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## Conceptualizing complementarity from a gender-competent and pluralistic perspective

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## **Inspiring Minds Submission**

My work focuses on the International Criminal Court's (ICC's) principle of complementarity. The principle of complementarity obligates the ICC to intervene only when domestic courts are unable or unwilling to prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes. My research examines the effect of ICC-led interventions on gender-sensitive justice, sustainable peace, and legal pluralism, focusing on post-conflict Uganda. To safeguard human flourishing, it is essential to pursue accountability without destabilizing post-conflict societies and triggering the resurgence of conflict. I argue that flexible and context-specific accountability mechanisms are sufficient to meet local understandings of justice and can lead to sustainable peace in societies transitioning out of periods of war. My research will contribute to a deeper understanding of how the principle of complementarity can apply to other post-conflict societies in a gender-sensitive manner, thereby contributing to the promise of a more equitable and lasting peace.