

**Special Court for Sierra Leone**  
Office of the Prosecutor

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Prosecutors' Colloquium to be held in Freetown**

The top prosecutors from the world's four existing war crimes courts are due to meet in Freetown this week to discuss practical issues affecting prosecutions at international war crimes tribunals.

The Prosecutors' Colloquium, to be held at the Special Court for Sierra Leone, is a follow-up to a similar meeting held last November in Arusha, Tanzania.

Senior prosecution officials, including Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo (ICC), Prosecutor Hassan Jallow (ICTR) and Deputy Prosecutor David Tolbert (ICTY) will join SCSL Chief Prosecutor David M. Crane and Chief Prosecutor-Designate Desmond de Silva.

Representatives of international human rights groups are will also attend.

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The Special Court is an independent tribunal established jointly by the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone. It is mandated to bring to justice those who bear the greatest responsibility for atrocities committed in Sierra Leone after 30 November 1996. To date, the Prosecutor has indicted eleven persons on various charges of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law. Nine indictees are currently in the custody of the Court.

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