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**Are Justice Mechanisms Doing Enough for Human Rights?**

**Tuesday, July 22, 2008, 1:15 – 3:15 pm**

*Facilitators:*

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*Speakers:*

Herman von Hebel, Registrar of the Special Court of Sierra Leone; Alex Whiting, formerly Senior Trial Attorney, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

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International Courts are increasingly being expected to contribute to building domestic capacity, as well as to assist with human rights, truth, peace and reconciliation work in post-conflict fragile nations. Are donors setting expectations unrealistically high? Would these Courts be more effective if they concentrated their efforts and resources on prosecuting perpetrators and conducting fair trials? Should broader justice needs even be a part of a Court's core mandate? Participants engaged in a discussion that was preceded by a 10 minute video showing the work of the "outreach" unit in Sierra Leone that is charged with attending to broader justice needs.