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# The Registry

The Registry is one of the four organs of the International Criminal Court and it is responsible for the non-judicial aspects of the administration and the servicing of the Court. All the tasks performed by the Registry are in clear support of the Court's strategic goals.

The work of the Registry is characterised by the fact that it must remain a neutral organ at all times. The Registry is conscious that the quality, efficiency, transparency and timeliness of its activities impact on the achievement of the overall mission of the Court. The Registry is guided by its statutory framework and by international standards and is forward-looking, particularly when it comes to information and communication technology.

## Quality of justice

The aim of the services provided by the Registry is ultimately the conduct of fair, effective and expeditious public proceedings.

The Registry's Counsel Support Section enables suspects and accused persons to be represented by a defence counsel and,

in keeping with the principle of equality of arms, supports defence counsel in carrying out their mandates. The section also assists counsel for victims and is in charge of the legal assistance paid by the Court.

The Division of Court Services underpins the investigations and trials through such fundamental functions as assistance to victims with their participation in the judicial proceedings and with their applications for reparations, the protection of witnesses and the running of the Detention Centre. This division also provides translation and interpretation services for all hearings and is responsible for records, filings, notifications and is entrusted with court management.

The work of the Public Information and Outreach Section (PIOS) is instrumental to working towards the quality of justice insofar as it ensures that trials are indeed made public and accessible, in particular to those communities affected by the commission of crimes under the Court's jurisdiction.

The Security and Safety Section enables investigations and trials to run by providing security and safety to all participants to their best abilities.

## A well-recognised and adequately supported institution

The Registry is in regular contact with the various groups of stakeholders of the Court in such areas as public information, outreach and external relations.

External relations activities are geared towards securing the support of States and international organisations in such matters as witness protection, enforcement of sentences, information exchange, field logistics and security. The Registry is also responsible for implementing Chamber's orders, such as the execution of arrest warrants and the tracing and freezing of assets.

Non-governmental organisations, the legal profession and academia are other key players in the system of international criminal law with which the Registry is engaged. Generally speaking, contact with stakeholders is established and managed by the Immediate Office of the Registrar.

The Field Operations Section (FOS), the Legal Advisory Services Section (LAS) and PIOS also play important roles in relations with stakeholders. Likewise such

sections as the Victims Participation and Reparations Section, the Victims and Witnesses Unit and even the Detention Section can effectively discharge their mandates only through exchanges and interaction with these external actors. Outreach is central to achieving the Court's goal of becoming a well-recognised and supported institution. The Registry is responsible for developing and implementing the outreach programme in line with the Court's detailed Strategic Plan on outreach. The Court must seek to bridge the distance between itself and the affected communities by establishing an effective system of two-way communication. This shall enable a better understanding of their concerns and expectations and shall serve to increase their confidence in international criminal justice.

## A model for public administration

The various operational sections, such as the FOS, the Security and Safety Section, together with the RLAS, all play a

fundamental role in ensuring the establishment of an adequate, but lean framework for the Court within which they provide their services.

The Division of Administration provides proper information technology, compiles sound and accurate budget proposals, ensures accurate accounting, procures goods, provides logistics, operates field offices and maintains the premises of the Court, among other functions, which all form part of creating an efficient, flexible and accountable organisation.

Critical to these efforts are the functions of the Human Resources Section, which provides substantive input in shaping and implementing the goals related to the organisation's main asset, namely its staff.

The support that is provided by the Registry to all organs of the Court is also extended to offices that are administratively linked to it.



## Peter Lewis, Registrar

On 28 March 2018, Peter Lewis was elected Registrar of the International Criminal Court (ICC) for a period of five years, and sworn in on 17 April 2018.

Prior to joining the Court, Mr Lewis was Chief Executive of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in England and Wales between 2007 and 2016.

He previously served as Director of Business Development of the CPS Headquarters in London (2003 – 2006), Chief Crown Prosecutor at the CPS Nottinghamshire (1999 – 2003), Head of Casework Services at the CPS Headquarters (1996 – 1999), Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor at the CPS East Midlands (1993 – 1995), Branch Crown Prosecutor at the CPS Kent (1991 – 1993) and Senior Crown Prosecutor of the CPS West Midlands (1986 – 1991). He was also Prosecuting Solicitor at the West Midlands County Council (1981 – 1986) and Articled Clerk of the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council in West Midlands (1979 – 1981).

Mr Lewis was a UK delegate to United Nations Preparatory Commission for the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the ICC in 1999-2000 and a member of the expert working group on the draft regulations of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor.

Mr Lewis holds a BA of Law from the City of Birmingham Polytechnic. He was admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 1981 and received his Higher Courts qualification in 2001.

Mr Lewis was made a companion of the Order of the Bath in the Queen's birthday honours list in 2012.



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