

ICC-INDIA

(THE INDIAN CAMPAIGN ON
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT)



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1. INCEPTION

The *ICC-India* campaign was started in the year 2000 with the objective of carrying out an advocacy and awareness campaign in India on the issue of International Criminal Court. The National Secretariat of the campaign is housed in Women's Research and Action Group (WRAG), Mumbai since 2003. WRAG is also a member of the New York-based NGO Coalition for International Criminal Court (CICC) and the Asian Network for ICC.

2. RATIONALE

Ever since the International Criminal Court started functioning, the international community has been actively campaigning with various governments to ratify the Rome Statute and help in the process of making ICC jurisdiction universal so that perpetrators of the most heinous crimes under international law could be made accountable. However, very little is written, spoken or known about the issue in India. The Indian government has not engaged with the ICC in a positive manner. At the same time the civil society in India is little aware of the government policy decisions on this issue. 105 countries have ratified the Rome Statute as on July 17th 2007. There is an urgent need to disseminate information within India, on the ICC, to strengthen mechanisms for ensuring justice and accountability within the country.

3. WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR AN ICC?

- The International Criminal Court has the potential to contribute to and strengthen many of the existing human rights and law reform campaigns.
- Ensures hope for accountability of state and non-state actors in cases of mass crimes.
- Counters impunity given to states and individuals
- Making the state accountable either through national or international legislations
- Facilitating a process by which crimes such as Genocide does not go unpunished.
- It upholds procedures of fair trial.

4. OBJECTIVES

- To initiate and sustain an awareness and advocacy campaign on ICC

- To meaningfully contribute to strengthening of the Indian legal machinery through human rights and law reform campaigns within the country on various issues
- To initiate a dialogue with the Indian government, and facilitate its early accession to the Rome Treaty

5. ACTIVITIES

- Information Dissemination
- Research
- Publication
- Advocacy
- Media Outreach
- Networking & Alliance-building

6. PUBLICATIONS

- **Towards Accountability for Mass Crimes: A Report of the Indian Campaign on International Criminal Court 2000-2007**, published by Women's Research & Action Group, 2008 (*English*)
- **Report of the 1st National Consultation on International Criminal Court & India**, by ICC-India; co-published by Women's Research & Action Group & People's Watch Tamil Nadu, 2005 (*English*)
- **International Criminal Court: Conversations with Indian Parliamentarians**, by ICC-India; co-published by Women's Research & Action Group & People's Watch Tamil Nadu, 2005 by ICC-India; co-published by Women's Research & Action Group & People's Watch Tamil Nadu, 2005 (*English*)
- **International Criminal Court: Responses to Queries Raised by Parliamentarians**, by Saumya Uma, co-published by Women's Research & Action Group & People's Watch Tamil Nadu, 2005 (*English*)
- **International Criminal Court & India: Some Questions & Answers** by Saumya Uma, published by Women's Research & Action Group, 2004 (*English & Hindi*)
- **Combating Impunity** – a compilation of articles on ICC and its relevance for India, compiled by Vahida Nainar & Saumya Uma, published by Women's Research & Action Group, 2003 (*English & Hindi*)