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The Women Empowerment Team

Team Background

The Women Empowerment Team is a subsection of the Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights (CAJPHR) tasked with the responsibilities of managing, creating, and organising programs aimed at empowering young women and girls to enable them to pursue their dreams and make valuable changes to society.

Our mission is to rekindle the spirit of excellence in the minds of women through capacity-building, empowering, and providing resources to achieve sustainable business developments and peace-building. Our vision is to empower women who have low self-esteem and an inferiority complex, and are generally helpless in their present location, into entrepreneurship.

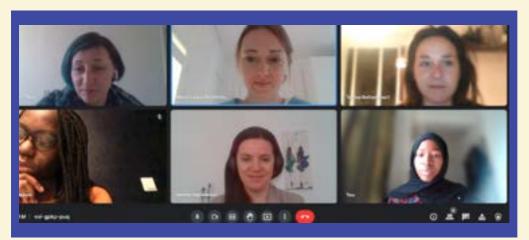
Due to the world's sexist historical background and the constant challenges society faces to achieve gender equality, many women often doubt their ability to achieve their life/career goals. Thinking about this, the Women Empowerment Team looks forward to empowering women who've migrated from Africa to the Netherlands, and also to helping female entrepreneurs within the Netherlands.

We have been able to achieve this through our various projects and collaborations with like-minded individuals and groups, which will be presented in this report. We work on different projects every year, but some projects extend to the following year. Overall, our goal is the same: to empower women to actualise their greatest potential in life through our various workshops, meaningful collaborations, and storytelling.

To find out more about the WE team, have a look at our youtube with the link below (115) Introducing the Women Empowerment Team of the CAJPHR - YouTube

Our Team

Our members are a group of inspiring and dedicated volunteers with different backgrounds, who are interested in the mission of the Women Empowerment Team of the Centre for African Justice Peace and Human Rights. We are grateful to the volunteers who work towards achieving our goals to empower and educate women. Our members change from year to year, as we have people who are long-term members as well as people who stay for a short time and move on to embark on their next journey. We also hire interns who join to learn and build up their skills towards graduation, in preparation for the next stages in their lives.



Weekly Meeting Session with some of the WE team members in 2022

2022 Projects and Activities

- Publishing WE Magazine issue III
- Draft Magazine Issue IV
- Host the 4R Webinar
- Education for Girls project
- Advocacy-Creating Awareness
- Meetings and collaborations with other organisations

(1) Publishing WE Magazine Issue III



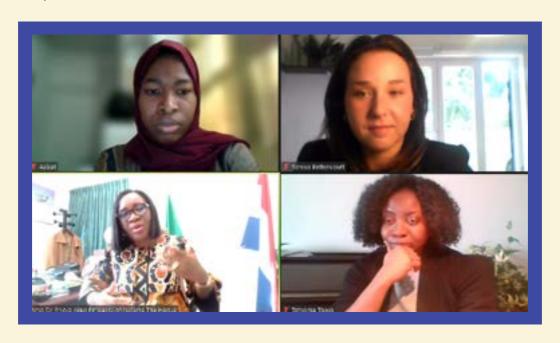
Cover page of the WE Magazine Vol III 2022 publication

The tradition of African storytelling is one of the oldest in African culture, across the continent. Thus, since the olden times, storytelling within African culture has been a way of passing on knowledge, motivation, traditions, and values, as well as upholding and preserving peace and good social order. In the daily interactions among family members, groups, and communities, they always use stories to pass on important messages and words of wisdom necessary for success, or to correct people's mistakes. Through stories, young people learn valuable lessons about life – because stories are used to portray human strengths and weaknesses, pass on methods of survival in difficult life situations, and to give hope for the future. Storytelling, whether oral or written, has a distinct significance within our society because it functions as a pivotal medium of educational, social, religious, cultural, mental, and emotional edification. It is a powerful tool for communicating people's experiences, knowledge, and wisdom. That is why it remains a valuable method of empowering people, particularly when it comes to demonstrating the kind of courage needed to tackle difficult life situations.

In light of this, this edition of our Women Empowerment Team magazine, titled "Women in the Legal Profession" focuses on the experiences of African female lawyers with the aim of motivating young (and aspiring) African female lawyers to pursue similar leadership roles within the legal profession. The magazine shares the personal stories of successful African female lawyers and discusses their paths to the legal profession, how they climbed to various positions in the legal field, and how they have made significant contributions to the growth of the law and women's empowerment.

(2) Draft Magazine Issue IV

Our team has been working on creating and publishing our next issue titled "Women in Leadership", with a focus on African Female Ambassadors. With this magazine, we aim to reach, impact, and inspire other young women to pursue their goals as ambassadors. As a part of this project, we had the privilege of interviewing the Nigerian Ambassador to The Netherlands, Dr. Eniola Ajayi. We will proceed with the production of the magazine in 2023. The greatest challenge so far has been getting in contact with our potential interviewees.



(3) Host the 4R Webinar

The WE team successfully hosted a webinar concerning the implications of migration on the psychological well-being of migrant women, on 21 September 2022. Hosted online, the webinar was attended by more than thirty participants and attracted three professional speakers. The Webinar supported the target audience by providing coaching, mentorship, inspiration, connections, and access to further support, such as psychological counseling.







Clips from the 4R webinar held on the 21st of September 2022

The three speakers invited to speak at the webinar were: Ms. Natalia, a certified professional coach and behavioral coach who specializes in positive psychology; Mr. Michaël von Bönninghausen, a Director at Covitaal and a coordinator at the Interest Group 'Social-Emotional Learning' of the International School Psychology Association; and Ms. Veena Joseph, founder of Forerunners Consulting and Coaching, which aims to ignite transformations in women and help them explore self-discovery paths and discover their purpose.

(4) Education for Girls Project

The project aims to collect second-hand books and digital appliances from donors and partner organisations, and to ship them to schools in Africa. The project will improve African girls' access to educational material and, consequently, their access to opportunities. It will also positively contribute to the entire African community.

We did not make much progress on this project in 2022, due to a lack of resources. We currently have some books previously donated, but we require sponsorship or funds to disperse the books to the beneficiaries in Africa. We plan to focus more on achieving our goals in 2023. Education is important for the empowerment of young girls and women.

(5) Advocacy- Creating Awareness

To raise awareness about women's empowerment, our team, with the help of other members of the Centre for African Justice, Peace, and Human Rights, published quotes about their thoughts and opinions in relation to the themes for international UN days for 2022.

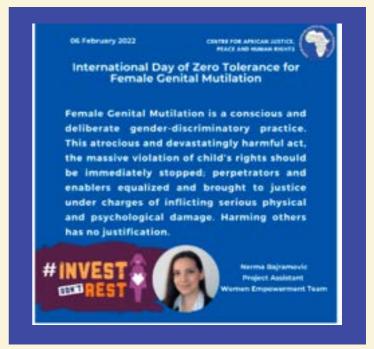
International Day of Women and Girls in Science





International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation





International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers

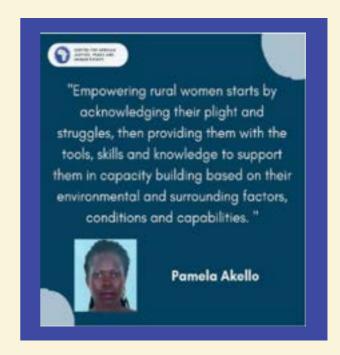




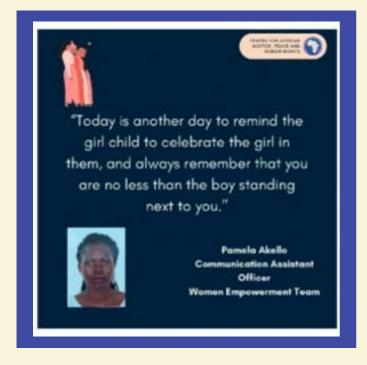


International Day of Rural Women





International Day of the Girl Child





International Day of the Girl Child





International Women's Day





6) Meetings and collaborations with other organisations

Vital Aid Event

On the 10th of December 2022, the WE Team members Pamela and Azizat attended an event organised by Vital Aid Foundation to discuss diversity and inclusion in work and income in the Netherlands. The workshop provided information on how immigrant women can gain skills, find work and earn income in the Netherlands.





Women Emancipation Event Gemeente Den Haag

On 13 December 2022, the WE Team member Melitza Kleijn attended a workshop organised by the Gemente Den Haag. The event's goal was to talk about social issues that women are dealing with. It was a way to come together in person, discuss issues and solutions, and create a network.





Collaboration with BIEL

The Women Empowerment Team was invited to collaborate with BIEL in the preparation for their workshop. This included tasks such as finding suitable speakers and a place to hold the event, as well as promoting it on our social media platforms. We accepted this invitation because we saw in this Bootcamp an opportunity to work towards women's empowerment. We also wanted to raise awareness of our work to potential partners and build connections. The Boot Camp consisted of an intensive, inperson program that lasted for a week and touched upon different topics such as entrepreneurship, management, business plan development, financial literacy, marketing, and coding.





Pictures From the BIEL workshop in collaboration with the CYPHER

International Women's Day with United Nigerian Platform Netherlands

The Women Empowerment Team was invited to speak at the International Women's Day Celebration, organised by the United Nigeria Platform in the Netherlands, to commemorate International Women's Day. Azizat and Nerma, from the Women Empowerment Team, made a presentation on the topic "Gender Equality towards Alleviating Poverty in Nigeria". Our speakers emphasised the importance of gender equality and women empowerment, and how they can impact the alleviation of poverty in Nigeria. They also explained how the Women Empowerment Team uses education as a tool for empowering young girls and women.





All speakers with the Nigerian Ambassador to the Netherlands

International Women's Day Break the Bias Campaign



The Right to Quality Education Team

Team Background

The Right to Quality Education Team falls under the Human Rights cluster of the Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights (CAJPHR). Together with its partners, the team based in the Netherlands is formed of a group of volunteers from around the world, working with African stakeholders to provide essential school facilities for students in impoverished communities. The Right to Quality Education Team supports communities to ensure a safe educational environment for all students – one that is non-violent and inclusive and which, in turn, removes barriers to effective learning.

We support communities that lack the infrastructure to provide a safe education environment for their students by building and upgrading existing school facilities. Our team is guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4. More specifically, we are focused on promoting lifelong learning opportunities by "building and upgrading education facilities that are child, disability, and gendersensitive in order to provide a safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environment" (UN, 2018).

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

Our goal is to provide children access to a safe learning environment and a quality education. This goal is essential to improve the standard of living for the most vulnerable in society. Any country that has a poor education system is more likely to have unacceptable social inequalities. Despite the demand for better education services and facilities across the African continent, some local and national governments struggle to provide safe, non-violent, and effective learning environments. Potential reasons for this issue include: ongoing conflicts, lack of resources to build and maintain education facilities, and a general deficiency in basic infrastructure and professionals to provide basic education services. Consequently, countries with a poor education system are more likely to have unacceptable social inequalities. It is for this purpose, the Right to Quality Education Team aims to fill this gap and contribute to the African learning environment.

Our Mission

At the RQE Team we aim to enhance public knowledge of key issues faced by children in Africa, so that we can receive support from the community and hope to learn about more funding opportunities in the future.

Our Vision

Our goal is to acquire enough funding — which is vital to our organization — to implement our developmental project in building washroom and toilet facilities desperately needed in impoverished schools in parts of Africa. Enough funding will enable us to improve our projects so that we can reach a wider audience and help as many people in achieving quality education.

To find out more about the RQE team, please have a look at our website via the link below:

https://centreforafricanjustice.org/right-to-quality-education-2/

Our Team

The team is composed of volunteers from different work backgrounds and nationalities, including from the Netherlands, along with a group of students who assist in the process of achieving our vision.

Project and Activities

The Matinza School Project, its challenges and activities are described below:

- The Matinza School Project and its challenge
- The Magazines
- Articles & Webinar
- International Celebrations
- Recruitment
- Conclusion

(1) The Matinza School Project and its challenges

Initiated in 2020, the team's foremost goal in the subsequent years has been the re-construction and renovation of the sanitary facilities of Matinza Community Primary School's sanitary, located in Nyakabande sub-county, Kisoro district, in the Kigezi region, Southwestern Uganda. The primary school comprises 934 students and 19 teachers, and indirectly benefits more than 800 additional community members that constantly access the school.

To promote this initiative, the team has worked tirelessly to strengthen stakeholder engagement with the project. They have thus focused their resources on online informative campaigns to increase awareness of the educational situation in Africa among the public and to develop viable relationships with stakeholders. This project brings the opportunity to directly intervene in the educational environment of the community and provide a better, safer and more sustainable learning environment to underprivileged children.

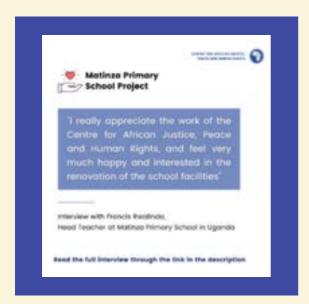
The completion of the project will lead to the improvement of the health and learning environment of pupils, increasing the latrine coverage, provision of clean water, and the knowledge and skills for a sustainable promotion of good sanitation and hygiene. Currently, the school has no proper water facilities, which exposes the pupils to diseases. The situation was aggravated by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the project aims to bring relief to this vulnerable community. It is important to mention that, by upgrading the current sanitary facilities, the school will be able to have access to safe hygiene standards and the dignity of its students will be improved. Ultimately, by aiming to eliminate these everyday concerns, this initiative will allow students to focus on their educational processes.

The execution of this project will support:

- 1) Renovation of three old latrines with eleven stances for acceptable standards at the school;
- 2) Establishment of a rainwater harvesting system, including gutters on all classroom blocks;
- 3) Connection of pipes and two rainwater storage tanks with taps;
- 4) Establish a school health committee; and
- 5) Create a pupil led school eco-green environment club at the school.







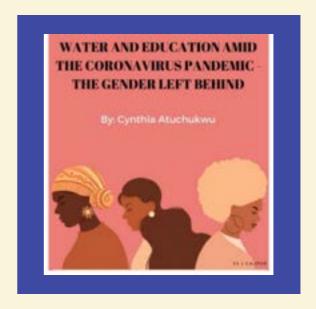


Schools without WASH infrastructures can become high-risk areas for infections. For this reason the RQE team is planning to build and renovate these facilities. Throughout the year of 2021, the Right to Quality Education Team focused their fundraising efforts on executing the Matinza School Project, The Education for Girls Project, and the GlobalGiving Accelerator Program – <u>Link to fundraising platform</u>.

A second platform, Gofundme, was introduced - Link to fundraising platform.

Additionally, the Team was able to publish their third magazine and produce various articles focusing on how education changed throughout the ongoing global pandemic of Coronavirus (Covid-19).









The Challenges

Unfortunately, even with all the Team's efforts, the pandemic situation brought difficulties for collecting the remaining funds for executing the project in 2020. The Team was able to collect a partial amount (600 euros) to cover the costs of the project, but there is still the need to collect the remaining funds to be able to execute the work, and directly impact the lives of 934 students and 19 teachers, and indirectly benefit another 800 community members that constantly access the school. We analysed the reasons for fewer donations received in 2021, which are listed below:

Coronavirus triggered a funding crisis for all NGOs in the past years and our organisation is not an exception. The economic downturn caused aid budgets and donations from States, institutions and individuals to decline drastically. With the unprecedented nature of the pandemic in scale and duration, almost every household, community, organisation, sector and nation is reeling from its impacts on the economy, health, and society. In the time since, the world has fundamentally changed and organisations like ours is striving to restore some form of equilibrium. Our members and their loved ones have been badly affected by the pandemic and this also affected our planned activities during this period. It is no longer news that many nonprofit and profit-making institutions have closed up. As bad as it is, even though Covid-19 support funds were paid to some profit-making companies, NGOs suffered the most because we at the Centre for African Justice did not receive any Covid-19 financial support from any government.

Hopefully, this situation will improve in the coming years and we will continue to apply for funds to the best of our capacity to achieve our goal of enabling education in the poorest parts of Africa.

These projects aspire to reach to as many students and communities as possible and achieve quality education, the development of peoples, resources and institutions and reduce the poverty rate, so as to close the gap between the standard education that children receive in impoverished communities and the quality of education received in the rest of the developing world. One of the regular projects within the CAJPHR is the publication by all the teams of a quarterly magazine with a different focus and theme.

(2) The Magazines

In January 2021, the RQE Team issue II magazine published eight articles elaborating on the importance of the Matinza Primary School in Uganda initiative, and the RAKE's team efforts to promote the right to clean water and proper sanitation in order to support childhood development. During the year, the RQE Team decided to focus on how education changed throughout the on- going global pandemic of Coronavirus (Covid-19). The first known case of the disease was identified in December 2019, before it spread across the whole world, and was declared a pandemic on 11 March 2020 by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Right to Quality Education Team published the RQE Issue 3 magazine in August 2021, bringing to light the magnitude of issues faced by the African education system throughout the ongoing global pandemic of Coronavirus (Covid-19). The magazine continued to uphold the mission demonstrated in the first RQE Team magazine published in November 2019, which was also the first magazine ever published by the Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights.

The Covid-19 pandemic brought about unprecedented social and economic disruption on a global scale and has interrupted essential services, including education. In Africa, research shows that school closures resulted in the aggravation of existing inequalities and the students that were already at risk of being kept out of quality education have been most impacted. Among the many difficulties of providing education during the pandemic, many African children could not receive feedback or instructions and had sparse interaction with teachers, which led to fewer topics and less content being studied. The lack of access to computers, internet, radios or television meant that many students were unable to continue education in online learning. Moreover, the lack of contact with the other students and the school community caused students to feel isolated, anxious and stressed, increasing their vulnerabilities. This issue of the Magazine focuses on the costs that the pandemic had on education and the current needs of the stakeholders. It assessed the impact of inequalities in rural communities by focusing on health services and education, and it also explored the issue of water and education during the pandemic from a gendered point of view.

Finally, the magazine will include two interviews to the founders of relevant organisations for children's rights in Nigeria and Zambia, and will provide the readers with Covid-19 timelines, to better understand how the spread of the disease affected different countries in the continent. With this Magazine, the RQE Team aims to provide the reader with a more profound knowledge of how education and communities were impacted during the pandemic and how the region is trying to recover and reinstate a safe education of quality.

The RQE issue IV magazine published 7 articles envisioning the future of the African education system post–Covid–19. The magazine went into great detail about: Water and Education Amid the Coronavirus Pandemic – The Gender Left Behind. To go deeper into the issue, please visit:

http://centreforafricanjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/RQE-AUGUST-AUG-2021-lss-ll-Vol-II.pdf



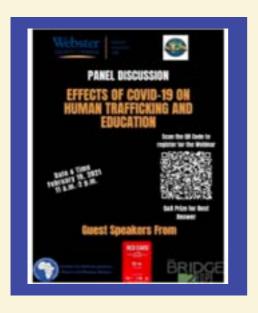


(3) Articles & Webinar

In February 2021, one article on "The Cost of the Coronavirus Pandemic on Education", written by Melissa Philippou, was published on our website. Melissa writes about how the pandemic has forced governments in 188 countries to temporarily close their educational institutions, and how this has impacted the world in the long and short term. It is a very informative read. You can find the article on our website http://centreforafricanjustice.org/the-cost-of-the.../



We were invited to a webinar on "The Effects of COVID-19 on Human Trafficking and Education" by the Leiden Student Government Association. The webinar dealt with the effects of COVID-19 on education in the world

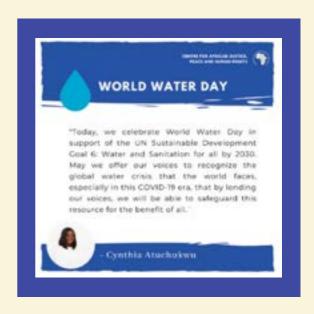




(4) International Celebrations

We celebrated international days throughout the year. For example, the World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the people living without access to safe water. A core focus of World Water Day supports the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.





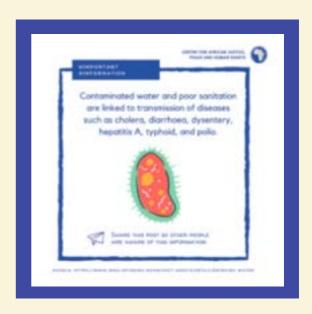
This year's theme of World Water Day concerned what water means to people, its true value and how we can better protect this vital resource. The value of water is about much more than its price – water has enormous and complex value for our households, culture, health, education, economics and the integrity of our natural environment. If we overlook any of these values, we risk mismanaging this finite, irreplaceable resource.

https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day

This action contributed to raise awareness to the improvement of sanitation in the Matinza School project.

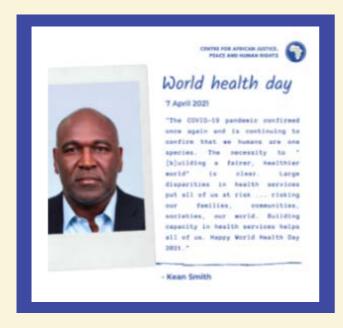
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Water and Hygiene Day

On 24 March 2021, another information day related to water and hygiene was celebrated to bring awareness to the importance of accessible and clean water. Due to lack of accessibility to water in certain rural communities, children are forced to walk miles each day to find water for themselves and their families. This affects children's attendance at school, impacting the future of the community. Education is one of the main factors that contributes to the increase of communities' economies, jobs, opportunities, and much more. Some 829,000 people are estimated to die each year from diarrhoea as a result of unsafe drinking-water, sanitation, and hand hygiene. The water crisis is a health crisis. Nearly 1 million people die each year from water, sanitation, and hygiene-related diseases. If government and international organisations work towards providing safe water and sanitation facilities, the health of their citizens would increase dramatically. Higher temperatures and more extreme, less predictable, weather conditions are affecting the availability and distribution of rainfall, snowmelt, river flows and groundwater, and further deteriorates water quality. Low-income communities, who are already the most vulnerable to any threats to water supply, are likely to be worst affected.



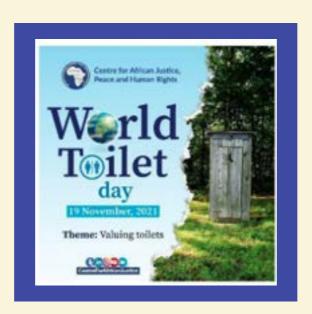


Lack of access to health services is problematic and can result in premature death and avoidable illness. Lack of capacity in health services affects the poorest and most vulnerable in our societies. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that we must promptly build capacity in health services in order to avoid our lives being devastated. The date of 7 April marks the anniversary of the founding of WHO (in 1948), one which is celebrated each year to draw attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. This year's theme is: "Building a fairer, healthier World".

World Toilet Day

The World Toilet day was also celebrated.

Billions of people still don't have a safe toilet. World Toilet Day is all about celebrating toilets for everything they do for us – from taking away our waste to protecting our health, safety and dignity. Please refer to the link to learn more – https://www.worldtoiletday.info/



International Universal Health Coverage Day





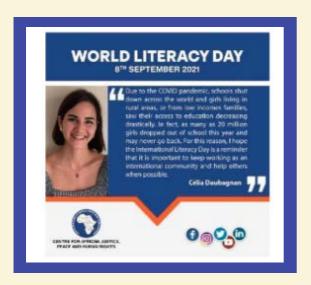
International literacy Day

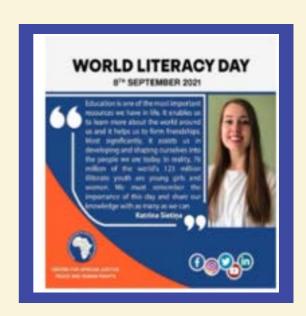
In the 55th annual celebration of International Literacy Day, according to UNESCO, 773 million young people and adults are lacking basic literacy skills today. Because of Covid-19, around 62.3% of the learning activities of the world's student population were disrupted.

The RQE Team joined the celebration of this year's International Literacy Day 2021. Eritrea has made significant strides in improving the literacy rate within its borders through several initiatives, including but not limited to: building new community learning centres, expanding public transportation, and distributing bikes among students to increase the access to education. As such, their youth literacy rate stands at 93.3%.*

Literacy is a human right that should be accessible by all. Taking a glimpse towards the future of literacy today, Agenda 2030 has been launched globally. It aims to achieve equality, planet preservation and the eradication of poverty through the SDGs. By 2030, Goal 4 of the Agenda is to ensure a comprehensive and unbiased quality education, as well as to encourage a lifetime learning opportunity to everyone equally, which in return will result in a secure and productive society for all. –

https://www.un.org/en/observances/literacy-day





World Day for Education & International Day to Protect Education from Attack

The Education Under Attack (EUA) Report 2020 found that over two-thirds of the attacks on education between 2015 and 2019, or over 7,300 incidents, were direct attacks targeting school infrastructures, perpetrated by armed forces, law enforcement, other state security entities, and non-state armed groups. Methods used included arson, use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), airstrikes, ground strikes, raids, and looting. The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Yemen were the most heavily affected, each with more than 1,500 incidents between 2015 and 2019.





Carolyn Brown, RQE Team Leader

"I hope to see a more inclusive classroom setting that accommodates people with disabilities, that kids can see their community in their teachers, and that it is a safe place for all who wish to learn!"

A school is supposed to act as a child's second home, a safe space to share their thoughts and absorb as much knowledge as possible. According to the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA), there were 11,000 reports of attacks on schools or educational facilities overtaken for military use globally from 2015–2019. Since the safe school declaration, positive developments have been shown, as the GCPEA reported a decline from nearly 160 cases in 2015 to just 80 cases as of 2018. Let us keep them in our thoughts and keep our hopes up.

(6) Conclusion

In conclusion, the RQE Team has worked on this project to the best of its capacity, despite difficulties encountered. The project is run by a team of enthusiastic and highly motivated volunteers. We cross our fingers for success in the coming years, subject to unforeseen circumstances or any contrary developments.

The Sexual Violence Team

The Sexual Violence Against the Male Gender Team (hereinafter, SV Team) has a longstanding history, having been the first team established as part of the Centre for African Justice Peace and Human Rights (CAJPHR). The SV Team's core mandate focuses on acts of conflict-related sexual violence (hereinafter, CRSV) perpetrated against the male gender. In particular, it seeks to build upon, and contribute to, international efforts to raise awareness surrounding the use of such violence (including discussion of its use in peacetime as relevant). Though the SV Team acknowledges that sexual violence is experienced by all genders, males constitute the primary focus of our work, as in theory and practice they are often overlooked as victims. Despite sexual violence becoming an increasingly prominent topic on the human security agenda as well as within domestic and international proceedings, men and boys remain more or less excluded from the conversation, with the occurrence and impacts of sexual violence on the male gender heavily underreported (or sometimes, not even acknowledged).

In an effort to break the silence and create awareness regarding the stigma surrounding sexual violence against the male gender, the SV Team conducts research on the existing state of affairs pertaining to such violence across the African continent. (Although it should be noted that the team often extends this analysis to include a comparison with sexual violence in other afflicted countries.) In order to promote and disseminate the information gathered, the SV Team hosts conferences and webinars, publishes magazines, issues ground reports, releases social media initiatives and networks with various stakeholders in order to engage key actors in conversations on the subject, as well as to provide a platform for survivors through which their voices can be heard and, furthermore, to facilitate the exchange of best practices. It is through these very activities which the SV Team also seeks to advocate for legislative change in domestic jurisdictions where sexual violence against men and boys is not recognised and where there remain barriers to accessing justice.

Projects Undertaken in 2022

Sexual Violence Database

The fundamental purpose of this database is to provide access to an updated and comprehensive collection of resources pertaining to issues related to CRSV across the African continent. The database includes materials such as relevant human rights frameworks as well as relevant case law from international courts and tribunals. The SV Team continually reviews the database to ensure that the most updated information is available and to ensure the inclusion of the latest developments arising from institutions only recently established (such as, new domestic or hybrid courts).



The Sexual Violence Database takes the form of an interactive map of Africa (as shown in the image above). To explore the relevant case law and legislation, the user can click on a certain region and then delve into the information for each country within the selected region.

Source: CAJPHR Official Website

Country Spotlights

The country spotlights take the form of a social media initiative through which the SV Team aims to shed insight on how the issue of CRSV is unfolding in various African countries. The spotlights themselves focus on the following factors, namely: the existing situation in a country (by providing a brief overview of the conflict or other relevant political events); on the forms of CRSV being perpetrated in the country – with the inclusion of testimonies where possible; the challenges faced combating such violence; and current responses from domestic and international actors. This is a three-part series, with the first part focused on countries currently being looked into by the International Criminal Court (ICC) (regardless of whether the situation is at the preliminary examination, investigation, pre-trial, trial, sentence or appeal stage). The second will focus on countries with ongoing proceedings or interventions by domestic or international actors (outside of the ICC). The third and final part of the series will focus on the remaining countries which do not have proceedings ongoing or where there is an absence of any form of intervention.





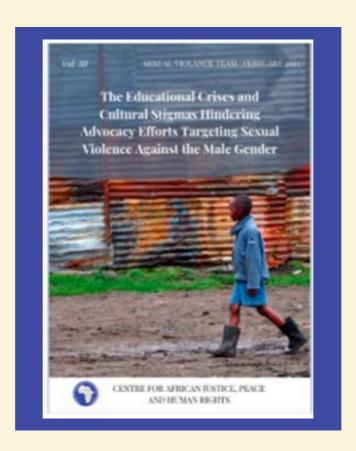
The above images are taken from the cover of two of the country spotlights released in 2022.

Source: Instagram - Centre for African Justice (@africanjustice)

Sexual Violence Magazine

One of the core projects at the heart of the SV Team is the creation and publication of a magazine, through which the team seeks to raise awareness surrounding issues pertaining to sexual violence against the male gender occurring on the African continent. The magazine itself consists of articles written on current issues, as well as interviews with experts who reflect on their experience as well as the path ahead. At the start of 2022, the SV Team released a magazine focused on "Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Against the Male Gender: A Perspective on Forced Displacement". Within this issue, the SV Team delved into the male experience of genocidal sexual violence, constructive recognition of male sexual violence in international law, CRSV against men related to UN peacekeeping operations, and finally, the link between sexual violence, human trafficking and forced displacement. In addition to this, there were interviews with: Mr. Tonderai Chikuhwa, who served as the Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor in the United Nations Office of the Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict; Dr. Pim W.F. Scholte, a Psychiatrist and Scientist affiliated with the Amsterdam Universal Medical Centre; Dr. Sheetal Shah, Academic Director at the Webster Leiden Campus-Webster University, Educator and Change-Maker. Collectively, these experts reflected on the issue at hand and delved into their experience to provide valuable insights and lessons going forward.

Having successfully released this magazine, towards the end of 2022, the SV Team commenced work on the next edition in the series, which will focus on "The Educational Crises and Cultural Stigmas Hindering Advocacy Efforts Targeting Sexual Violence Against the Male Gender". The selection of this topic allows the team to examine the current situation when it comes to education and awareness surrounding the issue of sexual violence. The Team not only began contacting experts seeking their contributions, but they also started drafting articles focused on issues such as the connection between the anti-homosexuality bill in Uganda and the vulnerability of male victims of sexual violence, the rape culture that no one talks about in South Africa, as well as shedding light on the fact that a large degree of sexual violence is committed in educational environments (again, with Uganda as the case study in this regard), among other issues. By focusing on these topics, we aim to shed light on how the aforementioned aspects are hindering advocacy efforts on the ground, for example, by reflecting on how these issues prevent male survivors from seeking assistance, thus, impacting service delivery for this specific demographic.

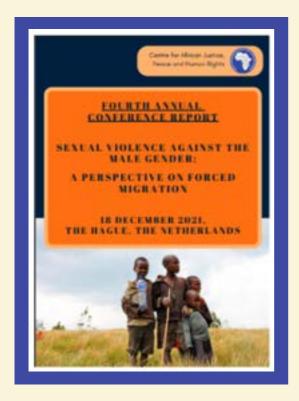


The above image is the front cover of the upcoming Sexual Violence Team magazine, which was released on 24 May 2023.

Source: Sexual Violence Team Canva Design

Fifth Conference

Towards the start of the year, the SV Team worked on finalising outstanding matters from the fourth conference held in December 2021. This was successfully done with the release of the 'Fourth Annual Conference Report'.



The above image is taken from the first page of the 'Fourth Annual Conference Report', which delves into the fascinating remarks delivered by the speakers on the day as well as brilliant contributions from attendees.

Source: CAJPHR Official Website (under publications) https://centreforafricanjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/SV-FOURTH-ANNUAL-REPORT-2.pdf

In the latter half of the year, the SV Team also commenced work on the next edition of its conference to be held in 2023. Every one-to-two years, the SV Team seeks to host a conference on a topic related to CRSV against the male gender and, in doing so, each conference adopts a specific lens through which the team examines the issue. Adopting this format allows the conference to operate as an effective mechanism for stimulating discussion on sexual violence pertaining to the male gender in both crisis and conflict situations. To achieve this, various stakeholders are invited to attend our conference in order to engage people in aforementioned conversations, and to facilitate the exchange of best practices. Such stakeholders include legal professionals, policymakers, academics, government officials and representatives from other NGOs, to name a few.

With the aforementioned in mind, the SV Team decided that the focus of the upcoming fifth conference should share its theme with the upcoming edition of the next magazine – "The Educational Crises and Cultural Stigmas Hindering Advocacy Efforts Targeting Sexual Violence Against the Male Gender". As alluded to in the above section pertaining to the SV magazine, through this topic, the SV Team seeks to shed light on the absence of education surrounding the occurrence, prevalence and complexity of such violence when perpetrated against the male gender, as well as the prevalence of such violence within educational environments themselves (including schools and universities etc.). Furthermore, the SV Team is also striving to incorporate another important factor which heavily impacts this topic, namely, cultural stigmas. Research conducted on the topic thus far has highlighted several recurrent themes which appear in relation to male socialisation and its impact on the reporting of sexual violence.

For example, the fact that males are socialised to be, and to experience themselves as, powerful, active, and competent individuals rather than as passive, helpless, or even as victims. Thus, it is important that we do not neglect to delve into cultural stigmatisation targeting sexual violence against the male gender, which may lead to feelings of guilt, shame, poor self-esteem, and a sense of being different than others.

Aside from the substantive aspects which the SV Team seeks to address, the theme of this conference also permits collaboration with two other teams at our Centre, namely, the Right to Quality Education Team and the Social Media Team.

Sexual Violence Toolkit

Throughout 2022, the SV Team continued to make progress with the sexual violence toolkit, which seeks to influence and facilitate change at the local level by enhancing accountability processes and, in turn, helping survivors navigate through the justice process. In doing so, the team has started to conduct research regarding what training legal professionals in the field need and how such training can be facilitated, the need for the establishment of a victims and witness support unit (where there is not one already), as well as what this would entail, and the role of other services – such as those which are medical/psychological in nature – to be implemented whilst the victim is going through this process and after. In addition to these key elements, the SV Team is also seeking to make it clear why this is a topical issue, as well as identifying fundamental principles that need to be kept in mind for when the toolkit starts being implemented. The distinct lack of information about the subject and action on the ground is a recurring theme which reinforces the need for the introduction of such toolkits. Thus, the overarching theme of the toolkit is to help with achieving justice for male victims of sexual violence in Africa. On a side note, the toolkit also provides the potential for collaboration with other teams in the Centre, including the Capacity Building Team.

Sexual Violence Team Book Project

The idea underlying this project is to have something which is fundamental to our Centre, to our Team and to our work. A source which collates our research, our findings, and which can be utilised by a range of stakeholders well into the future. In essence, the book will be a collaboration of our thoughts and work, and will be divided into two parts, the first focusing on Africa, and the second on the remainder of the world. The SV Team has collectively determined the steps that need to be taken to start this process and has commenced work on a concept note as well as creating a list of potential contributors and editors. This will be a core project for the SV team in 2023.

Funding Opportunities

The SV Team seeks to expand the impact and scope of its work, part of which requires the successful attainment of funding. To aid this, the team has developed a detailed spreadsheet containing relevant funding opportunities which can be continually reviewed in order to gather the relevant documents and submit applications as applicable. The SV Team has worked on this consistently throughout 2022 and will continue with this project in 2023.

Stakeholder Engagement

Conducting stakeholder engagement is key for the work of the SV Team, as engaging experts in our work allows us to ensure our projects are operating as efficiently as possible and ensures that the team is taking into account relevant considerations. Furthermore, such engagement allows for the expansion of the scope and dissemination of our work. In 2022, the SV Team had a meeting with Michaël von Bönninghausen tot Henrinkhave (Covitaal), who has extensive experience in creating and working on programmes which delve into sexual education and the prevention of sexual violence in the Netherlands. As a result, Dr. Henrinkhave collaborated with the Right to Quality Education Team and assisted with the delivery of seminars, as this is where his expertise was best suited.

Another engagement the SV Team has been involved with is the Petrified Survivors Initiative. This initiative involves the creation of a statue to raise awareness regarding sexual violence, with the intention being to place this statue in the Netherlands. We are working together with this group of people to gather as much information as possible regarding male victims of sexual violence in Africa, so that this can be taken into consideration by the creators and potentially subsequently implemented in the statute. The initiative will also exist in the form of a digital version of the statue, there is a QR code which opens the statue on an individual's phone, once opened a person can then zoom in and see all the important elements as well as learn more about the contributors and contributions (with the name of the Centre eventually being featured too). To date, we have had different meetings with the team and have provided feedback on the existing questionnaire. This cooperation will continue in 2023.



The above two images are extracted from a presentation disseminated amongst members of the Netherlands Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Network. The image with the statue shows the form the statue itself will take, whilst also bringing attention to the key elements that will be incorporated. Meanwhile the image with the quote by Rebecca Hawkins (the artist creating the piece) is illustrative of her sentiments about the project.

Source: Netherlands Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Network Presentation Materials.

Finally, the other organization with which the SV Team has been engaging with, is Matrix Men. This collaboration has occurred through meetings with the organization's founder Mr. Pelder, who has kindly agreed to share information, research and to assist with projects the SV Team is currently working on.



The above image is the logo used for the Matrix Men organisation, which is focused on 'building better men' and can be viewed on their Facebook page.

Source: https://www.facebook.com/MatrixMen/

Sexual Violence Team Webinar

The country spotlight initiative, mentioned earlier in this report, led to the development of the idea to host a SV Team webinar. Whilst conducting research for the spotlights, the SV Team found itself coming across the same issue, namely, a distinct lack of information about legal regulation of this issue. Thus, the team decided to create a webinar focused on "Exploring the Challenges Faced Regulating Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys in African Domestic Legal Frameworks." Through this webinar, we would like to explore which regulations there are on the ground within domestic frameworks, what barriers there are to establishing accountability, as well as the path ahead. The team has drafted all the relevant documents (concept notes and invitations) and compiled a list of speakers. It is the aim of the SV Team to host the webinar in 2023.

Ground Report

These documents address the situation in a particular country on a much deeper level than the analysis provided in the country spotlights. These ground reports seek to draw attention to the current situation on the ground, identify the root causes of CRSV, canvass the relevant domestic and international frameworks (and their impact in a particular country) as well as to examine domestic and international responses to such situations (such as, United Nations peacekeeping missions). The SV Team has produced a draft of the Ground Report on Libya, the cover for which can be seen below. The report is currently undergoing final edits and will be released in 2023.



The above image is taken from the front page of the SV Team's ground report on the State of Libya, which will be released in 2023. The report itself seeks to shed insight into the previous conflicts as well as the situation on the ground pertaining to conflict-related sexual violence.

Source: Sexual Violence Team Canva Designs

Central Contact List

This administrative project seeks to gather information about every single external party the SV Team has had contact with in order to ensure their details are stored in one central database. The Team has worked on creating a spreadsheet with names, details, the purpose of the contact and how the relevant contact proceeded. This will be used as a frame of reference moving forward.

Team Events of 2022

During 2022, the SV Team was able to attend a number of events both online and in-person. To find out more about each of the events, please see below.

"What Is 'Gender' Assistance For People Affected By Conflict?"

This event was hosted on 1st March 2022, via Zoom, by the Refugee Law Project in collaboration with the UN Women Liaison Office in Japan, Toyo Gakuen University, Peace Winds Japan, Gifu University and Ritsumeikan Asia University. The purpose of the event was to receive enhanced insight into the situation of refugees in Uganda as well as ongoing initiatives on the ground aimed at improving their situation. The event sought to illustrate how the male gender is incorporated into discussions regarding gender assistance.



Source: The above screenshot was extracted from the email invitation sent to the CAJPHR by the Refugee Law Project.

Information Session on the International Criminal Court

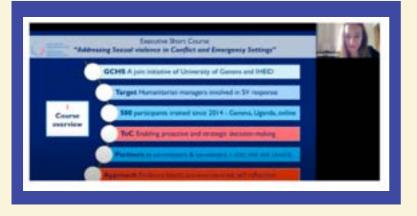
This session, hosted by the International Criminal Court (ICC) itself, took place on 15th March 2022, via teams. In conjunction with the ICC, other speakers included members of Redress, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice, the International Federation for Human Rights, International Society for Human Rights, the VOND Foundation and Peace Organisation PAX. The purpose of this session was to provide a general overview of the work of the Court and insights into proceedings in the case of the *Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman*.



Source: The above image was extracted from the invitation email containing the details for the event.

South-South Institute, Webinar One: Learning About Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys; Successes and Challenges of Mainstreaming into Broader Trainings on Sexual Violence

This webinar is part of a series being hosted by the Refugee Law Project, with this particular session focusing on education in collaboration with Laura Pasquero (Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies), Onen David (Refugee Law Project), Alastair Hilton (independent), Jarrett Davis (independent), and Aimé Moninga (Men of Hope). To elaborate further, this particular part of the series was aimed at the relevance of educating parties about sexual violence perpetrated against men and boys, more specifically, the successes and challenges involved in creating and facilitating broader trainings on sexual violence. It sought to do so through the use of case studies, through evaluating existing training courses (their strengths and weaknesses) as well as by examining policy appraisals.

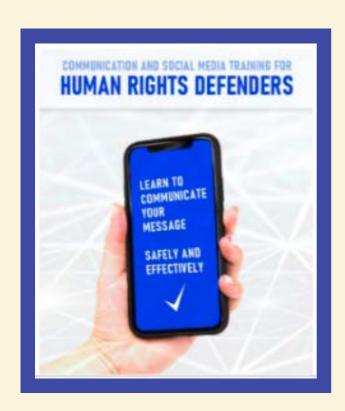


In the above image, Ms. Laura Pasquero is discussing the courses currently being delivered at the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies (GCHS). The GCHS is seeking to enhance education delivery to humanitarian managers who are operating in conflict and emergency settings.

Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?
y=zc_yb4BnhIA&t=220ls

<u>Communication and Social Media Training for Human Rights Defenders, Workshop One:</u> <u>Introduction and Security Best Practices.</u>

This training was held on 5th April 2022, and hosted by Claire Leunissen (Project Lead, the Hague Peace Project), Eniko Toth (Project Support, the Hague Peace Project), Chale Guadamuz (CEO of the Hague Peace Projects) and Hannah Bagdasar (Investigator at Bellingcat). The underlying purpose was to teach basic principles of communication and social media to help increase the confidence and capacities of human rights defenders when sharing their message in-person and online.



Source: Flier disseminated amongst participants involved in the communication and social media training.

Eighth Annual Justice Stephen Breyer Lecture on International Law

The eighth annual lecture was held on 8th April 2022, and hosted by Constanze Stelzenmüller (Foreign Policy at Brookings), André Haspels (Dutch Ambassador to the US), Saskia Bruines (Deputy Mayor The Hague), Philippe Sands (Professor of Law at the University College London and Harvard Law School), Ted Piccone (Foreign Policy at Brookings), Diane Marie Amann (University of Georgia School of Law), Sean D. Murphy (The George Washington University Law School) and Jane Stromseth (Georgetown School of Law). The theme of the lecture being the topic of crimes against humanity, genocide, and ecocide, as well as rights, responsibilities, and the international order.



In the above image, Ms. Constanze Stelzenmuller can be seen delivering the opening remarks for the annual lecture, during which she welcomed participants and outlined the agenda for the following two hours.

Source:

https://www.brookings.edu/events/crimesagainst-humanity-genocide-and-ecocide-ofrights-responsibilities-and-international-order/

<u>Communication and Social Media Training for Human Rights Defenders, Workshop Two: The Power of Storytelling (Part One)</u>

The second workshop in this series was held on 12 April 2022 and hosted by Berber Hidma (Storyteller and Co-Founder of Tours That Matter) and Claire Leunissen (Project Lead, the Hague Peace Project). The purpose was to teach basic effective and remarkable storytelling skills and, hence, develop one's confidence and ease when sharing a story (including the capacity to adapt storytelling to selected mediums).

Note: Please see image used above for workshop one - the same flier was used for the entire series.

Ninth CRSV Network Meeting

The ninth CRSV meeting was held on 14 April 2022 and was hosted by Eefje de Volder and Anne-Marie de Brouwer (IMPACT), Rebecca Hawkins and Lily Owen (Justice for Lai Dai Han), Smirna Kulenovic and Lejla Ramovic (Justice for Women, Solace Ministries). The purpose of the meeting was to raise awareness surrounding the use of art as an effective and impactful tool for advocacy aimed at the prevention of CRSV whilst also giving a voice to the victims.



The title image above was disseminated with members of the Netherlands Network for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence as part of a presentation delivered on 14th April 2022.

Source: Netherlands Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Network Presentation Materials

<u>Communication and Social Media Training for Human Rights Defenders, Workshop Three: The Power of Storytelling (Part Two)</u>

Part two was held on 19 April 2022, and was hosted by Berber Hidma (Storyteller and Co-Founder of Tours That Matter) and Claire Leunissen (Project Lead, the Hague Peace Project). The purpose was to teach basic effective and remarkable storytelling skills, and hence, develop one's confidence and ease when sharing a story (including the capacity to adapt storytelling to selected mediums).

Note: Please see image used above for workshop one - the same flier was used for the entire series.

South-South Institute, Webinar Two: Situation Analysis - CSA Against Boys in South Korea

The next webinar in the series was held on 21 April 2022 and hosted by Sunhye (Kang TACTEENNAEIL/ECPAT Korea), Jarrett Davis (Independent), Duncan Craig (Survivor Manchester) and Ken Clearwater (independent). The purpose was to observe the research recently conducted by Ms. Kang's organisation into sexual violence against boys in Korea. There were sessions conducted with survivors and subsequent reports which were aimed at raising the profile/voices of these boys.



In the above screenshot - taken from the Webinar itself - Ms. Kang can be seen discussing the challenges faced during the creation of sessions dedicated to interacting with young male survivors of sexual violence in Korea. She also used the opportunity to elaborate on how such challenges were overcome.

Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxiBEwBt0jQ

<u>Communication and Social Media Training for Human Rights Defenders, Workshop Four:</u> <u>Understanding your Audience</u>

This event was held on 26th April 2022 and hosted by Claire Leunissen (the Hague Peace Project) and Samantha Macin Mengual (Social Media Manager for the American Embassy of The Hague). The purpose being to teach attendees how to target, and connect with, the right audience.

<u>Communication and Social Media Training for Human Rights Defenders, Workshop Five: Crafting a Campaign</u>

The fifth workshop was held on 3 May 2022, and hosted by Claire Leunissen (the Hague Peace Project) and Tara Scally (Human Rights Advocacy Advisor, Mondiaal FNV Netherlands). The purpose was to teach the importance of transforming your story/cause into a coherent campaign with a clear message, CTA's and goals. In addition to developing strategies to deliver campaign messages on social media as well as the confidence and capacity to implement campaigns with peer and mentor help.

<u>Communication and Social Media Training for Human Rights Defenders, Workshop Six: Basics of Social Media</u>

This workshop was held on 10 May 2022 and hosted by Chale Guadamuz (the Hague Peace Project) and Dalila Cataldi (Consulting Social Media Expert for the Hague Peace Project and Marketing Expert at Artivive). The purpose was to more effectively understand social media platforms (including their strengths and weaknesses etc).

<u>Communication and Social Media Training for Human Rights Defenders, Workshop Seven: Social Media Content and Graphic Design</u>

The seventh workshop in this series was held on 17 May 2022 and was hosted by Claire Leunissen (Project Lead, the Hague Peace Project), Vittoria Malgioglio, (Social Media Manager at The Hague Peace Projects and Digital Marketing at Deloitte Digital Risk Solutions) and Ivanna Gomez (Communications & Content Strategist at HvA-DSS). The purpose being to understand basic graphic design and its software. More precisely, the event consisted of learning where to acquire answers to graphic design questions and trouble-shoot problems.

<u>South-South Institute, Webinar Three: Researching sexual violence against men and boys;</u> <u>student perspectives</u>

The third webinar was held on 19 May 2022, and hosted by Sarah Deibler (Harvard University), Sanjukta Nath (Jawaharlal Nehru University), Karoliina Lehtola (University of Tampere), Eric Rindal (SOAS), Charles Wadimba (International Institute of Social Studies) and Dr. Philipp Schulz (University of Bremen). The purpose was to explore numerous difficulties faced by researchers when investigating CRSV against the male gender. More precisely, the event sought to address the many challenges faced by researchers at an academic and professional level. For instance, the lack of support networks and structures was noted as being a common issue. As a result, academics fail to collaborate with researchers due to the contradiction of opinions. Meanwhile, victims remain silent as a consequence of societal norms and the prejudices ingrained in their communities.



In the above image, Mr. Eric Rindal can be seen delivering his speech discussing his research regarding humanitarian organisations in Jordan. In particular, Mr. Rindal explored their recognition of sexual violence against the male gender and their response to said violence through the health and protection sector.

Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVnyi04C8RI

<u>Communication and Social Media Training for Human Rights Defenders, Workshop Eight:</u> <u>Understanding Social Media Algorithms</u>

Workshop eight was held on 24th May 2022, and was hosted by Claire Leunissen (Project Lead, the Hague Peace Project) and Jordi Viader Guerrero (Researcher at Digital Society School). The purpose was to understand which social media platforms are fundamentally biased towards data exploitation practices and which do not treat all pieces of content equally.

<u>Communication and Social Media Training for Human Rights Defenders, Workshop Nine:</u> <u>Transforming Awareness into Action</u>

The next workshop in the series was held on 31 May 2022, and was hosted by Claire Leunissen (Project Lead, the Hague Peace Project) and Shibolo Awali (Executive Director of Triumph Uganda). The purpose was to hone the ability to transform awareness into action through specific directives given in a Call to Action. More precisely, the objective was to create an Action Plan in order to generate offline action from online awareness.

Association of Students with African Heritage Summit

The summit was held on 31 May 2022, and hosted by the Association of Students with African Heritage (ASAH). The purpose was to showcase the true beauty of Africa through panel discussions, interactive workshops, company booths, and performances.





Members of the RQE and SV Team were not only able to present and disseminate the work being completed by the CAJPHR, but they were also able to attend information sessions delivered by other participants relating to the key theme of the ASAH Summit - the true beauty of Africa.

Source: Centre for African Peace, Justice and Human Rights' Photo Gallery.

Reception for the World Justice Forum

The reception for the forum was held on 1 June 2022 and was hosted by the Dr. Denis Mukwege Foundation. The purpose was for attendees to educate themselves on the topic of resilience, sexual and gender-based crimes, and access to equal opportunities.





CAJPHR members, Jennifer, Ingrid and Pauline, were able to personally attend the reception and explore the exhibition on display which contained pictures of different individuals and communities, accompanied by descriptions of their stories and personal experiences.

Source: Centre for African Peace, Justice and Human Rights' Photo Gallery.

<u>Communication and Social Media Training for Human Rights Defenders, Workshop 10: Building an</u> action Plan and a Network

Workshop ten was held on 7 June 2022 and was hosted by Claire Leunissen (Project Lead, the Hague Peace Project) and Rachel Head (Director of Your Big Year). The purpose was to understand how to develop an action plan to implement new-found communications and social media knowledge and, more precisely, how to develop strategies to grow and maximise networks.

<u>Webinar: Justice for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence in Complex Situations: Delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Women and Girls</u>

This event was held on 7 July 2022 and was hosted by the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), the Global Women's Institute (GWI), in collaboration with UN Women, the Government of the Netherlands and the Government of the Philippines. The purpose was to learn more about sexual violence against the female gender, in particular, the variety of forms it takes, as well as learning about the actors working on the issue.



Site Visit to the International Criminal Court

Source: The above image was taken as SV Team members were eagerly awaiting the start of the webinar. https://www.youtube.com/watch? y=AUto Q6H LydI

On 26 August 2023, the SV Team in conjunction with the other teams at the CAJPHR, organised a site visit to the International Criminal Court, during which the individuals in attendance were able to learn more about the Court's activities and current cases.



CAJPHR members, including Zhengting, Wisdom, Ayaz, Hope, Marta and other participants, gathered at the entrance of the International Criminal Court ahead of their visit.

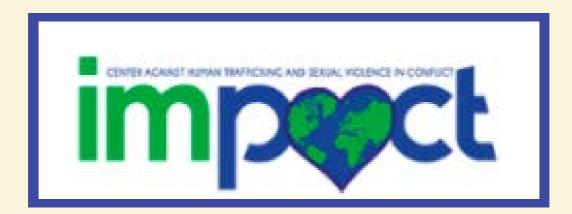
Source: Centre for African Peace, Justice and Human Rights' Photo Gallery.

<u>Implications of Migration: "Mental health and the impact of migration for African migrant women"</u>

This online webinar was held on 21 September 2022 by a fellow team at the Centre, namely, the Women Empowerment Team, in conjunction with Mr. Michael von Bönninghausen, who served as moderator. The purpose of the event was to empower women on how to renew their mind, restate their goal, rebrand their life and retell their story.

CRSV Network Meeting

This meeting was held on 11 October 2022, and was hosted by IMPACT. The overarching aim was to engage with the network, as well as to provide positive feedback in combination with ideas relating to areas for potential improvement.



The above image is the impact logo, which can be viewed on their website and Facebook page. Impact forms part of the Center Against Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict, which aims to influence policy and practices responding to said trafficking and violence.

Source: https://www.facebook.com/impctnow/

Nuremberg Forum

The forum was held over several days from 13-15 October 2022, and was hosted by the International Nuremberg Principles Academy (with an extensive and varied list of guest speakers). The forum focused on the ICC and its fight against impunity, with different panels focused on the goals, objectives, achievements and shortcomings of the ICC (from its creation until now).



SV Team Members attended various sessions and learned about the latest developments at the Nuremberg Forum through the website page created for the event.

Source:

https://www.nurembergacademy.org/events/nuremberg-forum-2022/

MATRA - Ukraine Conference

This conference was held on 21 September 2022, and was hosted by the TMC Asser Instituut, in conjunction with Global Rights Compliance. The purpose was to share best practices relating to investigating, prosecuting, adjudicating and reporting on international crimes, as well as to answer the following questions:

- Is the legal framework in place sufficient in terms of international crimes?
- What assistance do the Office of the Prosecutor General and investigative agencies need in order to conduct effective investigations and prosecutions?
- What is the role of civil society organizations (CSOs) in this context?
- How should the judiciary in Ukraine be structured and resourced in order to hear international crimes cases?
- Why is the critical monitoring of trials by academics, lawyers and journalists so important?
- What form (if any) should international assistance to Ukrainian national authorities take?



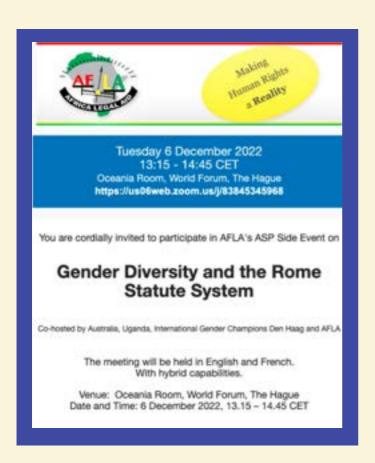


Members from our SV Team, including Siân, Loredana and Vilté, represented CAJPHR at the conference and, in doing so, they had the opportunity to engage with topical conversations regarding the situation in Ukraine and the progress being made in terms of the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of international crimes. The images also reflect the set-up of the event and the forum in which it took place.

Source: Centre for African Peace, Justice and Human Rights' Photo Gallery.

World Forum: Gender Diversity and the Rome Statute System

The forum was held on 6 December 2022, and hosted by African Legal Aid and co-hosted by Australia, Uganda and International Gender Champions Den Haag. This event explored the connection between gender diversity and the Rome Statute, and delved into the rendering of International Criminal Justice through a gender sensitive lens.



Source: Picture taken from the invitation email containing the details for the event.

SV Team Members (January - December 2022)

The achievements made by the Sexual Violence Team in 2022 could not have happened without the passion and support of each and every team member listed below. Throughout the year, SV Team members were dedicated to furthering the cause of peace, justice and human rights, particularly within the African continent. By attending weekly meetings, team members were able to reflect upon the work being done, ask questions and engage in dialogue about the topical issues covered in the course of our research. Collectively, their efforts have resulted in the production of the aforementioned projects.

Furthermore, by attending social media training, information sessions about various organisations and webinars on existing initiatives in the field (amongst other events), SV Team members were able to gather research on work currently being done and subsequently identify gaps in the field, thus enabling a greater understanding of how to remedy said gaps whilst also gaining a deeper appreciation of the need for the work being conducted. Through such sessions, SV Team members also gained the skills required to facilitate the effective dissemination of research output with a wider network of stakeholders. The eagerness and commitment of all our volunteers and interns truly allowed the SV Team to thrive.

The Social Media Team

Team Background

The Social Media Team is one of six teams that form the Centre For African Justice Peace and Human Rights (CAJPHR). This multi-disciplinary team supports all CAJPHR activities and works directly towards the goal of creating awareness about the African situation and challenges through our digital platforms. Among our efforts, the team is engaged in creating virtual designs, promoting events and fundraising projects, publishing magazines, designing and publishing reports, structuring quotes for international celebrations, posting social media content, creating the monthly newsletter, and managing the Foundation's website.

Our Team

The Social Media Team is formed by a group of committed and creative volunteers from different academic backgrounds and nationalities. We are principally based in the Netherlands and we work together to disseminate the main activities of the Centre, as well as to create content with the purpose of raising awareness about the different social issues that are addressed by the CAJPHR. In our Team, we have people who are either studying in the last years of university or who are already professionals, mainly from the fields of Law and the Social Sciences. The main objective of the people who join our Team is to learn and develop skills, especially related to communications, and to contribute to the mission of the Foundation.

Main Activities 2022

- Publication and promotion of teams' videos
- Design and publication of content to promote the Matinza Project
- Promotion of events hosted by the Centre
- Publication and promotion of magazines
- Creation and publication of UN Day posts
- Preparation and distribution of a monthly newsletter
- Birthdays and member of the month posts
- Support on other Teams' publications

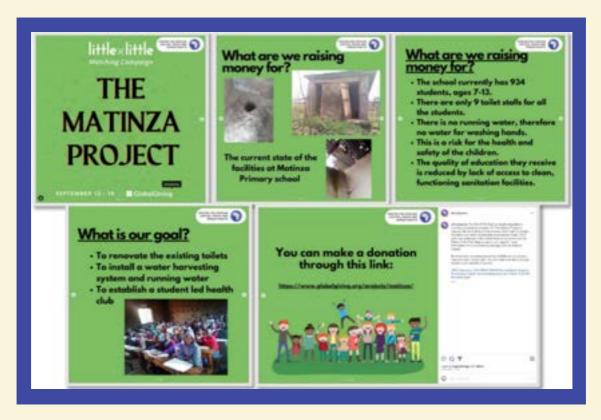
Team Videos

In order to provide information to people outside the Centre about the work our teams do, each team created an informative video describing how they work and the different projects they are engaged with. As the SM Team, we were in charge of editing the videos when needed, publishing them on our YouTube channel, and creating the corresponding promotion on our SM platforms.



Matinza Project Posts

The principal focus of the Right to Quality Education Team is to raise funds for the Matinza Project, the main purpose of which is to build new sanitary facilities for the children in the Matinza School. Therefore, the SM Team supported them by designing and publishing content on our platforms so that we could reach more people, inform them about the project, and encourage them to contribute to the cause and donate.



Events

Another important task for which the SM Team is responsible, is the promotion of CAJPHR events, so that people interested in attending can be reached and, when needed, can register for these events. Among the events that we promoted in 2022 were: a webinar on Mental Health Awareness, specifically on the Implications of Migration on the Psychosocial Well-Being of Migrant Women; a Fundraising Event with the topic Challenges, Innovations and Successes of Education Systems in Africa; and an Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Women and Girls. The promotion of the events included information on the nature and content of the event, as well as information concerning the different speakers that were going to participate.



Magazines

One of the projects undertaken by the research teams is to create magazines that aim to evaluate different issues related to the focus of their Team. In this context, the SM Team has the job of searching for contributors, editing the articles of magazines, publishing them on our website, and doing the respective promotion on our SM platforms.



UN Days

As part of our efforts to raise awareness, the CAJPHR takes part in the commemoration of several UN Days. For this, the members of the Centre are encouraged to critically think about the issues addressed on these days and source pertinent quotes. The next step is for the SM Team to collect them, create a post, and publish it on our different social media platforms. In 2022, the Centre commemorated more than thirty-five international dates.



Monthly Newsletter

For the sake of disseminating important information within the Centre, a monthly newsletter is prepared. It includes the International Days that were commemorated, the birthdays of the members that corresponded to that month, the new members who have joined the Centre, and the farewells to those members leaving the Centre; the latest news and events, the member(s) of the month; and a chart which includes the information of all members who comprise each Team and are still active in the Foundation. The latter is particularly important, as it allows more efficient communication between the members of the Centre, allowing everybody to become better acquainted with the structure of each Team and the CAJPHR as a whole.





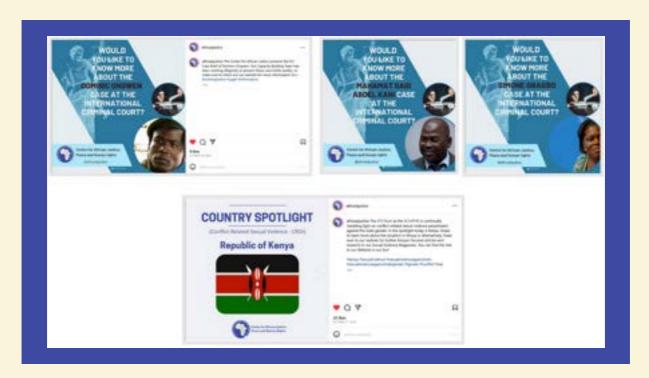
Birthdays and Member of the Month

The CAJPHR knows the importance of celebrating its members' birthdays, as well as recognising the hard work and effort that our members put into in the service of the Centre. For this reason, each month the SM Team created posts with the birthdays of its members. Additionally, the different Team leaders, as well as Sophia, as Chairperson of the Centre, could nominate people as Member(s) of the Month for outstanding accomplishments relating to the work that they do for the Foundation. After this, our Team was in charge of asking the nominated persons two questions in terms of their motivation and a message they wanted to transmit, to then proceed and create a post.



Teams' Publications

In addition to creating the content in general, the SM Team had the task of supporting the other Teams when they needed to publish posts. Among these posts, there were the ICC Briefcases from the Capacity Building Team and the Country Spotlights from the Sexual Violence Team.



The Capacity Building Team

About The Capacity Building Team

The Capacity Building team's mission is to enable and empower criminal justice actors and stakeholders across Africa to investigate and prosecute violations of International Criminal & Humanitarian Law within the domestic jurisdictions to end the gross violation of human rights in Africa.

The Capacity Building Team's work is based on the principles of Justice, Accountability, Neutrality, Rule of Law and respect for Human Rights and focuses primarily on the following:

- Conducting training, seminars and organizing study visits for legal students, professionals, judges and court staff;
- Create a hub of International and Criminal Humanitarian Law knowledge through research projects, book and magazine publications, and video content; and
- Creating networking opportunities aimed at legal experts, and organisations sharing the team's common goal.

Projects Undertaken in 2022

The projects the team worked on during 2022 were the following:

- Debate Project
- Book Project
- CBT Magazine Project
- IL Blog project
- UN Celebration Day Quotes
- ICC Case Briefs Project

Debate Project

In 2022, the CBT launched a quarterly series of Legal Debates on the topic of International Law with an emphasis on International Criminal Law ('ICL') and International Human Rights Law, whilst the issues at the centre of the debate would be relevant to Africa, and the world at large. The members of the Debating Teams were envisaged to be university law students with a deep understanding of ICL whereas the members of the panel of Judges/Adjudicators, as well as coaches that will be assisting the Debating Teams with their debating skills and preparation of debate arguments, will be highly-skilled scholars and legal practitioners in the field of ICL. The purpose of this project was to provide an opportunity for law students to develop their legal advocacy skills and, teamwork skills, as well as to promote their respective universities and foster international connections and networks with other students from other universities and to CAJPHR.

The Legal Debate included topics in the International Law field under three sub-categories: 1. International Criminal Law, 2. International Human Rights Law, and 3. International Humanitarian Law. The different topics were both the procedural and substantive matters of the different fields of law.

Participation in the Legal Debate was ensured via formal invitation to universities, who were asked to volunteer to arrange and nominate 4th or final-year Bachelors students and/or Masters students who have completed studies in International Criminal Law as part of their curricula, to be part of a team of debaters.

Formal invitations were extended to legal academics and practitioners to volunteer to participate as Judges to adjudicate the debating team's arguments and as Coaches to coach and mentor the advocacy and debating skills of the students. There were also roles available as moderators/timekeepers as well as spectators/audience members. During 2022, the CBT worked on the first edition of the Legal Debate which was finally held on 30 January 2023 and enjoyed a resounding success. It was based on a topic from the CBT Magazine published in August 2022 and was themed on the ICC and Africa, namely the Malabo Protocol, a crucial legal instrument that extends the jurisdiction of the yet-to-be-established African Court of Justice and Human Rights to crimes under international law and transnational crimes. Despite at it could add a regional accountability layer and strengthen "African solutions for African problems"; it is also criticised for granting immunity to Heads of State and Governments.

The teams were composed of:

- CBT members including Vetira Rukoro, Kaafiya Abdulle, Wisdom Njoku, Selina White, Ghozaly Amna, and Marcia Motogo Mengue; and
- Students from the University of Namibia in Africa.

The esteemed judges who contributed with their extensive expertise whilst presiding over the Debate were:

- Dr. Debora Kayembe, a member of the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC) and an expert lawyer at the Working Group for Africa;
- Ms. Christine Tremblay, a lecturer at The Hague University of Applied Sciences, a researcher at UN Studies in Peace and Justice, and a Ph.D. candidate at Leiden University; and
- Dr. Sarah Nimigan, an academic research associate at the Centre for Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction at Western University, served as the distinguished panel of judges.

Guiding and coaching the teams were:

- Dr. Ndeye Amy Ndiaye, a research professor at the Institute of Human Rights in Dakar; and
- Dr. Sarah Nimigan.

These coaches played a pivotal role in honing the debating skills and preparing the participants for this intellectually charged event. The debate itself proved to be captivating, as both teams presented their arguments with passion and expertise. The CAJPHR team exhibited exceptional skills in delivering well-reasoned arguments, supported by robust evidence and logical analysis. Their persuasive arguments resonated with the judges and the audience, ultimately leading them to be declared the winners of the debate. The event was live-streamed, allowing a wider audience to engage with the insightful discussions that unfolded. To access the recorded live stream of the debate, please follow this link. Furthermore, additional highlights and information regarding the debate can be found on our social media platforms. The debate served as a platform for intellectual exchange, fostering a deeper understanding of the complexities surrounding the Malabo Protocol and its impact on addressing impunity in Africa.

Book Project

The main goal of the project was to publish a book that critically analyses diverse ICL issues in light of recent developments in the jurisprudence of the ICC and other international tribunals.

The book project continued in 2022 and the team worked on extensively revising the chapters.

Capacity Building Team Magazine Project

The Third Edition of the CBT Magazine was published in August 2022 and focused on the International Criminal Court (ICC) and Africa. The first part of this issue was dedicated to interviews of International Law and International Criminal Law experts who discussed the relationship between the International Criminal Court and Africa and its specific issues, as well as gave an insight into their professional careers:

- Professor Dire Tladi, current chairperson of the International Law Commission (ILC),
- Lawyer, activist, and University of Edinburgh Rector Debora Kayembe,
- Angela Mudukuti, a human rights lawyer specialised in international criminal law
- Dr. Adejoké Babington-Ashaye, international lawyer and musician activist.

The second part of this edition contained a collection of articles on the topics of the ICC-Africa relationship and its dynamics, and addresses specific issues such as regionalisation, the lack of credibility of the Court, the role of the African Union, the Al-Bashir case, and the narrative of African bias.

The third edition of the CBT Magazine is available through the following link.

International Law Blog Project

In 2022 the CBT launched the International Law (IL) Blog Project with the goal of publishing articles from legal practitioners and students in order to narrow the existing gap between African voices, commentaries, and perspectives in international law. This goal follows the Centre's desire to actively engage with stakeholders on a micro level and dissect issues relevant to Africa and the world at large and to create a truly representative outlook that benefits all stakeholders around the world. The cadence of the articles is aimed at being published on a quarterly basis , with an annual journal with longer articles on a specific theme chosen beforehand by the blog team. During 2022, the CBT received three articles from former members of the CBT and has liaised with external editors so they review them prior to their publication.

The articles are the following:

- 'Forced marriage under IL' by Aban Ador
- 'Death as an impediment to ICL' by Vetira Rukoro
- 'Freedom of Expression in Zimbabwe' by Rumbidzai Mudzongo

International UN Celebration Day Quotes

The CBT collaborated with the Social Team in the campaign to raise awareness on UN International Day celebrations which are days dedicated to educate the general public on issues of concern, to mobilise political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity. of which the day's theme match issues within the scope of the Centre's mission.

The CBT assisted in raising awareness of those days which matched the Centre's mission and would serve to further the cause of ending the gross violation of human rights in Africa. In this sense, the CBT sent quotes that where then published on different social media platforms regarding several International Days such as:

- International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (6th of February)
- International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11th of February) and International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers (12th of February)
- Zero Discrimination Day (1st of March)
- International Women's Day 2022 (8th of March)
- World Water Day (22nd of March)
- International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (24th of March)
- International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda (7th of April)
- World Health Day (7th of April)

International Criminal Court Case Brief Project

The ICC briefs began in the 2nd quarter of 2022 with continuous execution. Team members prepared a draft Brief of the ICC cases and they were subsequently uploaded on all of the Centre's media. The aim of the project is that anyone interested in finding information about the ICC cases can do so in a succinct manner.

The following are some of the case briefs published in 2022:

- August 18 2022: Case brief focuses on "the ICC" case against Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir.
- August 25 2022: Case brief focuses on "the ICC" case against Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman.
- September 08 2022: Case brief focuses on "the ICC" case against Bahar Idriss Abu Garda.
- September 22 2022: Case brief focuses on "the ICC" case against Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi.
- September 29 2022: Case brief focuses on "the ICC" case against Mahmoud Mustafa Busyf Al-Werfalli.

Capacity Building Team Publications and Events attended in 2022

Publications

• August 2022 - Third Edition of the Capacity Building Team Magazine

Events attended in 2022

CBT members attended the following events during 2022:

On January 26, 2022, Ahlam Albattat Amit Kumar, Ingrid Murariu and Ingrid Calvo, as representatives
of the Team attended the event named: "Book Launch - The Emergent African Union Law
Conceptualization, Delimitation, and Application, hosted by ILPAN Uni of Leicester, CELI, Institute of
African Women in Law (US); The African Union Law Research Network, Uni of Sussex.

- On January 27, 2022, Ahlam Albattat, Ingrid Murariu, as representatives of the Team attended the
 event named: 'The Hague in the World, the World in the Hague', hosted by The Hague Humanity Hub &
 Municipality of The Hague. The event showcased the international profile of the Hague, by
 connecting not only change-makers in The Hague but also fellow professionals across the world
 working toward the same goals.
- On February 22, 2022, Aitana Giltay, Elisa Prijot, Ingrid Murariu, Esther Oppong, Amit Kumar, as representatives of the Team attended the event named: "New Book Launch: The Fifth Volume of the Nuremberg Academy Series "The Past, Present and Future of the International Criminal Court", hosted by Nuremberg Academy, moderated by Dr. Viviane Dittrich, Deputy Director of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy. The purpose of the event was to learn about the book and the "ICC".
- On March 15, 2022, Elisa Prijot, Aitana Giltay, Esther Oppong, as representatives of the Team attended the event named: "Information Session on the International Criminal Court" hosted by: "ICC (Moderator: Greta Barbone, Outreach Officer, Registry)". The purpose of the event was to present a general overview of the work of the Court and the proceedings in the case The Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman.
- On April 21 2022, Witness Gerald Airo, Elisa Prijot, as representatives of the Team attended the
 event named: "Protecting civilians in partnered military operations", hosted by: The Brookings
 Institution. The purpose of the event was to discuss the ICRC's publication, the challenges and
 opportunities in partnered operations, and how this will improve the protection of civilians and
 respect for the IHL in these operations.
- On April 07 2022, Witness Gerald Airo, Ingrid Murariu, Esther Oppong, Elisa Prijot, Aitana Glitay, as
 representatives of the Team attended the event named: "How art can be an effective and impactful
 tool for advocacy, drawing attention to SCSV and giving survivors a voice", hosted by Centre against
 Human Trafficking Impact and Sexual Violence in Conflict. The purpose of the event was to
 showcase the artwork of 'petrified survivors' and 'HUU' focusing on survivors of CRSV around the
 world.
- On April 01 2022, Aitana Giltay, Elisa Prijot, Ingrid Murariu, Esther Oppong, Witness Gerald Airo, attended the event named: "Integrated Data Analytics for Sustaining Peace", hosted by UNSSC. The purpose of the event was to learn about Integrated Data Analytics Boot Camp.
- On June 03 2022, Ingrid Murariu, Suliyat Olapade, as representatives of the Team attended the event named: "WE LEAD Social" hosted by "ICC". The purpose of the event was to socialize, sensitize and strategize on Gender Equality. The event focused on the Institute for African Women in Law presenting and celebrating their work with the potential of working closely together with the "ICC".
- From 13/10/2022 to 15/10/2022, Ingrid Murariu, Suliyat Olapade, Aban Ador, as representatives of the Team attended the event named: "Nuremberg Forum 2022", hosted by Nuremberg Academy/Online. The objective of the conference was to reflect on the 20th anniversary of the creation of the ICC. Participants considered what had been achieved since the Court's historic creation in 2002.