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## Liberia: Conference on Justice

### *Officials, Activists to Meet Amid Push for War Crimes Court*

(Monrovia, November 6, 2018) – Liberian government officials, international representatives, and local and international activists will participate in a one-day conference, “Opportunities and Challenges for Truth and Justice in Liberia for Past Crimes,” in Monrovia on November 9, 2018.

The conference is organized by Liberia’s [Global Justice and Research Project](#) (GJRP) and the [Civil Society Human Rights Advocacy Platform of Liberia](#), in collaboration with [The Advocates for Human Rights](#), [Center for Justice and Accountability](#), [the Centre for Civil and Political Rights](#), [Civitas Maxima](#), and [Human Rights Watch](#). [Liberia Visual Arts Academy](#) and [FLOMO Theater group](#) – in partnership with GJRP and Civitas Maxima – are also convening events throughout the week with youth and artists on justice issues.

[Dr. Uchenna Emelonye](#), the representative in Liberia of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, will give a keynote speech. The other speakers will include Ambassador [Stephen J. Rapp](#), the US ambassador-at-large for war crimes from 2009 to 2015 and a former chief prosecutor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

The conference is taking place amid [growing momentum](#) for a war crimes court in Liberia. No one implicated in grave crimes – including murders, mutilation, torture, and rape – during the country’s back-to-back civil wars between 1989 through 2003 has been tried in Liberia. The UN Human Rights Committee in July said that the government should establish a process for justice, [expressing concern](#) that “none of the alleged perpetrators... has been brought to justice.”

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. in the Corina Hotel in Monrovia. The opening sessions will be open to the

media. Tea break will be offered for journalists who attend. No other assistance is available.

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