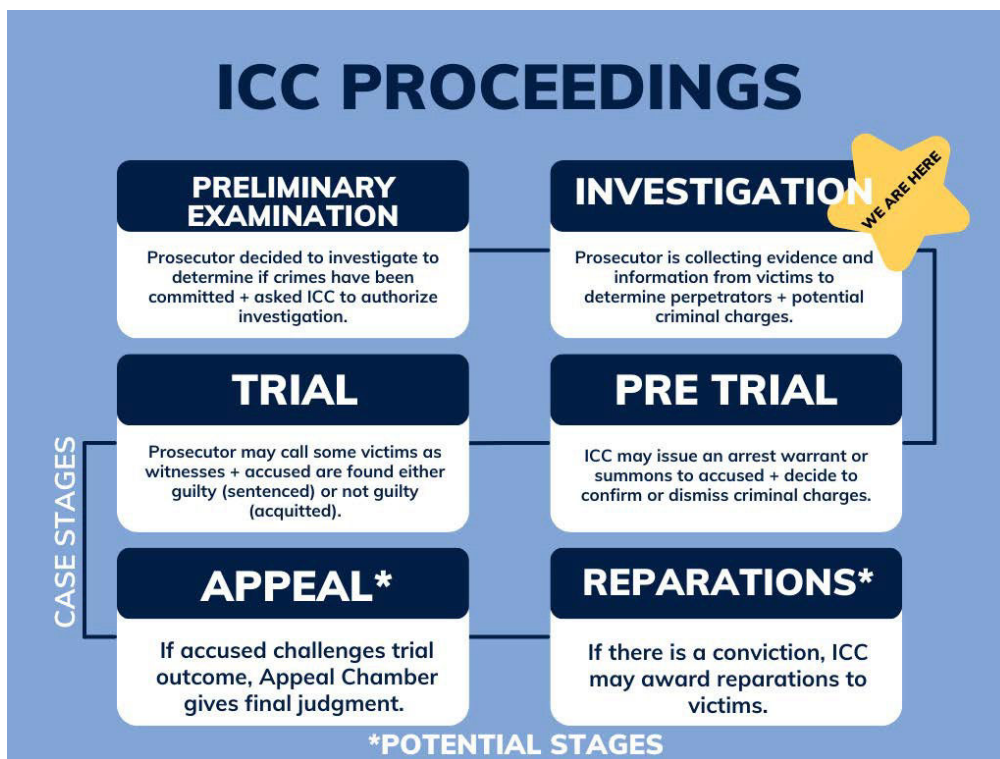




Frequently Asked Questions

Victim Participation in ICC Cases

1. What are the standard procedures of the International Criminal Court (ICC)?



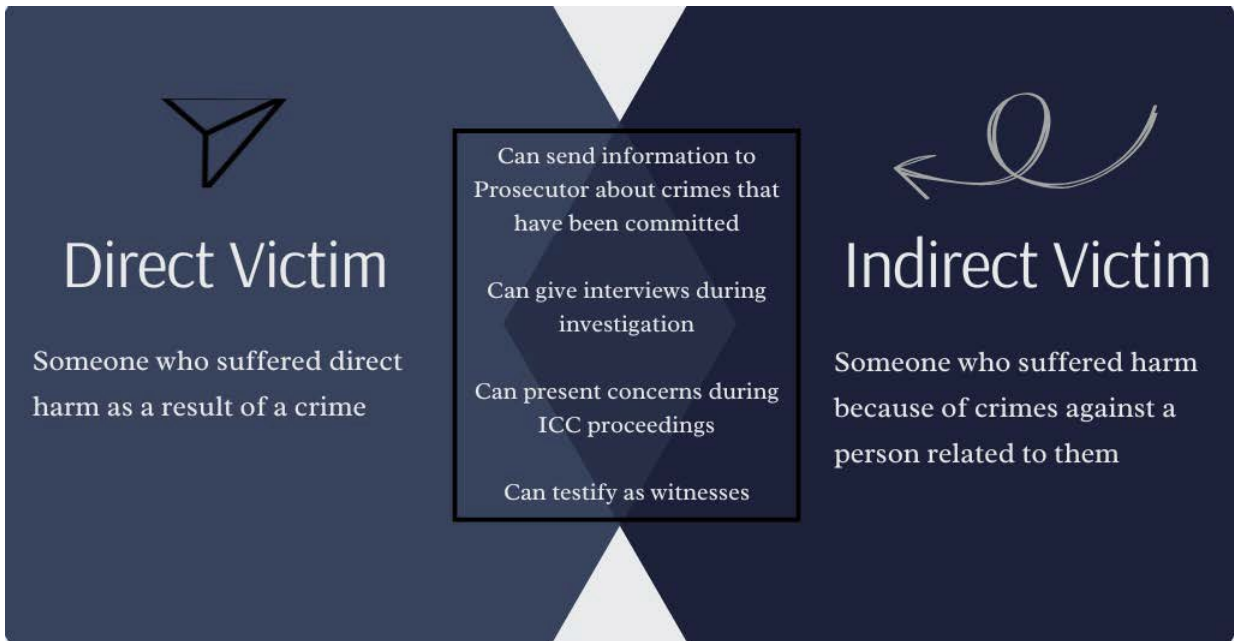
2. How does the Court involve victims in proceedings?

ICC judges decide whether an individual is a victim of a crime under the jurisdiction of the Court, whether the individual may participate in any stage of the proceedings, and, in the event of a conviction, whether the individual is entitled to reparations.

Victims are kept informed of developments at each stage of proceedings, including hearing dates, Court decisions, and any appeals.

3. Who is a "victim" in the context of the ICC?

How can they participate in Court proceedings?



4. Do victims have their own lawyers?

Yes, victims are entitled to be represented by a lawyer before the ICC.

Atty. Joel Butuyan and Atty. Gilbert Andres of CenterLaw are accredited to represent victims before the ICC and are currently representing victims in the Philippines investigation.

If victims need assistance from lawyers at CenterLaw, please visit us at our Makati office, contact us at centerlawphilippines@protonmail.com or call us at (02) 8527 6317.

CenterLaw's representation services are provided free of charge.

5. What is the difference between **participating as a victim** and **testifying as a witness**?

When a victim acts as a *participant*, they voluntarily communicate their views and concerns through a legal representative, and do not need to appear in person.

When a victim testifies as a *witness*, they give evidence at a specific time during trial in person.


An *individual may be both* a participant and a witness.

6. How can I apply to participate as a victim in ICC proceedings?

The Victims Participation and Reparations Section (VPRS) provides an electronic application form.

Contact the VPRS for assistance at vprs.information@icc-cpi.int.

VICTIM PARTICIPATION APPLICATION REMINDERS



Each individual interested in participating must complete their own separate form.

If you need more space to answer questions, continue on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the application form.

Each sheet of paper attached to the form should have the victim's name and signature.

Try to answer all questions as completely as possible with all necessary information, to avoid delays.

Only submit a copy of your proof of identity documents with the form (NOT original documents).

Please write clearly and use a pen in black ink.

7. Who has access to my **information**? How will my **identity** be protected?

While some of the information provided may be made available to the public during Court proceedings, the Court generally *does not make victims' identities available to the public*.

Later on in proceedings, ICC judges decide whether the information contained in the application form will be shared with the Prosecutor and the Defence.

If a victim has safety concerns regarding any information shared on the application, these concerns should be raised in the form.

For general security purposes, please keep the fact that you are participating with the ICC *confidential*.