



The right to silence and the right to fair trial in The Gambia

Abstract: Consideration of the right to fair trial in The Gambia is particularly timely in the aftermath of a number of events. First, the recent rejection of the draft constitution by the National Assembly. Second, in the wake of ongoing efforts to secure accountability for members of the previous government of The Gambia through the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparation Commission and through criminal cases. This session aims to encourage reflection on the means of securing due process at trial in The Gambia today, and in identifying opportunities for the future.

The right to silence as a specific example sits at the intersection of criminal procedure, constitutional law, and human rights. Immunity from compulsion to testify has emerged as a newly contentious issue following the case of Yankuba Touray in 2020.

This roundtable will draw on the expertise of Gambian and international experts in criminal procedure, constitutional law, and human rights.

Chaired by IHRDA

Speakers: To be confirmed