



Regional meeting of content developers of some Case Matrix services, The Hague, November 2008.



Case Matrix training session, Komnas HAM, Jakarta, June 2009.

## Knowledge-transfer, legal empowerment, capacity building

### Network Director

The Case Matrix Network is directed by Morten Bergsmo. He is Senior Researcher at the Law Faculty of the University of Oslo; Visiting Fellow at Stanford University; Visiting Professor at Georgetown University; and Co-ordinator of the ICC Legal Tools Project. He was formerly Senior Researcher at PRIO (2006-2009); Special Adviser to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution of Norway (2007-08); Senior Legal Adviser and Chief of the Legal Advisory Section, ICC Office of the Prosecutor (2002-05); Co-ordinator of the establishment of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor (2002-03); Legal Adviser, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) (1994-2002); and Legal Adviser, UN Commission of Experts for the Former Yugoslavia established pursuant to Security Council resolution 780(1992) (1993-94). He represented the ICTY to the UN negotiation process to establish the ICC (1996-2002).

Since 2005 he has worked more closely with national capacity building, knowledge-transfer and legal empowerment in the area of core international crimes, including in Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Canada, Denmark, Indonesia, Iraq, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Norway and Serbia. He has published extensively in international criminal law. He directs the Forum for International Criminal and Humanitarian Law ([www.fichl.org](http://www.fichl.org)). Ralph Hecksteden and Bergsmo won the 2008 Dieter Meurer Prize for Legal Informatics for the development of the Case Matrix.

The Network Advisers have broad experience with criminal justice for atrocities, international criminal and humanitarian law, government and civil society. You find more information about the Advisers at [www.casematrixnetwork.org/network-advisers/](http://www.casematrixnetwork.org/network-advisers/).

### How to make use of the services of the Network

The Case Matrix is one of the ICC Legal Tools. You can learn more about the Legal Tools Project at [www.legal-tools.org](http://www.legal-tools.org). Anyone who is working on one or more core international crimes cases can request access to the Case Matrix by sending an e-mail message to [case.matrix@icc-cpi.int](mailto:case.matrix@icc-cpi.int) with a short explanation of the need. Access to the Case Matrix is without cost to the user thanks to the ICC and contributions by several Governments, including those of Canada, Finland, Germany and the Netherlands as well as the European Union. The employers of some Network Advisers and their donors are also contributing to Network activities, in particular the Governments of Norway and Switzerland.

Requests for access to other Network services or to have a Network Adviser assigned should be addressed to its Director Morten Bergsmo ([bergsmo@prio.no](mailto:bergsmo@prio.no)). These services include: training and coaching in the use of the Case Matrix; advice on war crimes prosecution strategy; work plans and work processes; and assistance with the drafting of implementing legislation.

At [www.casematrixnetwork.org](http://www.casematrixnetwork.org) you will find more information about the Case Matrix Network, the Network Advisers, a list of Case Matrix users, technical information about the Case Matrix, and information on the different versions of the Matrix tool.

*This leaflet was designed by Hilde Sørby and Morten Bergsmo. The illustrations are used courtesy the ICC, Komnas HAM, DC Cam and the LTOP Network. The CMN logo was made courtesy PRIO. This Second Edition of the leaflet was edited and updated on 5 June 2010.*



Second Edition



H.E. Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre, Foreign Minister of Norway (right), visiting the Case Matrix Network stand at the ICC Review Conference in Kampala, 31 May 2010.



The Case Matrix stand during the ICC Review Conference in June 2010.



Training of civil society members in Cambodia by use of the Case Matrix tool.

## Knowledge-transfer, legal empowerment and capacity building

Several international jurisdictions for the prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide have been established since 1993. Of these, only the International Criminal Court (ICC) is permanent. It can investigate and prosecute only when national jurisdictions are unable or unwilling to do so. Strengthening such national ability is the primary purpose of the Case Matrix Network (CMN). The cost-efficiency and quality of justice for atrocities are improved by empowering the professionals involved.

The basis of the Network's services is the Case Matrix, a tool that transfers legal information and knowledge from international criminal jurisdictions to users. They can freely access some 8,000 pages of digest of more than 44,000 documents in international criminal law. The Matrix also organizes serious crimes case files and evidence.

The CMN services have been developed through meticulous study of work processes in numerous international and national criminal justice agencies. Based on open access technology, the services promote practical legal empowerment, especially in materially less resourceful countries.

The CMN is an open platform of services, users and advisers for broader capacity building activities. These include technical advice on war crimes prosecution strategy, organization of work, development of work plans, their implementation, the use of analysts, and drafting of requisite legislation. The Network advises public criminal justice agencies, legal services and non-governmental organizations.

## Working with the users: Network co-ordination and Advisers

The Case Matrix Network is directed by Morten Bergsmo. He co-ordinates a group of Network Advisers who have developed expertise in knowledge transfer and capacity building. Their task includes working with one or more users of the services of the Network as mentors. Each user of the Case Matrix tool may be assigned an Adviser for regular advice, follow-up, training and coaching, without any cost to the user. The group of Network Advisers is growing and diversifying. More information can be found at <http://www.casematrixnetwork.org/network-advisers/>.

### Some Network Advisers



Magali Maystre



Dr. Uwe Ewald



Dr. William Wiley



Dr. Vladimir Tochilovsky



Ilija Utmelidze



Sangkul Kim



Elisabeth Baumgartner



Salím A. Nakhjavání



Dr. Olympia Bekou



Mark Harmon



Dr. Helge Brunborg



Marit Vik

## The users of Network services

There are more than 85 users of the Case Matrix tool around the world, most of them institutional. There is considerable diversity among them. One group of users encompasses investigation and prosecution agencies in States directly affected by core international crimes, including Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Indonesia, Iraq and Serbia. A second group consists of similar agencies in non-territorial States, such as Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands and Norway.

A further group is made up of non-governmental organizations such as Amnesty International, the Documentation Centre of Cambodia, Human Rights Watch, and the International Bar Association. A fourth group comprises internationalised criminal jurisdictions such as the ICC, the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Military lawyers, defence counsel and counsel for victims are also users of the Matrix.

Some use only the three main legal information services of the Case Matrix: "Legal Texts", "Elements Digest", and the "Means of Proof Digest". Others use the evidence database function, the logic of which has been adopted in a number of decisions by the ICC. Many users draw on the training, coaching and advisory services of the Case Matrix Network, customised to their needs.

Localised versions of the Case Matrix can be made both in terms of law and language. Such versions have been made for Cambodia and Indonesia, and other versions are being prepared.