



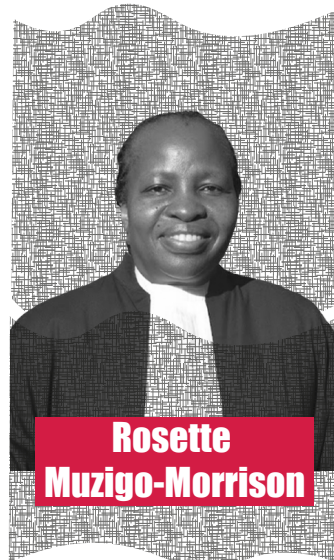
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# Conflict-related sexual violence:

## LEGAL REGULATION AND PRACTICE

21-31  
JULY

ONLINE ZOOM



FORMAT

ONLINE ZOOM

DATE

21-31 July

DURATION

4 thematic sessions  
(1-2 hours each)

FREQUENCY

twice a week

Application deadline

**19 July 2022**

LANGUAGE

English and Ukrainian  
with a provision of interpretation



Electronic  
certificate  
upon completion  
of the training

Training includes 4 thematic sessions dedicated to the conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV). During the training international and national experts will fill you in on the following:

what is CRSV, its features,  
identification of CRSV and its forms;

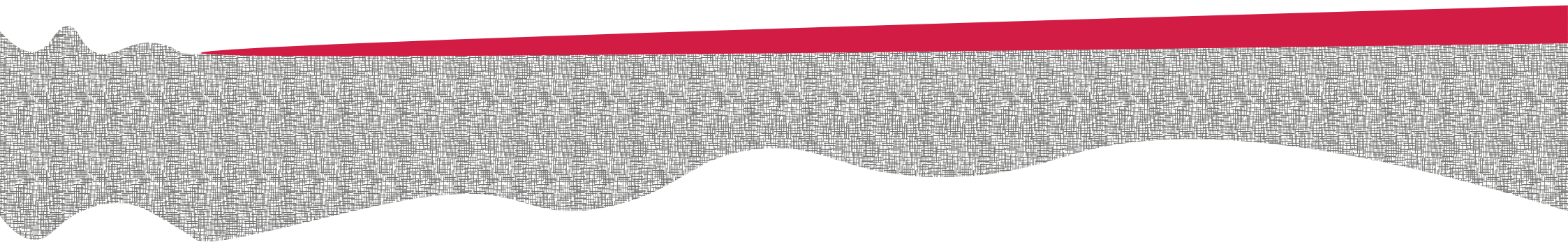
practical pieces of advice on how to  
communicate with survivors of the  
CRSV, how to build a case and  
conduct the defense of survivors;

how international law regulates and  
defines the CRSV, and how  
accountability for CRSV works at  
international level;

regulation of the CRSV under the  
Ukrainian legislation, the criminal  
proceedings on CRSV in Ukraine;

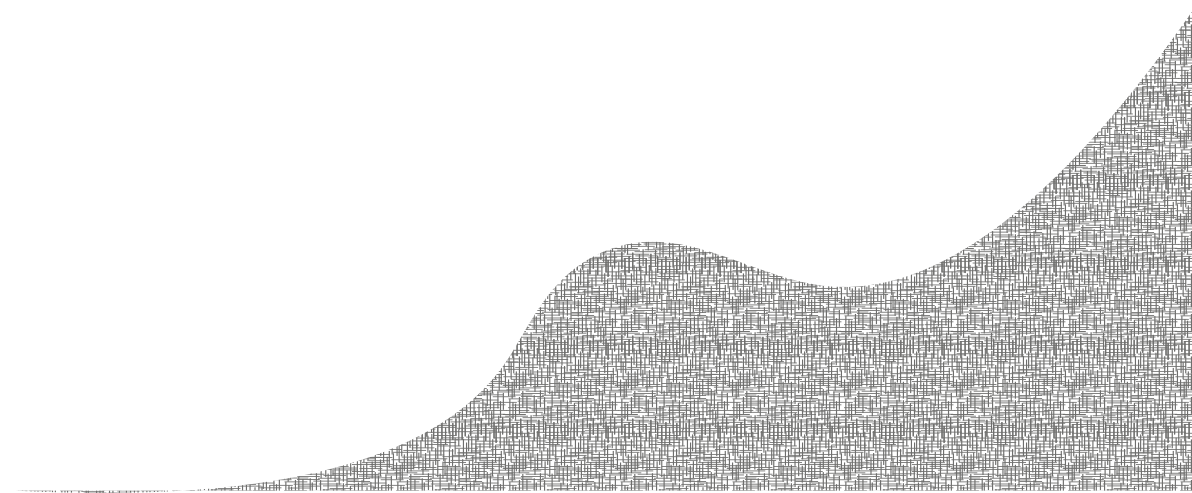
international practice regarding  
CRSV, including the cases of the  
International criminal court

For more than four months now, Ukraine has been standing against Russia in a full-scale invasion of the latter into the territory of Ukraine. During this period of time, both Ukrainian and international organizations and law enforcement bodies recorded evidence of Russia's war crimes, crimes against humanity, and features of the crime of genocide. Among these crimes there is a crime of rape, harassment, sexual exploitation and other types of conflict-related sexual violence committed by Russian servicemen.



# Aim of the training

– to give Ukrainian human rights defenders, representatives of law enforcement bodies, judges, lawyers an understanding of what CRSV is, how to protect the survivors, outline the practice of prosecuting persons who committed the CRSV in armed conflicts that have taken place in history. Everyone who will take part in this course will receive the necessary base of knowledge and skills to work with CRSV cases and survivors. You will be able to more effectively document and investigate crimes, build a line of defense for victims, and therefore successfully defend survivors' interests and the interests of Ukraine both at the international and national levels to achieve at least justice for those who suffered from russian crimes.



# Target audience

- ▶ human rights defenders working with the CRSV, including those engaged in working groups on investigating and documenting the CRSV, highlighting the topic in their social activities, cooperation with international organizations and Ukrainian government, who need additional competencies and expertise

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- ▶ lawyers, representing survivors of the CRSV or engaged in investigation and documentation of the sexual violence

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- ▶ specialists of law enforcement bodies, including police, prosecutor's office as well as judges, who conduct investigation, prosecution and justice in proceedings on CRSV

# How to apply



fill in the **registration form** till 19 July 2022



anticipate and email with the **registration confirmation**



**join the training** via Zoom link in the email

**PROGRAM**



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**16:00**

# Opening

**Kateryna Levchenko**

Government Commissioner for Gender Policy

**Olena Sotnyk**

advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic integration, human rights defender

**Erika Kvapilova**

UN Women Representative in Ukraine

**Rebecka Koziomtzis**

PhD graduate from National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law, researcher of sexual violence in international law

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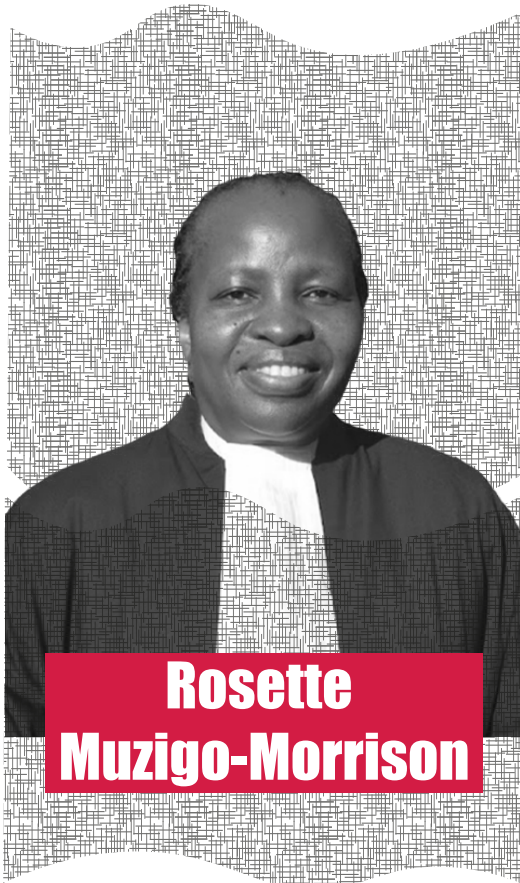
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## **Session 1: Characteristics of conflict-related sexual violence**

Speaker: Rosette Muzigo-Morrison

In June 2022: among the 12 finalists shortlisted for the role of Registrar, International Criminal Court. Until recently, worked as a Legal Advisor in the Legal Advisory Section of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. In this role, Rosette also coordinated the implementation of the sexual and gender-based crimes' policy and the training of high-level NATO officers in investigating, prosecution and mitigating sexual and gender-based crimes during crisis situations. Prior to joining the ICC, Rosette worked for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.



**Rosette  
Muzigo-Morrison**

# About the session

Conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) – definition and main features; who is targeted, what are the theories behind why it happens, why does it happen with impunity, what has been done to address it.

The impact of gender perspective on CRSV: what does a gender perspective mean and how does it contribute to understanding the problem and finding solutions, supporting survivors and ending impunity.

Key points to pay attention to while working with survivors of CRSV: peace keeping, UN resolutions and practical experience.

Communication strategy with survivors of sexual violence – how to conduct interview (in particular lawyer-client interview), avoid 'second trauma', how to build communication with children who are survivors of sexual violence.

Work with survivors who are reluctant to report CRSV. Policies of safety and security, witness protection programs

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## **Session 2: International law and conflict-related sexual violence**

Speaker: Susan Lamb



**Susan Lamb**

Justice of the Supreme Court of Belize, Criminal Division, with a substantial docket in particular in sexual crimes. She is also an internationally-recognized expert in international criminal and humanitarian law, with significant investigative, prosecutorial, judicial support, advocacy and diplomatic experience before various United Nations international and hybrid criminal tribunals like International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. In May 2022, was rostered to the Legal Task Force on Accountability for Crimes Committed in Ukraine.

# About the session

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Prohibition of the sexual violence during armed conflict in international law instruments (Geneva Convention, Rome Statute, etc.).

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State responsibility (the ICJ, ECHR) and individual responsibility for CRSV (the ICC, special tribunal's): the possibility for survivors to seek justice and the motivation for survivors to prosecute CRSV as international crimes

The differentiation of international, foreign and domestic jurisdictions over sexual violence committed during full-scale war in Ukraine. Cooperation and coordination of different initiatives investigating the CRSV

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Challenges brought up by CRSV investigations and strategies of building the cases for international proceedings (things to be careful for, avoiding second trauma, managing media attention etc.).

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## **Session 3: Ukrainian national legislation and practice related to sexual violence**

Speaker: Vira Levko

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**Vira Levko**

Judge of the Dniprovskiy District Court of Kyiv City,  
judge-speaker, coach of the National School of Judges of Ukraine,  
member of the Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association “JurFem”.

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# About the session

The domestic legislation on CRSV.

Peculiarities of gathering evidence and of pre-trial investigation of CRSV.

Reparations available for survivors under domestic law.

Current challenges in domestic legislation: correlation with international law and gaps in legislation (non-ratification of Rome Statute, etc.)

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## **Session 4: Conflict-related sexual violence; case building**

Emma Pountney



**Emma Pountney**

Since 2009 Emma Pountney has worked at four of the international criminal courts, ICTY, ECCC, KSPO (Kosovo Specialist Prosecutor's Office) and STL. Emma drafted SGBV components of judgments at the ICTY and at the ECCC, covering the crimes of rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment and crimes of gender identity, as well as forced marriage. Investigated SGBV crimes working for the investigating judges in Cambodia and the prosecutorial investigations in Kosovo.



# About the session

Case studies of domestic courts and international tribunals: best practices and case-building in conflict and post-conflict situations

Proceedings related to sexual violence committed during Yugoslav wars, in armed conflicts in African countries and in the Middle East

The ICC cases addressing the sexual violence committed in armed conflict (e.g. Prosecutor vs Ongwen)

Prosecution of CRSV committed during a full-scale Russian-Ukrainian war. Examples of international reparations for survivors of CRSV

Documenting and investigating CRSV (practical approach)

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\*The event is held by the Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association “JurFem” with the support of the UN Women project “Transformational approaches on achieving gender equality in Ukraine” financed by the Sweden Government and in cooperation with the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic integration and the Government Commissioner for Gender Policy

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