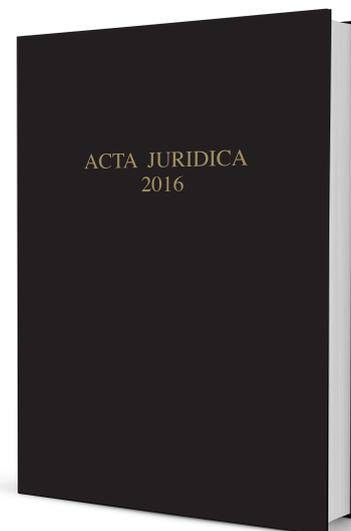


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Nevertheless, civil society groups in Africa are seeking to utilise international and domestic legal frameworks to pursue justice for international crimes committed around the continent and the globe. Indeed, civil society organisations are already playing a key role in domestic international criminal justice procedures in several African countries, with South Africa being a prominent example, as well as before international criminal tribunals, including the International Criminal Court.

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