

AFRICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

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ABSTRACT

Since the establishment and functioning of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in 2002, its work has generated a lot of debate, criticisms and controversy. This is largely due to the perception that the establishment seems to be functioning most actively against human rights atrocities in African states while the situations in other regions of the world receive much less attention. Despite the ongoing debates around this issue, it is quite important to note that the practice and jurisprudence of the ICC have resulted in a number of significant developments in the field of international law generally and international humanitarian law in particular. This article seeks to highlight some of the major contributions that have been made to the development of the relevant fields of the law by the ICC, and gives a general overview of the cases before the ICC that have emanated from Africa.