



## Panel forum

“Towards Achieving Global Justice: Latin American and European Perspectives”.

September 10<sup>th</sup>, Berlin

18:00 a 20:00

**Bread for the World, Conference Room.**

The Deutsche Richterbund Germany, the International Association of Judges, the Central American Federation of Judges for Democracy (FECAJUD), Misereor, Bread for the World, the Round Table for Central America in Germany, the International Platform Against Impunity, the Centre for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) and the Acting Together Jotay Program are organizing the event “Towards Achieving Global Justice: Latin American and European Perspectives”.

The event is part of the ‘International Judges’ Conference from Central America and Europe 2024’, taking place in Berlin, Germany, which brings together 18 judges and members of judicial associations of renowned trajectory in Central America and Europe, as well as members of international organizations that advocate for the defense of judicial independence.

The dialogues that will take place in the different spaces of the Meeting respond to the need to sustain collaborations between different social sectors to defend the attacks on justice systems in different regions of the world.

The global context continues to confront us with the consequences of a pandemic and climate emergency. The rise of authoritarianism in different regions and weakening democracies, as well as increasing inequality, are provoking a human rights crisis. Justice systems must grapple with legal and factual issues that require resources and time. Collaboration between independent judges from different latitudes with political bodies that understand the risks, threats and intimidation faced by judges in this democratic backlash is vital to protect all human rights.

For this reason, the event aims to promote dialogue between different social sectors on the situation of judicial independence in Latin America, Europe and globally, in light of contemporary challenges, in order to identify the common challenges, they face, as well as opportunities for support or joint work between regions and sectors. Only by strengthening justice systems will human rights be guaranteed for all people.





## PROGRAM

### 18:00 to 18:10 Welcoming Remarks

*Christiane Schulte.* Head of the Latin American and Caribbean Department of Bread for the World.

### 18:10-18:30 Judicial independence in the face of contemporary challenges to democracy

Margaret Satterthwaite. Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers of the United Nations.

### 18:30-18:50 Situation of justice and the rule of law in Europe. Mechanisms and challenges for the protection of European and global judicial independence

Tim Eicke. Judge of the European Court of Human Rights.

### 18:50 to 20:00 Panel: Global and regional trends in the defense of judicial independence

#### **Situation of judicial independence in Latin America.**

*Walter Barone.* President of the Ibero-American Group of the International Association of Judges.

#### **Challenges and opportunities for European judicial independence: the Polish case.**

*Dorota Zabłudowska.* Judge and member of the Polish judges' association "Iustitia".

#### **Contributions to global justice from German politics.**

*Frank Schwabe.* German MP for the Social Democratic Party.

*Panel moderator: Silke Pfeiffer, head of the policy department of Bread for the World.*

*Questions from the audience will be included in the dialogue.*

### 20:00 Closing remarks

### Refreshments

