ICC Bureau meets in South Africa to evaluate progress of ICC priorities


The meeting brought together representatives and observers from national human rights institutions (NHRIs) from around the world, as well as partners from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in a two-day meeting from 16 to 17 October in Johannesburg.

Hosted by the South African Human Rights Commission, Bureau members considered and adopted a number of strategic actions including:

- OHCHR's prospective strategic evaluation on its work with NHRIs and confirmed the ICC's participation therein;
- Progress made in the UNDP-OHCHR-ICC Tripartite Partnership since its last meeting in June 2014;
- ICC accreditation matters, and decided to host a roundtable meeting on ICC accreditation in Geneva in March 2015;
- ICC communications strategy and including a possible name change for the ICC;
- ICC priorities for engagement in Geneva and New York for 2015, including through the establishment of a new Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals; ICC finances and administration, and agreed to develop a fund raising task team.
ICC Bureau members also received and discussed an update report from the Asia Pacific Forum (APF) on developments in the Maldives, where Commissioners of the Human Rights Commission of the Maldives were charged recently with high treason by the Supreme Court as a result of submitting an independent report under the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review.

The next ICC Bureau meeting will take place in Geneva, in March 2015.

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