

Call for applications for the Course on *Fundamentals on Defence Rights before International Courts*, 15 – 19 May 2017.

The *Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights* has launched the *Siracusa Institute's International Defence Counsel Training Programme* (the *Programme*). It is the first multifaceted and globally-oriented *Programme* specifically designed for international lawyers, in-house counsels and jurists dealing with cases related to international crimes before national and international jurisdictions, including crimes of a transnational nature. The *Programme* includes various modules of training in relevant jurisprudence of international courts, procedural elements of international proceedings, and the substantive and procedural aspects of international legal cooperation in cases related to international and transnational crimes.

The **Siracusa Institute** is honoured to work in this *Programme* with the *Association Internationale des Avocats* (UIA), the *Association internationale de Droit Pénal* (AIDP), the International Criminal Justice Consortium (ICJC), and the Italian *Scuola Superiore dell'Avvocatura* (SSA). To ensure the maximum benefit for the participants, the Institute is ready to engage with relevant bar associations and law societies for the accreditation of its Courses within respective continuing legal education programs (CLE). Some accreditations have been already granted and others are in the course of being granted.

The *Programme* has an outstanding Academia of world-renowned jurists and experts, whose prestige ensures that this *Programme* is truly of excellence. We are grateful to have these esteemed jurists as patrons, as well as lecturers and academic advisers.

We are pleased also to **open applications** for the Course on *Fundamentals on Defence Rights before International Courts*, which will be held from 15-19 May 2017 at our headquarters in Siracusa, Italy (a UNESCO world heritage site). Due to limited available positions in the Course, early registration is highly recommended.

Details on the *Programme*, its Academia and the calendar of training Courses can be found at our website: <http://internationaldefencecounsel.siracusainstitute.org/cms/index.php>