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Equal access to justice for all

ILAC's vision of "equal access to justice for all" and mission to strengthen the independence and resilience of justice sector institutions and the legal profession are more important than ever before. Throughout 2018, we have witnessed troubling attacks on the independence of legal and judicial institutions, as conflicts and crises continue to disrupt access to justice. These negative developments were evident in many regions where ILAC engaged in this year, particularly in Guatemala, Syria, Palestine and Libya. They have also brought about new obstacles to reforming the rule of law and improving access to justice and are unlikely to wane in the near future. ILAC, relying on its long history of working in these difficult contexts, has adapted and responded to these problems throughout the year and will continue to do so in the future.

On the policy level, and through our engagement with United Nations-led dialogue on promoting the rule of law at the international and national levels, we support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions. We also seek to leverage the interlinkages between SDG 16 and other SDGs, such as SDG 5 to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. Consequently, we ensure that our work is firmly rooted in the global rule of law agenda and the push towards more accountable and responsive legal and judicial institutions.

Two years into our Five-Year Strategy we have implemented a number of organisational strengthening reforms and decisions which are central to how ILAC operates. ILAC's By-Laws were updated and improved policies were implemented to ensure ILAC's assessments and programmes are properly structured and accountable. Additionally, we initiated a comprehensive review of our assessment methodology. With more than twenty assessment reports as well as discussion papers and thematic reviews, ILAC has extensive experience in analysing justice issues and needs in countries where conflict and fragility are rife. The review of our assessment meth-

odology takes stock of past practice and seeks to further strengthen the impact of ILAC's assessments as instruments to influence policy and to feed into programme recommendations for its members and other relevant justice sector actors.

During 2018, the first steps were taken to ensure a more long-term geographic representation of our membership. ILAC's added value is the varied expertise of its members, and we will continue our efforts to diversify and deepen our membership during 2019 and throughout the remaining strategy period.

At our 2018 Annual General Meeting, ILAC welcomed the International Legal Foundation (ILF) and the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA) as new members. Elizabeth Howe (United Kingdom) was re-elected as President of ILAC and Raji Sourani (Palestine) and Kimitoshi Yabuki (Japan) were re-elected to the Board of Directors. The Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice was elected as a member to ILAC's Advisory Council and Hans Corell (Sweden) and Anne Ramberg (Sweden) were named Honorary Life Members in recognition of their significant and valuable contributions to ILAC.

We look forward to another year of working with our members across our global network and in tandem with our national partners in strengthening the rule of law in conflict-affected and fragile settings.



PHOTO: ILAC

Elizabeth Howe
ILAC President



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Agneta Johansson
ILAC Executive Director

2018 in review

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (MENA)

The ILAC MENA Programme helps to strengthen institutions to deliver on their mandate and to empower legal professionals in improving the administration of justice. The programme covers Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and Palestine and continues until 2021.

Members: ABA ROLI, IBAHRI, NCSC, PILPG, RWI

CUBA

ILAC's Cuba Programme supports Cuban lawyers from the Organización Nacional de Bufetes Colectivos (ONBC) and Unión Nacional de Juristas de Cuba (UNJC). ILAC also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Cuba's Supreme Court in 2018.

Members: IBA, Swedish Bar Association

GUATEMALA

The launch and dissemination of ILAC's Guatemala rule of law assessment report highlights the importance of upholding the principles of transparency and accountability and fighting impunity. Although significant democratic backsliding has occurred since the publication of our report, the recommendations represent concrete actions for maintaining a course toward future reform.

Members: ABA ROLI, IAP, IAWJ, ICJ, Mike Enwall, NCSC, The Law Society of England and Wales

LIBERIA

ILAC initiated a rule of law assessment in Liberia that will focus on the harmonisation of the customary and formal justice systems and review progress since our previous support to the Ministry of Justice.

Members: ABA ROLI, ICCBA, German Bar Association, PILPG

A stylized map of the Middle East region in shades of blue and grey. Two callout boxes are present: one for Syria in the north and one for Palestine in the south. The Syria box is white with a pointer to a location in Syria. The Palestine box is white with a pointer to a location in Palestine. There are also three purple circles of varying sizes on the map: one large circle in the west, and two smaller circles overlapping each other in the south.

SYRIA

Since 2014, ILAC has supported local bar associations and institutional structures in Syria to issue more than 300,000 civil documents in areas cut off from the national civil registry system. We also support Syrian legal professionals in the administration of justice and enhancing their knowledge on housing, land and property rights, while simultaneously building their capacity to inform ongoing reconciliation efforts.

Members: ABA ROLI, IBAHRI, IBJ, RWI, the CEELI Insitute

PALESTINE

An ILAC-led exchange between justice actors from the West Bank, Tunisia and Eastern Europe identified potential paths forward in maintaining judicial standards of independence despite the rapidly closing space for judges and prosecutors in Palestine.

Member: The CEELI Insitute

Who We Are

ILAC is an international non-governmental organisation based in Sweden. We gather legal expertise from around the world to help rebuild justice systems and improve equal access to justice for all. Together we work in conflict-affected and fragile contexts and in countries transitioning to democracy.

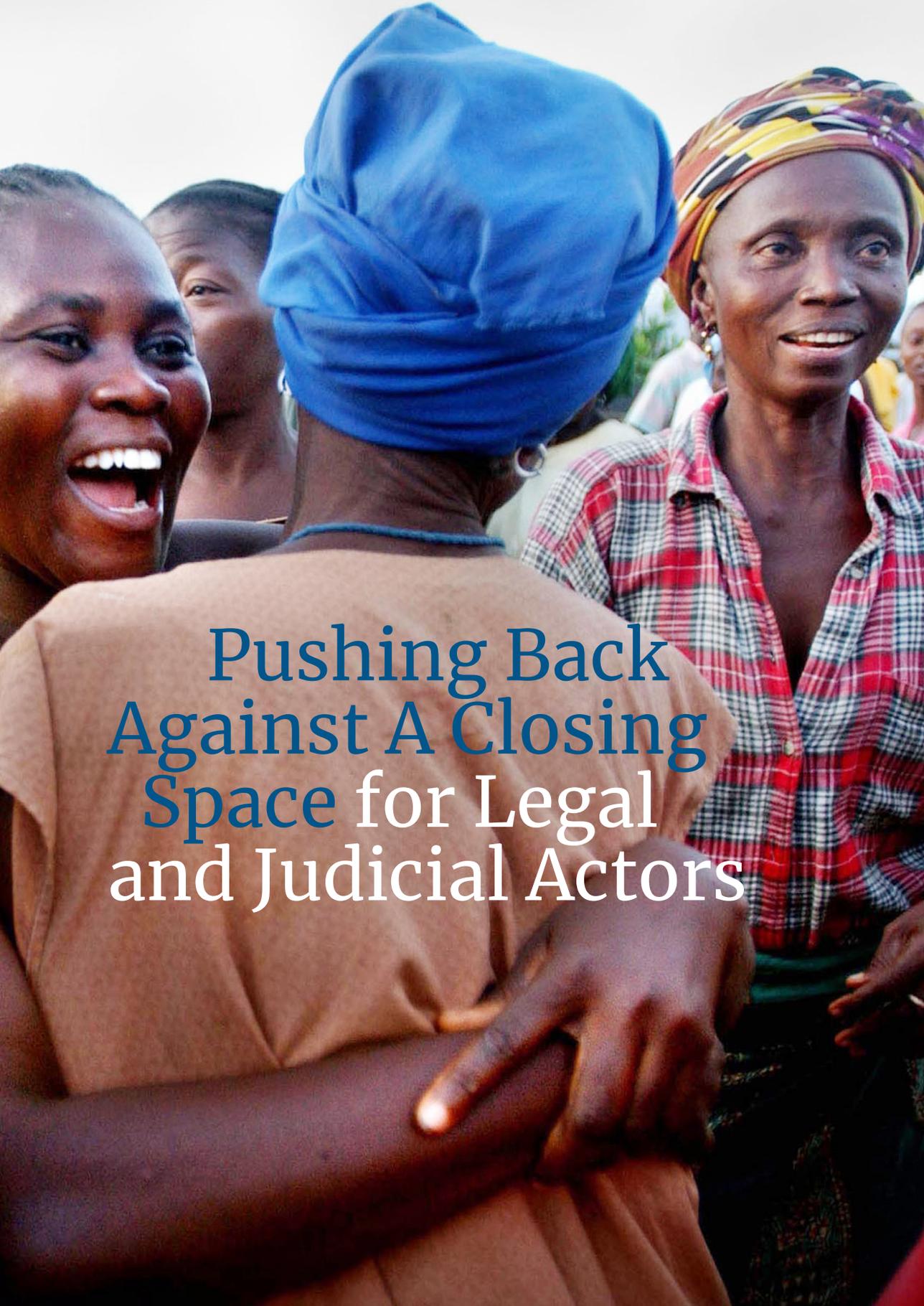
Our Vision

Equal access to justice for all.

Our Mission

To rapidly respond to and assess the needs of the justice sector in conflict-affected and fragile countries, and help strengthen the independence and resilience of justice sector institutions and the legal profession.





Pushing Back
Against A Closing
Space for Legal
and Judicial Actors

We are witnessing an alarming downward trend in many countries transitioning towards democracy. At the same time, an increasing number of countries with relatively stable levels of democratic indicators are backsliding into autocratic governance. More recently, a clear pattern has emerged where legal and judicial institutions are the first to come under attack. Executive interference in the administration of justice and attempts to undermine or weaken judicial independence and to hinder bar associations and other legal professionals from operating freely, are all challenges that ILAC has reported in on many countries throughout the year. As the challenges of working in such environments have intensified, ILAC continues to support legal professionals and legal and judicial institutions to counteract this closing space.

Rule of law assessment in Guatemala

ILAC'S GUATEMALA RULE OF LAW assessment report highlights that reforms to ensure access to justice and the independence of the court system are a matter of urgency. The report and subsequent engagement show that the Guatemalan government must respect and support the independence of judges and prosecutors and the role played by the International Commission against Impunity (CICIG). The report also draws attention to the challenges in seeking justice for crimes committed during the 1960–1996 internal armed conflict that continue to fester in the present day. Further, the report provides a comprehensive analysis of the challenges to the rule of law, including justly resolving disputes over land and natural resources, preventing the criminalisation of protests and implementing measures to protect women, LGBTI persons and indigenous communities.

Since the publication of the report, the President of Guatemala has expelled the Commissioner of CICIG and unilaterally declared the immediate termination of the agreement establishing CICIG. This type of executive overreach is a stark example of how judicial and legal institutions are put under duress and over time directly threatens the rule of law.



PHOTO: ILAC

ILAC Guatemala rule of law and justice sector assessment report.

ILAC engaged in policy dialogue through disseminating the report, calling attention to the threats made against CICIG by the President of Guatemala. To this end, ILAC members organised and hosted seminars and meetings in New York, Washington D.C. and London with the US Department of State, the United Nations, development agencies and other relevant stakeholders.

Together with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the Right Livelihood Foundation, ILAC hosted a public seminar in Stockholm with the Right Livelihood Award laureates, Iván Velásquez, Commissioner of CICIG, and Thelma Aldana, former Attorney General of Guatemala. ILAC also facilitated a conference, hosted by the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU in Brussels, where Commissioner Velásquez met with European Union parliamentarians to call for action against the threats to CICIG. ILAC was active at the 2018 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development, where it led a high-level panel on how to more concretely adopt and use the report's recommendations.

The objective of this dissemination was to highlight the ongoing need for increased action amongst like-minded justice actors and governments that have invested in rule of law reform in Guatemala and to build a strong consensus on viable ways forward. ILAC will continue to liaise with our members to find meaningful ways of how the report's recommendations can feed into their ongoing programmes and policy dialogue processes in Guatemala.



Street market in Monrovia, Liberia.

Judicial Independence in Palestine

IN RESPONSE TO encroachments by the executive on the judiciary, ILAC and its member the Central and Eastern European Law Institute (the CEELI Institute) led a peer-to-peer exchange between a group of judges from the West Bank, two Central European judges and high-level legal professionals from Tunisia. It served as a stepping stone to establish a broader network for legal and judicial actors to share tactics and approaches for the development of concrete strategies for maintaining professional integrity and independence. Despite this rapidly closing space for judges and prosecutors, potential paths forward in preserving judicial standards of independence were identified. ILAC will continue to support this process and build on the close engagement and commitment of Tunisian judges and other criminal justice actors throughout 2019.

Formal and customary justice in Liberia

ILAC PREPARED for an assessment in Liberia to focus on the harmonisation of the customary and formal justice systems and to assess progress and the effects of ILAC's previous support to the Ministry of Justice up until 2011. The effects of the conflict are still clearly visible in Liberia, not least in relation to persisting security concerns, high levels of corruption and weak institutional capability. While severe resource constraints continue to impede the rule of law and access to justice in Liberia, there are also concerns regarding an increased politicisation of the judiciary and other legal institutions, effectively undermining judicial independence and accountability standards.

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The consequences of the closing space for the legal and judicial institutions will continue to engage ILAC and its members for the foreseeable future. Through its worldwide network of legal professionals, ILAC will continue to respond to this challenging trend through our problem-based rule of law reports and programmes to strengthen institutions, empower legal professionals and engage in policy dialogue on threats to the rule of law.





Strengthening
Institutions and
Empowering
Legal Professionals

Together with its members, ILAC is a strong and influential consortium that manages large-scale programmes, brings together high-level expertise both on a programme and legal analysis level and acts as an entry point with national partners in ensuring that the right expertise is provided at the relevant juncture of reform processes.

We have learned through our experiences working with institutions and legal professionals that addressing justice problems through legal means alone is not always sufficient. Nor is it mainly due to a lack of capacity that challenges continue to persist. Effectively strengthening institutions and empowering legal professionals requires an in-depth understanding of the legal, administrative, social and political obstacles involved. We do this through building on our assessment recommendations, designing responsive and relevant programmes and working together with implementing members.

ILAC in the MENA region

WORKING TO SUPPORT transitional justice at the local level while identifying community needs in the process is fundamental to the second phase of ILAC's MENA Programme, which has the dual aim to strengthen institutions to deliver on their mandate and to empower legal professionals in improving the administration of justice.

IN TUNISIA, ILAC supports and coordinates the projects of our implementing members, the International Bar Association Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI), American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) and Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI), to provide capacity building for judges, lawyers and human rights activists addressing the public's expectations for economic and social rights. Through our yearly programme meetings, we continue to build synergies between our members in terms of relevant methodologies for programme implementation as well as scoping for more innovative ways of addressing rule of law reform in the long term in the MENA region.



ILAC experts and members of the Sousse Regional Administrative Chamber during the ILAC assessment of the Administrative Tribunal of Tunisia in 2018.

We conducted an *assessment of the Administrative Tribunal of Tunisia* in response to a request for support to institutionalise effective and accountable court administration and decentralise the court system. The report emphasises the need to relieve the Tribunal’s leadership of mundane organisational responsibilities, improve caseload management and update the Tribunal’s IT capacity. These recommendations were used to design the ongoing project by our implementing member, the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), to support the Administrative Tribunal in improving its court administration.

IN LIBYA, competing governments and local authorities make it unclear where the legitimate mandate for ensuring the rule of law rests. ILAC continues to support Libyan legal professionals, and by extension empower individuals, in upholding and accessing viable justice paths and mechanisms. ILAC’s member, the Public International Law and Policy Group (PILPG), is instrumental in implementing this project and well versed in operating in fragile contexts. The ABA ROLI supports Libyan legal professionals by allowing them to deliver public legal education on various rights-based issues through radio programming and community dialogue.

Civil documentation and support to legal professionals in Syria

THE LACK OF ACCESS to civil registry services, which effectively prevents the recording of important life events during conflict, is a basic human right that must be upheld even in times of conflict. Since 2014, ILAC has supported local bar associations and institutional structures in Syria to issue civil documentation in the south-west and north-west of Syria.

To date, the sixteen civil documentation centres in areas cut off from the national civil registry system have issued an estimated 300,000 documents.

While operational support for the centres has recently scaled down, ILAC continues to inform policy dialogue and to position alternative civil documentation as a core justice issue within the international community. ILAC also actively engages in policy dialogue in order to set standards for the establishment of accountable and inclusive justice sector institutions for a future Syria.

On a separate programme track, ILAC supports Syrian legal professionals in the administration of justice and enhancing their knowledge on housing, land and property rights, while simultaneously building their capacity to inform ongoing reconciliation efforts. We provide this support through coordinating projects by our implementing members. The International Bridges to Justice (IBJ) focuses on supporting Syrian lawyers to follow procedures according to Syrian law inside Syria, despite the ongoing conflict. Working with key Syrian actors inside and outside the country, IBAHRI and the CEELI Institute continue to facilitate strategic support to Syrian justice sector professionals to effectively participate in reconciliation processes and dialogue, and to engage with relevant international and national human rights and accountability mechanisms. RWI and ABA ROLI target and support graduate lawyers and practicing lawyers both inside and outside Syria in developing vital human rights curricula and court manuals.

In 2019, we will continue to draw on the expertise of these members to address the plight of Syrian lawyers and exiled judges in the event of a change in the political process in the country.

Sustainable development and the rule of law in Cuba

ILAC'S PARTNERSHIPS IN Cuba were further formalised and consolidated during 2018. This was the result of long-standing efforts aimed at building relationships and engendering trust for strengthening the rule of law over time. Along with experts from the International Bar Association, we continue to provide training courses in international commercial law for Cuban lawyers from the Organización Nacional de Bufetes Colectivos (ONBC). The training programme also progressed as ILAC entered into an agreement with the ONBC to expand the 2019 course material to include a module on globalisation and ethics. ILAC added a new national partner this year, the Unión Nacional de Juristas de Cuba (UNJC), which is a countrywide association of legal professionals. Throughout the year, and in collaboration with our member the Swedish Bar Association, we prepared for the first exchange visit by the UNJC to Stockholm in February 2019. Most significantly, we formalised a partnership with Cuba's Supreme Court and have engaged in discussions on concrete activities and a peer-to-peer exchange to occur in 2019.

While ILAC's programmes transcend a range of different contexts, it is our members that enable us to adapt and achieve results through their knowledge of the context, their long and extensive regional and country experience and their ability to explore new initiatives with national partners.

Adherence to the local context, strengthening collective ownership and providing specific expertise outline the iterative and adaptive approach that is indicative of how ILAC seeks to facilitate meaningful institutional change together with its partners in the future.

Rule of law reform takes time, and ILAC and its members are committed to a long-term engagement in supporting national partners to ensure that the necessary frameworks exist to pursue this goal.

Moving From Practice to Policy



ILAC's policy engagement is based on our practical experience in conducting assessments and coordinating and supporting programmes in a wide range of constrained environments. ILAC plays an important role in advising on key rule of law topics through drawing on the expertise of our members. Combined with practical recommendations from our assessments and programme results, this process assists in charting priorities for the way forward for influencing international policy to strengthen the rule of law.

LAST YEAR ILAC PUBLISHED a policy report, *Judges as Peacebuilders: How Justice Sector Reform Can Support Prevention in Transitional Settings*. The report draws upon our experience of supporting judicial reform in conflict-affected and fragile settings and brings attention to the importance of judicial institutions in preventing crisis and conflict, and the vital role judges play as peacebuilders. Through integrating lessons learned from our MENA Programme, we were in a position to effectively reinforce the findings of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Transitional Justice, showing the constant necessity of building from the ground up to ensure complementarity with relevant ongoing policy processes.

ILAC's long-standing cooperation with the g7+ group of conflict-affected and fragile states is another example of an important and relevant network for addressing policy issues regarding justice and rule of law reform. The g7+ General Secretary, Dr Helder da Costa, was the keynote speaker at ILAC's 2018 Annual General Meeting public seminar on customary justice in fragile countries, co-organised by Sida. ILAC's ongoing assessment of customary justice in Liberia is carried out in close consultation with the g7+.

We will continue to strengthen our engagement in policy dialogue through 2019 and beyond, and we have recently joined the *Justice Task Force of the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies*. The Pathfinders initiative provides a forum for sharing experiences and expertise from our broad membership base through strategic interventions in building towards 2019, when SDG 16 is under review.

ILAC will invest more in thematic assessments on current and emerging rule of law challenges to further enhance our programmatic and thematic engagement, so that we can continue to provide relevant and usable legal analysis from the field of practice to the policy arena.

Stockholm Human Rights Award



The International Bar Association and the Swedish Bar Association along with ILAC, annually bestow the Stockholm Human Rights Award on an individual or organisation in recognition of their work advancing international justice and strengthening the respect for human rights.

THE 10TH STOCKHOLM HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD honoured Thomas Buergenthal, judge and professor of law, for his work in advancing international justice and strengthening the respect for human rights.

As a human rights advocate, Judge Buergenthal devoted his career to the protection, promotion and teaching of human rights and international law. His long and distinguished career as an international jurist was shaped early on by his experiences as a survivor of the Auschwitz and Sachsenhausen concentration camps. Over a period spanning more than half a century, he has served as a judge and taught at several leading law schools. His judicial and academic positions include the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; the Inter-American Development Bank's Administrative Tribunal; the United Nations Truth Commission for El Salvador and the United Nations Human Rights Committee the International Court of Justice, as well as his present position as Professor Emeritus of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence at The George Washington University Law School.

Anne Ramberg, the Secretary General of the Swedish Bar Association, has been instrumental in the planning of this event since its inception. In 2019, Anne Ramberg steps down after a long and estimable tenure as Secretary General and we thank her for all her support to ILAC over the years.

Past recipients of the Award:

2017: International Criminal Court

2016: Mary Robinson

2015: Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid
Al-Hussein

2014: B'Tselem

2013: Professor M Cherif Bassiouni

2012: Thomas Hammarberg and
European Roma Rights Centre

2011: George Soros and Aryeh Neier

2010: Navi Pillay

2009: Richard Goldstone

Governance & Membership

ILAC Member Organisations

American Bar Association

www.abanet.org

Arab Lawyers Union

Arab Organization for Human Rights

www.aohr.net

Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats

www.aija.org

Bar Association of India

www.barindia.in

Bar Council of Malaysia

www.malaysianbar.org.my

Bar Council of England and Wales

www.barcouncil.org.uk

Bar Council of Ireland

www.lawlibrary.ie

Canadian Bar Association

www.cba.org

CEELI Institute

www.ceeliinstitute.org

Center for Court Innovation

www.courtinnovation.org

Commonwealth Lawyers Association

www.commonwealthlawyers.com

Council of Bars and Law Societies of the EU

www.ccbe.org

Danish Bar Association

www.advokatsamfundet.dk

Faculty of Advocates

www.advocates.org.uk

Finnish Bar Association

www.asianajaliito.fi

French National Bar Council

www.cnb.avocat.fr

German Bar Association

www.anwaltverein.de

Hong Kong Bar Association

www.hkba.org

Inter-American Bar Association

www.iaba.org

International Association for Court Administration

www.iaca.ws

International Association of Prosecutors

www.iap-association.org

International Association of Women Judges

www.iawj.org

International Bar Association

www.ibanet.org

International Bridges to Justice

www.ibj.org

International Commission of Jurists

www.icj.org

International Criminal Court Bar Association

www.iccba-abcpi.org

International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association

International Foundation of the ROL and the Independence of Lawyers and Judges

International Human Rights Law Institute

www.law.depaul.edu

International Judicial Academy

www.ijaworld.edu

International Legal Foundation

<http://theilf.org>

International Senior Lawyers Project

www.islp.org

Japan Federation of Bar Associations

www.nichibenren.or.jp

Law Society of Botswana

www.lawsociety.org.bw

Law Society of England and Wales

www.lawsociety.org.uk

Law Society of Scotland

<https://www.lawscot.org.uk>

Law Society of South Africa

<http://www.lssa.org.za>

Magna Carta – Human Rights Network International

National Association of Women Judges

www.nawaj.org

National Center for State Courts

www.ncsc.org

Nepal Bar Association

www.nepalbar.org

Norwegian Bar Association

www.advokatforeningen.no

Org. of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations

Palestinian Center for Human Rights

www.pchrgaza.org

Pan African Lawyers Union

www.lawyersofafrica.org

Public International Law and Policy Group

www.publicinternationallaw-andpolicygroup.org

Raoul Wallenberg Institute

www.rwi.lu.se

RCN Justice & Démocratie

www.rcn-ong.be

Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights

www.siracusainstitute.org

Swedish Bar Association

www.advokatsamfundet.se

The Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice

www.nycbar.org

Tunisia Bar Association

www.avocat.org.tn

Union Internationale Des Avocats

www.uianet.org

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ILAC Annual General Meetings

2003 Stockholm, Sweden

2004 Cairo, Egypt

2005 New Delhi, India

2006 San Juan, Puerto Rico

2007 Stockholm, Sweden

2008 Rome, Italy

2009 Edinburgh, Scotland,
United Kingdom

2010 Accra, Ghana

2011 Lisbon, Portugal

2012 Stockholm, Sweden

2013 Prague, Czech Republic

2014 Tunis, Tunisia

2015 Helsinki, Finland

2016 Stockholm, Sweden

2017 Tokyo, Japan

2018 Stockholm, Sweden

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International Bar Association

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International Association of Prosecutors

International Association of Women Judges

National Center for State Courts

Palestinian Center for Human Rights

RCN Justice & Démocratie

Swedish Bar Association

The Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice

The Law Society of England and Wales

Union Internationale des Avocats

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Sareta Ashraph, Individual member

Annual Accounts

INCOME STATEMENT	(Footnote 1)	2018-01-01 2018-12-31	2017-01-01 2017-12-31
Operating Income			
Membership fees		73 503	63 849
Contributions	(Footnote 2)	215 247	95 763
Grants	(Footnote 2)	36 048 440	32 672 388
<i>Total operating income</i>		36 337 190	32 832 000
Operating Expenditure (Footnote 3, 4)			
Purpose costs		-33 279 280	-29 677 779
Administrative costs		-2 852 902	-3 024 534
<i>Total operating income</i>		-36 132 182	-32 702 312
Operating result		205 008	129 687
Result from Financial Income & Costs			
Financial income	(Footnote 5)	1 526	23 436
Financial costs	(Footnote 6)	-90	-4 759
Banking costs		-45 037	-62 081
<i>Total result from financial income & costs</i>		-43 601	-43 404
Result		161 407	86 283

*The International Legal Assistance Consortium's financial reporting currency is Swedish Krona (SEK)

BALANCE SHEET		2018-12-31	2017-12-31
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets			
Financial Assets			
Long-term securities	(Footnote 7)	2 797 569	723 471
Short-term Assets			
Tax receivables		-	2 727
Advances to partners	(Footnote 8)	11 328 022	4 201 494
Other receivables		216 863	142 102
Pre-paid expenses	(Footnote 9)	145 847	143 796
Total short-term assets		11 690 732	4 490 119
Cash and Bank Balances		7 402 359	10 609 520
TOTAL ASSETS		21 890 660	15 823 110
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES (Footnote 10)			
		2018-12-31	2017-12-31
Earmarked capital Syria		103 692	19 435
Capital brought forward		707 663	705 637
Year-end result		161 407	86 283
		972 762	811 355
Current Liabilities			
Account payables		209 297	176 656
Liabilities not used grants	(Footnote 11)	19 446 315	12 978 545
Tax liabilities		7 914	-
Other liabilities		217 886	162 473
Accrued expenses	(Footnote 12)	1 036 486	1 694 081
Total Current Liabilities		20 917 898	15 011 755
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		21 890 660	15 823 110

FOOTNOTES

1 Accounting Principles

Applied accounting principles are in accordance with Swedish law and approved practices.

Applied Accounting Principles

Income

Income is accounted for based on the amount to be received. Grants are accounted for based on the principle of revenue recognition. Hence, a grant is considered as a debt until expenses occur to be covered by the grant.

Programme Costs for Partner Organisations

Disbursement to Partner Organisations is considered as a claim until the required reporting has been received from the Partner. It will, once reporting is received, be accounted for as programme costs.

Receivables and Liabilities

Receivables and Liabilities are individually accounted for as the amount to be received or reimbursed.

Exchange Rate

Receivables and Liabilities in any foreign currency are, with the exception of claims to Partner Organisations, recalculated to SEK based on the exchange rate from the last day of the fiscal year.

2 Contributions and Grants	2018	2017
Contributions		
Public	3 647	4 600
Other NGO's	211 600	91 163
	215 247	95 763
Grants		
Sida CORE	6 900 583	6 494 830
Sida MENA	9 546 054	12 949 881
Sida Syria	17 737 295	11 320 221
Swedish Foreign Ministry	250 000	342 605
Sida Cuba	1 098 803	601 328
Other NGO's	515 708	963 524
	36 048 444	32 672 388

3 Staff Costs		2018		2017	
Number of Staff, Gender:					
Women			6,0		4,5
Men			5,2		4,1
Total			11,2		8,6
Gender Board of Directors and Management					
		2018-12-31		2017-12-31	
		Total	Men	Total	Men
Board Members		6	3	6	3
Senior Management Team		4	3	4	2
Salaries, Fees and Payroll Taxes		2018		2017	
Salaries and fees:					
President and Executive Director (ED)			1 009 507		960 005
Other employees			5 053 681		4 381 625
Total salaries and fees			6 063 188		5 341 630
Payroll taxes			1 839 626		1 613 318
Pension premiums to ED			343 222		321 936
Pension premiums to other employees			408 071		385 494
Pension premium tax			182 264		171 623
			2 773 183		2 492 371
Total salaries, fees and related benefits			8 836 371		7 834 001

4 Operational Leasing

The current operational leasing at ILAC is mostly for Office rents and rental cars. The total expenditure for operational leasing 2018 amounted to 1 048 517 (1 004 889) SEK.

	2018	2017
Future operational leasing commitments:		
Within 1 year	756 000	585 000
1–5 years	1 197 000	-

5 Financial Income

	2018	2017
Interest	11	1
Realisation of financial investments	-	11 549
Exchange rate gains on short-term assets	1 515	11 886
	1 526	23 436

6 Financial Costs

	2018	2017
Interest	90	442
Exchange rate losses on short-term assets	-	4 317
	90	4 759

7 Long-term Securities

	2018	2017
Opening acquisition value	723 471	648 316
Acquisition	2 074 098	723 471
Realisation	-	- 648 316
Closing acquisition value	2 797 569	723 471

8 Advances to Partners

	2018	2017
Advances to Partners per programme:		
MENA	8 951 054	2 725 004
SYRIA	2 376 968	1 476 490
	11 328 022	4 201 494

9 Pre-paid Expenses	2018	2017
Pre-paid rents	63 000	62 140
Other expenses	82 847	81 656
	145 847	143 796
10 Equity	2018	2017
Opening balance	161 408	86 283
Earmarked by Donor	-211 600	-91 163
Usage	127 342	84 877
Closing balance	77 150	79 997
11 Liabilities not used Grants	2018	2017
SIDA CORE	1 479 417	224 094
Swedish Foreign Ministry	1 952 322	1 952 322
SIDA MENA	10 970 896	4 927 766
SIDA Syria	4 142 484	5 179 779
Swedish Foreign Ministry Palestine	-	157 394
SIDA Cuba	901 197	537 191
	19 446 315	12 978 545
12 Accrued Expenses	2018	2017
Salary for vacation	429 620	280 710
Payroll taxes	313 972	218 358
Other accrued expenses	292 894	1 195 013
	1 036 486	1 694 081

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