

Liberia: Conference on Justice

Officials, Activists to Meet Amid Push for War Crimes Court

(Monrovia, November 6, 2018) – Liberian government officials, international representatives, and local and international activists will participate in a one-day conference, “Opportunities and Challenges for Truth and Justice in Liberia for Past Crimes,” in Monrovia on November 9, 2018.

The conference is organized by Liberia’s [Global Justice and Research Project \(GJRP\)](#) and the [Civil Society Human Rights Advocacy Platform of Liberia](#), in collaboration with [The Advocates for Human Rights](#), [Center for Justice and Accountability](#), the [Centre for Civil and Political Rights](#), [Civitas Maxima](#), and [Human Rights Watch](#). [Liberia Visual Arts Academy](#) and [FLOMO Theater group](#) – in partnership with GJRP and Civitas Maxima – are also convening events throughout the week with youth and artists on justice issues.

Speakers at the conference will include Ambassador [Stephen J. Rapp](#), the US ambassador-at-large for war crimes from 2009 to 2015 and a former chief prosecutor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

The conference is taking place amid [growing momentum](#) for a war crimes court in Liberia. No one implicated in grave crimes – including murders, mutilation, torture, and rape – during the country’s back-to-back civil wars between 1989 through 2003 has been tried in Liberia. The UN Human Rights Committee in July said that the government should establish a process for justice, [expressing concern](#) that “none of the alleged perpetrators.... has been brought to justice.”

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. in the Corina Hotel in Monrovia. The opening sessions will be open to the media. Tea break will be offered for journalists who attend. No other assistance is available.

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About the GJRP

The Global Justice and Research Project (GJRP) is a Liberia-based non-profit, non-governmental organization that documents war crimes and, where possible, seeks justice for victims of these crimes, with the full consent of the victims.

For more information and media inquiries go to www.globaljustice-research.org or contact the GJRP director by phone: 0023177250914.

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