

Coalition for the International Criminal Court
Questionnaire to Candidates for the Position of Registrar of the
International Criminal Court

Conscious of the critical importance of the Registrar of the ICC role, we have prepared the following as a Questionnaire for candidates for this position.

Please reply to some or all the following questions as comprehensively or concisely as you wish

Name:

Nationality:

Vision for the ICC and Registry:

1. What is your vision for the ICC and how would your leadership of the Registry contribute to that vision for the Court?
2. How would you evaluate the performance of the ICC Registry to date?
3. What are its principal achievements and how would you build on them? What do you believe are some of the current challenges the Registry faces and how would you address them?

Qualifications and experience in court administration:

4. Article 43 of the Rome Statute states that the Registrar shall be a person of high moral character, be highly competent and have an excellent knowledge of and be fluent in at least one of the working languages of the ICC (French and English). Please describe briefly how you meet these criteria.
5. All Court officials must perform their functions with full independence and should not act under the instruction of any country or external actor. How would you ensure independence in the functioning of the Registry?
6. Please describe any specific expertise of relevance to the work of the ICC you may have, including, but not limited to, gender equality and violence against women or children.

Management experience:

7. The Registrar will manage a large number of staff, divided into various units, sections and field offices, dealing with a broad range of responsibilities. How would you describe your management abilities and experience, and how are those qualities relevant to the management of the ICC Registry?

8. Please describe your experience preparing and being responsible for a large budget. Have you had experience in working with results based budgeting systems?

What strategies would you undertake in relation to the preparation, submission and examination of the ICC budget to ensure support by the Committee on Budget and Finance and states parties?

9. Recognizing the current budget pressures on the growing Court represents a significant challenge for the institution. As Registrar how will you respond to this situation and ensure that the Court is adequately funded?

10. The Registrar oversees the staff recruitment for the Court, based on principles of qualification, geographical representation and gender balance. What strategies would you employ to effectively manage the human resources of the ICC, including hiring, retaining highly qualified staff and ensuring their satisfactory performance?

Challenges for the ICC:

11. One of the core challenges identified for the Court is obtaining a positive response to its requests for cooperation with the Court. Given that the Registrar is responsible for disseminating cooperation requests, what are the challenges you see currently for states parties to abide cooperation requests? How would you address those challenges?

Relations with stakeholders:

12. Article 112(2)(b) of the Rome Statute indicates that the ASP provides management oversight of the Registrar. Additionally, the Registrar shall exercise her or his functions under the authority of the President of the Court, how would you describe the relationship between the Registrar and the ASP, as well as the President? How would you describe the relationship between the Registrar and the Office of the Prosecutor and Chambers?

13. The Registrar has a special mandate vis-à-vis the outreach activities of the Court, especially as regards victims and affected communities. Please elaborate on any experience relevant to fulfilling this mandate as well as your philosophy regarding the role of the ICC field presence.

14. Taking into account the important role of field presence in different situations of the ICC, how do you envision the role of the Registry on issues such as exit strategies and legacy once cases are finalised and investigations in specific situations are closed?

15. How do you see the Court developing its outreach activities taking into account the complex challenges it continues to face?

16. How would you ensure that women and children have access to justice and are cognisant of what the Rome Statute is seeking to achieve.

17. The ICC has established constructive and long term relationships with non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Please describe any previous experience you have working with NGOs. What do you think the role of NGOs should be in the Rome Statute system?

18. How would you manage the Registry's role to ensure that the statutory right of victims to participate in proceedings is achieved in the most meaningful manner whilst ensuring efficiency and expediency?

19. The ICC Registrar is responsible for establishing the eligibility and qualifications of defence counsel, providing support to them, and working with the Court to promote the rights of the defence. What would you do to ensure adequate representation of accused persons, and in particular how would you ensure that the defence have equal facilities, resources and access ('equality of arms') in proceedings?

20. The role of the Registrar is to provide support to Counsel and their teams including the management of legal aid for both defence and victims representatives. In light of the fundamental importance of fair trial and victim participation provided for by the Rome Statute, as a Registrar what, if anything, would you do to improve the support to defence counsel and legal representatives of victims?

21. The first case at the ICC has highlighted the reliance of the ICC on its use of intermediaries. What are your thoughts on the role of intermediaries and their relationship with the Court?

22. Article 68(1) of the Rome Statute provides that the Court 'shall take appropriate measures to protect the safety, physical and psychological well-being, dignity and privacy of victims and witnesses'. What measures would you take to strengthen the protection of victims and witnesses, particularly women?

Miscellaneous:

23. Have you made speeches and presentations regarding the ICC or related topics and/or have you published articles/books on these subjects. If so, can you please provide details?

24. Have you ever been found after an administrative or judicial hearing to have discriminated against or harassed an individual on the grounds of actual or perceived age, race, creed, colour, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, socioeconomic status, alienage or citizenship status? If yes, please describe the circumstances.

25. Do you know of any factors that would adversely affect your ability to competently serve as the Registrar, to comply with a member's ethical responsibilities, or to complete the responsibilities that the Registrar is required to assume? If yes, please explain.

Thank you.