

Topics panelsessions, roundtables and workshops

To give you an idea on the topics of the panelsessions, workshops and roundtable discussions that will take place during the symposium, the following topics are already confirmed:

- **Sexual violence in the Catholic Church.** The session will discuss prevalence of sexual violence in the Catholic Church in different countries of the world and best and bad practices in addressing victims' needs and dealing with the perpetrators.
- **EU developments with regard to victims' rights.** The session will discuss recent developments in EU legislation and policy aiming to improve the position of victims of crime in Europe. Academics, EU policy officers, and national policy officers will discuss the merits of the new initiatives and possible remaining gaps.
- **Providing reparations to victims of crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.** This session will discuss the complexities in providing reparation in situations of mass victimisation. Practitioners working in this field and academics will reflect on the main challenges and possible solutions.
- **Victimological approaches to international crimes.** This session will discuss how victims' rights can be respected in the context of international crimes often leading to mass victimisation. It discusses responses through the formal criminal justice mechanisms, but also through alternative methods, such as Truth and Reconciliation Committees and how these can meet victims' needs.
- **Victims of terrorism.** Within the UN, different NGOs are lobbying for a UN convention or declaration specifically devoted to the needs of victims of terrorism. Representatives of these organisations will share the reasons why such a convention should be adopted, and where the process stands today.
- **Public Prosecution in addressing needs of victims of crime.** The Dutch Public Prosecution Office will present recent innovative measures aiming to better address victims' needs. Other countries are invited to take part in this roundtable.
- A workshop is prepared on **case-management for surviving relatives of victims of murder.** In a few European countries this service is provided. The workshop will discuss the lessons learned. Other countries are invited to participate in the preparation of this workshop.
- A workshop is prepared on **compensation for damages and the role of insurance companies in this.** The workshop will discuss the issues victims consider important in compensation. Good practices will be discussed. Other countries are invited to participate in the preparation of this workshop.
- A workshop is prepared on **the use of internet, e-mail and social media in victim support.** The workshop will present examples from different countries. Discussion on pros and cons to these types of victim support will be encouraged. Other countries are invited to participate in the preparation of this workshop.

We are still organising workshops, round tables and panel sessions around the following topics:

- Victims and restorative justice
- Victims of human trafficking
- The role of victims in sentencing
- Peacemaking circles
- Victim awareness programmes for offenders
- The role of volunteers in victim support programmes
- Implementing national victim policies
- Reintegration and rehabilitation of child soldiers
- Victims and truth commissions: Africa's experiences
- Reparations for victims: experiences for the Trust Fund for victims
- Legal representation of victims in the ICC.

Please contact the Scientific Committee (scientificcom@14thsymposiumwsv.nl) if you would like to contribute to one of the topics that are mentioned.