

Please be informed of a seminar on '**Societal Reintegration of Victims of Core International Crimes**' to be held on **7 June 2012**, with ICC Prosecutor-elect Fatou Bensouda, Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni, State Secretary Gry Larsen, Ambassador Anniken R. Krutnes, Mr. Gilbert Bitti, and Mr. Pieter de Baan among the speakers.

The ICC Statute is more progressive than the legal frameworks of other international criminal jurisdictions with regard to victim participation and reparations. But participation in criminal proceedings may have little if any effect on the reintegration of victims in society.

Reparations may assist victims during the process of transition that societal reintegration entails, but only to a limited extent. Full reintegration entails a much broader spectrum of normalization in the lives of victims: it requires a return to work or education, the housing market, family structures, civil society engagement, and social inclusion. The process has a significant socio-psychological dimension. What are the concrete needs of victims for successful reintegration? What are the relevant limitations of the ICC's current mandates regarding victim participation, assistance and reparations? How far does the responsibility of the international community extend? Is there a need for national regulation to foster the societal reintegration of victims of core international crimes? The tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the ICC Statute on 1 July 2012 provides an important opportunity to direct attention to the enduring interest of numerous victims affected by serious violations of international criminal law: the return to a more normal life.

You can find more information about the seminar, which takes place in Oslo, at <http://www.ficlh.org/activities/>