

MS. SILVIA FERNÁNDEZ DE GURMENDI

Former President

International Criminal Court

Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi was elected to the International Criminal Court from List A (competence in criminal law and procedure) on 18 November 2009, for a term of eight years and two months (to fill a judicial vacancy), from 20 January 2010 to 10 March 2018. She was initially assigned to the Pre-Trial Division and assumed full time duty on 17 January 2011. She was the President of the Court and member of the appeals Division from 11 March 2015 to 10 March 2017.

Prior to joining the ICC, Judge Fernández de Gurmendi was the Director General for Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina, where she acted as a representative of her country in cases before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Justice. She also represented Argentina before other human rights bodies and advised on transitional justice issues related to the prevention of genocide and other international crimes.

She played a leadership role in the creation and setting up of the International Criminal Court as President on the Working Group on Criminal Procedure and Vice-President of the Committee of the Whole at the Rome Conference. She was also instrumental in the negotiations of the complementary instruments of the Rome Statute as chair of the Working Group on Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the Working Group on Aggression.

Judge Fernández de Gurmendi's academic experience includes professorships of international criminal law at the Universities of Buenos Aires and Palermo and as an assistant professor of international law at the University of Buenos Aires. She has published a number of national and international publications related to the ICC including, amongst others, the role of the Prosecutor, criminal procedure, and the definition of victims.

She holds a Law Degree from the University of Cordoba, Argentina, a Masters in Public Law from the University of Limoges, France, and a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.