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9TH BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
March 25-28, 2008

***Justice for All: Access, Discrimination, Violence
and Corruption***

Tuesday, March 25

- 10:00 am – 4:00 pm IAWJ Board Meeting
- 10:00 am – 9:00 pm Registration Open
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Opening Ceremony and Keynote Speaker
- Welcome – Hon. Graciela Dixon, President of the IAWJ and Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Panama
 - Welcome, Hon. Nelly Cedeno de Paredes, Panama, President of AMAJUP
 - Dra. Aura Emerita Guerra de Villálaz, Supreme Court of Panama, First President of AMAJUP
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm Opening Reception – Hosted by Judiciary of Panama

Wednesday, March 26

Theme: Access and Discrimination

- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration Desk open
- 9:00 – 10:30 am Panel A: The Hague Family Conventions: Providing Access Internationally for the Protection of Children

This panel will explore the experience of judges in states that are Parties to the Hague Family Law Treaties and those which are not with regard to the international protection of children. What steps can judges take to protect the rights of children involved in transnational adoption, parental abduction, and parental divorce and separation? What protective measures can they order to protect against domestic violence?

- Hon. Jan Doogue, New Zealand, Chair of Drafting Committee for the International Family Maintenance Convention, The Hague Conference on Private International Law, moderator
- Hon. Henrietta Wolayo, Uganda, Deputy Registrar High Court
- Ignacio Goicoechea, Legal Liaison Officer for Latin America, The Hague Permanent Secretariat
- Jenny Degeling, The Hague Permanent Secretariat

- 10:30 – 11:00 am Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:30 pm Panel B: The HIV Pandemic and the Courts: Recognizing the Challenges and Impact of HIV/AIDS on Women's Property rights, Inheritance, and All Forms of Violence
- In this panel, judges from countries where the IAWJ's Jurisprudence of Equality in a Time of AIDS Program has been implemented will discuss the role of the courts in mitigating the impact or slowing the spread of the epidemic. Panelists will explore steps judges can take to ensure that property rights of widows and orphans are protected, that post-exposure prophylaxis is available in cases of sexual assault, and that the interrelationship of property rights, violence against women and HIV/AIDS are understood.
- Anne Goldstein, IAWJ Human Rights Education Director, moderator
 - Hon. Stella Arach-Amoka, Uganda, *New Steps for JEP in a time of HIV/AIDS*
 - Representatives of JEP from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda
- 12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 – 3:30 pm Panel C: Access to Justice for Women Members of Indigenous, Rural and Religious communities
- Panelists will explore the intersection of the national court system and legal system with indigenous tribunals and specialized courts for religious minorities, especially with regard to issues of discrimination and violence against women. Do women members of ethnic or religious minorities have a choice of forum to redress claims of discrimination and violence? If not, to what extent is the law of the indigenous or religious court consistent with international human rights law? What are the problems rural women face in accessing the courts, and how can women judges associations work to make them more accessible?
- Hon. Jane Mathews, Australia, moderator
 - Hon. Patricia Hennessy, Canada, *The Canadian Process for Resolving Claims for Physical and Sexual Abuse of Aboriginal People in Residential Schools*
 - Hon. Fatma Senol, North Cyprus, *Turkish Cypriot Women; Women Who Refuse To Live Their Lives As Shadows*
 - Hon. Gita Mittal, High Court, Delhi, India, *Indigenous and Rural Communities: An Indian Scenario*
- 3:30 – 4:00 pm Coffee Break
- 4:00 – 5:30 pm Panel D: Economic Discrimination and Remedies in the Courts:
- This panel will focus on economic discrimination, in employment and related topics. To what extent do domestic laws protect women's work and economic rights, and enable men and women to combine work and family responsibilities? To what extent are national judiciaries themselves affording

equal opportunity to women and men, in hiring, promotion and pension plans?
Is there age discrimination?

- Hon. Leslie Alden, USA, moderator
- Hon. Graziana Campanato, Italy, *Italian Law and Issues of Married Women and their Sons*
- Hon. Christina Camina, Argentina, *Employment, Discrimination and Gender Inequality*.
- Hon. You-sook Min, South Korea, *Military Service and Sex Discrimination*
- Hon. Sheila Greckol, Canada, *Law as it Affects Women's Economic Interests in Canada*

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Reception – Hosted by the Canadian Chapter of the IAWJ and the Embassy of Canada. Panama
Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Thursday, March 27

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Theme: Discrimination and Violence

Registration Table Open

9:00 – 10:30 am

Panel E: Links between Discrimination and Violence against Women: New Trends in Jurisprudence

This panel will focus on emerging jurisprudence on violence against women, with cross-cultural comparison at national and regional levels.

- Hon. Elena Highton de Nolasco, Argentina, moderator
- Hon. Shelma Lombardi de Kato, Brazil, *Introducing the New Domestic Violence Act in Brazil*
- Hon. Joyce Aluoch, Kenya, *Kenya's new Sexual Offensives Legislation and the Role of Judges*
- Hon. Marianne de Rooij, Netherlands, *Recent Legal Measures to Combat Violence Against Women in Europe*
- Rosa Celorio, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (“IACHR”) of the Organization of American States

10:30 – 11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Panel F: Access to Justice: Judges and the Public

In different countries and in different ways, IAWJ judges are working to increase access to justice and the courts. This panel will focus on different approaches to making the courts more accessible to the general public, particularly women in society, and to advancing knowledge about their rights under law.

- Hon. M.Lucy Mailula, South Africa, moderator

- Hon. Brenda Murray, USA, “*Access to Justice: What Some Judge Are Doing and What All Judges Should Be Doing for Female Offenders*”
- Hon. Claire Houngan Ayemonna, Benin, *Outreach in Benin: A Twinning Project between Canada and Benin*
- Hon. Shiranee Tilakawadane, Sri Lanka, *Should Judges Be Catalysts for Change: The Example of Sri Lanka?*
- Hon. Selma Herrera Kivers, Panama, *The Impact of the Jurisprudence of Equality Program on Women in Panama*

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Panel G: Trafficking: Addressing the International Fight Against Exploitation

IAWJ members from many countries are concerned about trafficking in persons. The scope of the problem is unknown and may be unknowable. The number of cases filed is still relatively small. What can judges do – in cases where they are asked to deport trafficking victims, in instances when trafficking victims are being detained, or in cases where the trafficking issue may not have been alleged, but evidence of the practice comes before the court?

- Hon. Daniela Tomova, Bulgaria, moderator
- Hon. Susana Medina, Argentina, *Trafficking: Addressing the International Fight Against Exploitation: The Shadow of the world*
- Hon. Barbara Mobley, USA, *The Face of Trafficking...are we looking?*
- Hon. Patricia Goliath, South Africa, *Human Trafficking: Africa Regional Perspective*

3:30 – 4:00 pm

Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Panel H: Mediation in and through the Courts

Mediation is increasingly being introduced before, during and after court proceedings. In many places it is the fastest growing alternative dispute resolution method. Yet, it is an old traditional method for solving disputes as well. Panelists will introduce various ways that mediation is being used by judges and the formal court system to resolve disputes, to streamline caseloads, and to solve problems through the courts.

- Judge Aidelena Pereira Véliz, Panama, Moderator
- Hon. Gladys Alvarez, Argentina, *Mediation as a Policy of Supreme Courts in Latin America*
- Hon. Eusebia Munuo, Tanzania, *The Customary Law Aspects of Mediation In Tanzania.*
- Hon. Carolyn Parr, USA, *Mediation in the U.S.: Multiple Doors to Justice*

6:00 – 9:00 pm Reception – hosted by the Panama Canal Authority, Mirabella Locks

Friday, March 28

Theme: Corruption

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration Table open

9:00 – 10:30 am IAWJ Business and Regional Meetings

10:30 – 11:00 am Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 pm **Panel I: Fighting Corruption in the Courts: Stories from the Trenches**

Participants in this panel will describe their experiences addressing corruption in the legal system. What forms of corruption have been encountered? What can a judge do when s/he learns that a court staff member or colleague has solicited or accepted bribes or other favors? How can judges be protected against retaliation for exposing corruption?

- Lady Brenda Hale, UK, moderator
- Hon. Mary Ang'awa, Kenya
- Hon. Esmerelda Arosemena de Trotino, Panama
- Anne T. Goldstein, IAWJ

12:30 – 1:30 pm Final Session and Wrap up

1:30 – 2:30 pm Lunch

2:00 – 5:00 pm Silent Auction items available to claim

2:30 – 5:00 pm Board Meeting for Newly Elected 2008-10 Officers and Board
Free Afternoon for other participants

9:00 pm – 12:00 am Gala Dinner and Passing of the Banner