

### Programme:

- 12:00 *Introduction*, by Gunnar M. Karlsen (Deputy Secretary General, Norwegian Helsinki Committee).
- 12:15 *The relationship between the NGOs and internationalised investigation and prosecution services*, by Richard Dicker<sup>1</sup> (Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch).
- 12:50 *The NGOs and the rights of the defendant in the internationalised criminal process*, by Christopher K. Hall<sup>2</sup> (Senior Legal Adviser, International Justice Project, Amnesty International).
- 13:25 *The NGOs and the role of victims in international criminal justice*, by Carla Ferstman<sup>3</sup> (Director, Redress).
- 14:00 Coffee/tea
- 14:15 *Do the NGOs 'watch' internationalised criminal jurisdictions?*, by Gilbert Bitti<sup>4</sup> (Senior Legal Adviser, Pre-Trial Division, ICC).
- 14:50 *Towards a strategic reorientation of NGOs in international criminal justice?*, by Antoine Bernard<sup>5</sup> (Executive Director, FIDH).
- 15:25 *Discussion and conclusion*

### Registration:

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