

## Special Adviser on Knowledge Transfer

### Short Bio. | Mr Morten Bergsmo



Mr Morten Bergsmo is the Director of the *Centre for International Law Research and Policy* (CILRAP). He has been a legal adviser for the Commission of Experts for the former Yugoslavia established pursuant to UN Security Council resolution 780 (1992) in 1993-94; a Legal Adviser in the Office of the Prosecutor of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (1994-2002), which he represented during the International Criminal Court (ICC) negotiations (1996-2001); and served as the first Senior Legal Adviser and Chief of the Legal Advisory Section of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor (2002-2005). He subsequently worked as an academic at leading academic institutions in China, Europe and North-America (2006-2018). Mr Bergsmo has led significant research projects on integrity in international justice, quality control in documentation, preliminary examination and investigation, and historical origins of international criminal law. The conceptualisation of these and other projects have mobilised hundreds of experts from around the world to contribute their knowledge and reflections, leading to the publication of more than 30 books.

Since 2005, Mr Bergsmo has argued that access to international law sources and knowledge should be as open as possible, in the interest of enhancing domestic capacity and broadening ownership in the international legal order, recognising that this can contribute towards redressing the inherent imbalance between rich and poor, developed and developing nations.

To this end, he has led the development of several digital public goods (including the ICC Legal Tools Database, the ICC Case Matrix and Lexsitus) and the first open-access publisher in international law (the Torkel Opsahl Academic EPublisher). The June 2020 Roadmap for Digital Cooperation by the UN Secretary-General calls for “a concerted global effort to create” such digital public goods.

