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Rule of Law Webinar Series: COVID-19 and the Rule of Law

The New Age of Online Courts: Has the COVID-19 Pandemic Ushered an Era to Deliver Justice Through Virtual Means?

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Will courts change forever following the COVID-19 pandemic? The COVID-19 pandemic has acted as an accelerant to switch to digital means to deliver justice. From e-filings to virtual hearings, the justice systems of countries across the world are using technology to define their legal and justice landscape, infusing their existing procedures and practices with technology and setting the ground to welcome the fourth industrial revolution in the justice sector.

As the justice systems are adjusting and adapting to the new normal, a number of questions, concerns and issues arise in the context of digitization of courts generally and the efficacy of virtual hearings specifically. This webinar brings together a diverse group of legal experts to discuss their experiences and views on the use of technology and online platforms to deliver justice.

Speakers

- **The Hon Chief Justice Irene Chirwa Mambilima**, Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia
- **The Hon Chief Justice Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika**, Chief Justice of the National and Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea
- **Prof Richard Susskind**, author of "Online Courts and the Future of Justice"

Moderator

- **Ndanga Kamau**, Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration

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