

**2023 election of the registrar of the International Criminal Court**  
**Questionnaire to candidates**

**Name: Christian Mahr**

**Date: 11 September 2022**

*Please reply to the following questions by Sunday 11 September 2022:*

**Vision for the ICC Registry:**

1. Why have you applied for the position of registrar of the International Criminal Court (ICC)?

In my capacity as the Director of External Operations, I have had the privilege of witnessing first-hand both the formidable challenges as well as rewards of serving as the Registrar of the ICC, and as such, I am confident that I have an excellent understanding of what the job of Registrar entails, and what is required to successfully assume the role of primary administrative officer of the Court. As the Court faces a significant upsurge in judicial activity at the exact same time as major investigations are being launched in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America, the Court will need a safe pair of hands from day one to navigate the plethora of issues which will inevitably arise from these developments. The Registrar will also be expected to play a key role in working closely with Member States to ensure the effective implementation of the numerous recommendations emanating from the Independent Expert Review of the International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute System.

I feel that the six years I have spent working intimately with and observing the work of our Registrars puts me in a unique position to help steer the organization at a time of unprecedented expectations for the Court's ability to deliver justice to victims of crimes which fall under its mandate—which is an end result I feel passionate about. I believe that my record to date at the ICC shows that I have the experience, motivation, vision, managerial skills and temperament to be able to work within this large and highly complex organization and successfully assume the challenging requirements of this post.

2. What do you believe are the top two or three challenges confronting the ICC and Rome Statute system in the coming years, and how would you address them, focusing in particular on the role of the ICC Registry?

There are numerous challenges that the Court and the Rome Statute system will be facing in the coming years. Of primary concern to the Registry and Registrar would be the ability to work closely with States to ensure that the Court has access to sufficient financial and human resources to enable it to efficiently and effectively support the rising judicial workload and complex investigations taking place in a multitude of localities spread out across the globe. There will be a need to ensure that this resource allocation is made available on a sustained basis, so that it does not adversely affect the ability of the Court to carry out its judicial activities which require long-term planning for it to be truly effective. None of this will be easy given the serious fiscal challenges that States themselves will be encountering as a result of the havoc wrought onto their economies by a combination of the COVID-19 pandemic, the high rates of inflation and the war in Ukraine. I trust that the best manner in which to achieve State support for this purpose is by continuing steps taken by the current Registrar to introduce greater transparency into the administrative workings of the Court by mainstreaming measurable indicators as part of the regular working practices of the organization and putting in place a working culture which vigorously promotes continuous

















