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The New York City Bar's Committee on African Affairs cordially invites you to a program on:

**WITHDRAWALS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL
CRIMINAL COURT: RATIONALE; OBJECTIONS;
IMPUNITY AND THE WAY FORWARD**

Monday, January 9 at 6:30 PM
at the House of the Bar Association
42 West 44th Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues)

On October 21, 2016 South Africa's government filed notice of its intention to quit the International Criminal Court (the "ICC") (the process will take a year). Burundi and The Gambia (home to the ICC's Chief Prosecutor) also decided to withdraw from the ICC. Kenya, Uganda and Namibia have made similar threats. This program will discuss the rationale for such withdrawals and objections by the U.N. Secretary-General and Chief Prosecutor of the ICC, among others. This discussion seeks not only to repeat the pros and cons of the withdrawals, but to propose steps that can be taken to avoid impunity of top-level perpetrators of atrocities and war crimes in countries that have withdrawn from the ICC.

Speakers:

H.E. Ambassador Jerry Matthews Matjila, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations;

H.E. Ambassador Mamadou Tangara, Permanent Representative of the Republic of The Gambia to the United Nations—Invited;

Elise Keppler, Esq., Associate Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch;
Stephen Arthur Lamony, Esq., Senior Advisor – AU, UN and Africa Situations, Coalition for the International Criminal Court; and

Moderator: Elizabeth Barad, Esq., International Law and Gender Consultant, co-chair of the African Affairs committee.

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The program is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to elizabethbarad@gmail.com