

2ND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM (REGIONAL COURTS)

25 March 2021 – 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Central European Time)

**Seminar Room (Human Rights Building, Strasbourg)
and KUDO (duration approx. 2 hours)
Interpretation into English, French and Spanish**

3.00 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.

I. Welcome

Words of welcome by:

Robert Spano, President of the European Court of Human Rights

Rolf Mafael, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Germany to the Council of Europe

Short addresses by:

Sylvain Oré, President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

Patricio Pazmiño Freire, Vice-President of the Inter-American Court

3.15 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

II. Tour de table: A presentation from each Court on current issues, developments of particular importance and areas of specific concern or priority

Chaired by President Robert Spano

Ben Kioko, Vice-President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (10 min)

Ricardo Pérez Manrique, Judge of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (10 min)

Arnfinn Bårdsen, Judge elected in respect of Norway, European Court of Human Rights (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)

4.00 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.

III. Jurisprudential cross-fertilisation between the three Courts

Chaired by Judge Chafika Bensaoula

Patricio Pazmiño Freire, Vice-president, Inter-American Court of Human Rights (10 min)

Rafaâ Ben Achour, Judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (10 min)

Anja Seibert-Fohr, Judge elected in respect of Germany, European Court of Human rights (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)

4.45 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

IV. Closing remarks (15 min)

Elizabeth Odio Benito, President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Suzanne Mengue, Judge of the African Court on Peoples' and Human Rights

Robert Spano, President of the European Court of Human Rights