CMN Knowledge Hub

Every stage of criminal adjudication for core international crimes involves a web of laws and high volumes of factual and legal materials. States usually have to reconcile national and international obligations, while investigators, prosecutors, lawyers and judges often need to be familiar with the legal requirements of core international crimes under their national legal system, as well as their broader international obligations. The Knowledge Hub supports these challenges through several tools and new services.

Thematic Toolkits

Between 2013-2016, the CMN Knowledge Hub will see the full development of four thematic toolkits, which will support legal work, policy and advocacy concerning core international crimes and serious human rights violations.

Thematic Toolkits

The toolkits include:
• Databases + Manuals
• Thematic Guidelines
• Advisory Papers
• Technical Assistance
• Capacity Development Partnership

Supporting partners include:
Institute of Informatics and Law, University of Saarland, Dr. William E.M. Lowe, Club des Amis du Droit du Congo, LIPADHO (Ligue pour la Paix, les Droits de l’Homme et la Justice Coordination Nationale), Amnesty International Moldova, Open Viewpoint Public Foundation.

About the CMN

The Case Matrix Network provides knowledge-transfer and capacity development services to national and international actors, in the field of international criminal law. It seeks to empower those working on core international crimes cases, or on the documentation of serious human rights violations that may amount to core international crimes, by providing access to legal information, legal expertise and through additional knowledge tools. The Case Matrix Network (CMN) is a department of the Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP), which is an international not for profit organisation, registered in Belgium.

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I-DOC

Investigation Documentation System

- Supports work on facts relevant to serious human rights violations and criminal law, including analysis, investigation, case preparation, trial and subsequent proceedings.

DOCF

Database on Open Case Files

- Structured according to specific legal frameworks;
- Case-mapping and generation of statistics on the progression of cases as well as bottlenecks;
- Increased information and transparency on existing cases;
- Enabled application of criteria for case selection and prioritization;
- Part of the Case Mapping, Selection and Prioritisation Toolkit.

DOCF builds on earlier models developed by CMN Advisers, in Bosnia and Herzegovina (through the good offices of the OSCE Mission) and in the Democratic Republic of Congo (through UNOPS).

CLICC

Commentary on the Law of the International Criminal Court


CJAD

Cooperation and Judicial Assistance Database

- Provides information and analysis on all aspects of implementing legislation on cooperation relevant to the ICC Statute, including the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court.

CICD

Core International Crimes Database

- Provides up-to-date access to the relevant international case-law on core international crimes and gross human rights violations.

The CMN Methodology

The CMN and its Advisers bring a wealth of experience in the development of technology tools and the provision of technical assistance, training and capacity development in international and national jurisdictions, including in territorial States. Our work builds on and strengthens the taxonomies developed in the ICC Case Matrix and the ICC Legal Tools Database.

- Adapted to working languages.
- Customised to specific legal frameworks (state, federal, regional, international).
- Accessed without financial cost to the user.