credibility Findings”</b> – Martin Treadwell, IPT New Zealand</li> </ul>
	Breakouts – Reporting Back <i>Rapporteurs: Isabelle Dely and Bernard Dawson</i>	
18:30	<b>General Assembly</b> <b>Departure to the Country Club for the Official Dinner</b>	

**CONFERENCE, DAY 3 – Friday, 21 February 2020**

8:15	Departure to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
9:00 - 11:00 (2hrs)	<b>Session 11</b> <b>Visit by Conference Delegates to</b> <b>the Inter-American Court of Human Rights</b>
11.00 - 11.45	Return from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
11:45 - 12:00 (15m)	<b>Refreshments – Radisson Hotel</b>
12:00 - 13:00 (1hr)	<b>Session 12 (Chair: Judge Aikaterini Koutsopoulou)</b> <b>Latin America Mass Migration and Asylum</b> Charles Gomez-Da Costa, Brasil Allan Rodriguez Vargas, Judge of the Migratory Administrative Court, Costa Rica
13.00 - 13.30	Q & A on Latin America
13:30 - 14:30 (1hr)	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 - 15:30 (1hr)	<b>Session 13 (Chair: Justice Russel Zinn)</b> <b>Artificial Intelligence and Data Analysis</b> Jim Guszcza, US chief data scientist, Deloitte Consulting <i>Technology on the Margins: Artificial Intelligence, Migration and Human Rights</i> – Professor Petra Molnar, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto
15:30 - 16:00 (30m)	Q & A on AI
16:00 - 16:30 (30m)	<b>Refreshments</b>
16:30 - 17:00 (1hr)	<b>Session 14</b> <b>AGM of the IARMJ</b>
18:00	<b>Closing Event</b>