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# **SECOND JUDICIAL COLLOQUIUM** THE NEW FACE OF ATROCITY CRIME PROCEEDINGS:

Internationalisation of Standards, Regional Dialogues on Procedural and Cooperation Matters, and Use of New Technologies

# 28–29 February 2024

Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania





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## SECOND JUDICIAL COLLOQUIUM

# **INTRODUCTION**

The Second Judicial Colloquium aims to gather various experts, including eminent jurists from the countries of the East African Community, Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the East African Court of Justice, Mechanism Judges, staff members from these courts, as well as other legal practitioners and academics.

Following the formal opening of the Second Judicial Colloquium and an introductory panel, the programme will commence with the Keynote Address. Afterwards, the two-day programme will feature five substantive panels, including an opportunity for participants to engage in a question-and-answer session.

The composition of panels will reflect diversity, taking into account, *inter alia*, gender, geographic representation, professional background, and expertise in the relevant areas of discussion.

The programme will also include, on the first day, a visit to and reception at the Mechanism's premises in Lakilaki, just outside of Arusha. This will be an opportunity to examine specific court management innovations, which may be of interest to participants' own institutions.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided, as will transportation between the conference venue and the Mechanism's premises on the first day.

The Second Judicial Colloquium is being funded by a generous contribution previously received from Mr. Benjamin B. Ferencz along with his son, Mr. Donald Ferencz.



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# <u>AGENDA</u>

## Wednesday, 28 February 2024

- 08:30 09:30 Registration
- 09:30 09:40 Formal Opening

#### Hon. Ambassador Dr. Pindi Hazara CHANA Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, United Republic of Tanzania

09:40 – 10:00 Introductory Panel

## Judge Graciela GATTI SANTANA

President, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Hon. Justice Nestor KAYOBERA President, East African Court of Justice

Hon. Lady Justice Imani Daud ABOUD President, African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

10:00 – 10:30 Keynote Address

#### Ms. Alice Wairimu NDERITU

United Nations Under-Secretary-General and the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide

- 10:30 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 12:30 Panel I, Safeguarding Human Rights in Criminal Proceedings for Atrocity Crimes: Fair Trial Rights and Harmonising Standards of Justice

Judge Solomy Balungi BOSSA Judge, International Criminal Court

#### Judge Margaret M. deGUZMAN Judge, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

#### **Ms. Thembile SEGOETE**

Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Prosecutor, Arusha branch, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

#### Moderator: Ms. Emiliya VIKTOROVA

Senior Legal Officer, Chambers, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break



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13:30 - 15:00	Panel II, Safeguarding Human Rights in Criminal Proceedings for Atrocity Crimes: Fitness to Stand Trial and Counsel's Representation
	Judge Aminatta Lois Runeni N'GUM Judge, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
	Judge Iain BONOMY Judge, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
	Ms. Kate GIBSON Counsel before the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals and the International Criminal Court
	Professor Simeon S. SUNGI Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, United States International University- Africa
	Moderator: Mr. Iain EDWARDS Counsel before the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, International Criminal Court, and Kosovo Specialist Chambers
15:00	Departure to the Mechanism Premises in Lakilaki
16:00	Welcome to the Mechanism Premises
	Mr. Abubacarr M. TAMBADOU Registrar, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
16:10	Tribute to the Life and Legacy of Benjamin B. Ferencz
	Mr. Serge BRAMMERTZ Prosecutor, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
16:30	Group Photograph
16:45 – 17:30	Tour of the Mechanism Premises
17:30 - 19:00	Reception at the Mechanism Premises
19:00	Transportation back to the Conference Venue



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### Thursday, 29 February 2024

09:00 – 10:30 Panel III, Transnational and International Cooperation: State Cooperation and Practical Challenges in Securing Justice for Atrocity Crimes

Mr. Aimable HAVUGIYAREMYE Prosecutor General, Republic of Rwanda

Mr. Serge BRAMMERTZ

Prosecutor, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Ms. Christine MUTIMURA Deputy Registrar, East African Court of Justice

#### **Ambassador Stephen J. RAPP**

Former United States Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice and former Chief of Prosecutions, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

# Moderator: Ms. Ana Cristina RODRÍGUEZ PINEDA

*Chef de Cabinet* and Principal Legal Advisor, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

- 10:30 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 12:30 Panel IV, Transnational and International Cooperation: Judicial Dialogue on Cooperation in Atrocity Cases at the Regional and National Levels

#### Judge Vagn Prüsse JOENSEN

Judge, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Hon. Lady Justice Susan OKALANY Judge of the High Court, Republic of Uganda

Mr. Abubacarr M. TAMBADOU

Registrar, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Hon. Justice Dr. Fauz TWAIB President, East African Law Society

Moderator: Mr. Matthew CARLSON

Senior Legal Officer, Chambers, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

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#### 13:30 – 15:00 Panel V, The Use of New Technologies before National, Regional, and International Courts: Delivering Justice during a Pandemic

Hon. Justice François Régis RUKUNDAKUVUGA President of the Court of Appeal, Republic of Rwanda

#### Hon. Lady Justice Anita MUGENI

Vice-President, East African Court of Justice

#### Hon. Justice Sir Dennis Dominic ADJEI

Judge, African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

#### Mr. Jesse LEFF

Legal Officer, Chambers, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

#### **Moderator: Judge Carmel AGIUS**

Judge, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

#### 15:00 – 15:30 Closing Segment

#### Judge Nicolas GUILLOU

Pre-Trial Judge, Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Judge-elect, International Criminal Court

#### Judge William H. SEKULE

Judge, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

#### Judge Graciela GATTI SANTANA

President, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

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# PANELS

# SAFEGUARDING HUMAN RIGHTS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS FOR ATROCITY CRIMES (1/2):

Fair Trial Rights and Harmonising Standards of Justice

While independent judicial institutions bring justice to victims of atrocity crimes whose human rights have been violated, they must ensure that the proceedings themselves are fair and in accordance with applicable human rights standards. International courts and tribunals were at the forefront of developing applicable standards and procedural safeguards to ensure the necessary respect for fair trial rights even when conducting cases for the most heinous crimes. National courts now play an equivalent role as they adjudicate atrocities under their jurisdiction, and there remains the potential for regional courts to do likewise in the future. The panellists will analyse developments concerning fair trial rights applied to criminal proceedings, including the right to be presumed innocent, equality before the law, and victims' access to justice. By doing so, the panel will address human rights protections in criminal proceedings and judicial approaches to this topic, as well as the harmonisation of standards of justice across different institutions.

# II SAFEGUARDING HUMAN RIGHTS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS FOR ATROCITY CRIMES (2/2):

Fitness to Stand Trial and Counsel's Representation

This panel will examine the rights of an accused person, with a particular focus on two threshold issues of which a court must often satisfy itself before proceedings can commence: fitness to stand trial and the availability of adequate legal assistance. Due to the time that can elapse before alleged perpetrators are arrested, it is not uncommon for courts adjudicating atrocity crimes to also find themselves addressing matters arising out of the advanced age of the accused. In this regard, increased attention is being paid to fitness to stand trial as an issue which national, regional, and international courts and tribunals must properly resolve in the face of sometimes complex medical situations while adhering to applicable human rights protections. Another essential aspect of fair trial proceedings is the right to be represented by qualified Counsel, along with the practical implications of ensuring this right can be duly exercised. Panellists will be given an opportunity to highlight the recent jurisprudence rendered in relation to these topics before the Mechanism and other international tribunals, and to discuss their implications for atrocity crime proceedings more generally.



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# III TRANSNATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (1/2): State Cooperation and Practical Challenges in Securing Justice for Atrocity Crimes

It is impossible to overstate the importance of transnational and international cooperation to the successful prosecution and adjudication of atrocity crimes. The Mechanism and its predecessor tribunals have been fortunate to rely on the committed cooperation of States over many years but, like other international courts, they have also faced various obstacles that have impeded a fulsome discharge of their mandates. With an increase in regional and national proceedings, some of these challenges might now be transferred to judicial entities at these levels as well. This panel aims to explore the practical obstacles faced by judicial actors which illustrate the ever-present need for cooperation, as well as discussions of the methods used to secure such cooperation. Areas of interest might include transnational investigations and the collection of evidence, contact with witnesses and victims located in other jurisdictions, the arrest and transfer of suspects, the execution of decisions and orders, and the relocation of accused or convicted persons following the conclusion of the cases against them.

# IV TRANSNATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (2/2): Judicial Dialogue on Cooperation in Atrocity Cases at the Regional and National Levels

The East African region, including its constituent Member States, has shown its determination to play a leading role in strengthening accountability for atrocity crimes. This is evident not only in the establishment of international crimes divisions in the judicial systems of the Republic of Uganda in 2008 and the Republic of Rwanda in 2012 (following the completion of the Gacaca courts' work), but also in more recent initiatives leading to the ongoing ratification procedure for the African Court of Justice and Human Rights, including the Malabo Protocol which would confer jurisdiction over international crimes, as well as the anticipated Hybrid Court for South Sudan which would operate under the auspices of the African Union Commission. This panel will provide an opportunity for experienced participants to discuss this recent trend, as well as the ways in which cooperation and capacity-building can be enhanced in operationalising such judicial institutions to maximise their success.



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# V THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES BEFORE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL COURTS: Delivering Justice during a Pandemic

Judicial proceedings are so essential to the functioning of society that they cannot be held in abeyance even during times of unprecedented global lockdowns, a fact borne out by the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since 2020, courts have been forced to adapt their working methods in order to continue fulfilling their respective mandates. This panel will discuss how national, regional, and international tribunals have used certain novelties to do so, while giving an opportunity to the panellists to discuss their own experiences in relation to topics such as remote access, video-conferencing, and case record management. The panel will conclude by highlighting current best practices, as well as possibilities for continued advancement, to guarantee the continuity of justice during challenging times.



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# **BIOGRAPHIES**

## Host

#### Judge Graciela GATTI SANTANA



Graciela Gatti Santana has been a Judge of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals ("IRMCT") since it commenced operations in 2012, and President since 1 July 2022. In the IRMCT, Judge Gatti Santana has served as the Presiding Judge of the Appeals Chamber, a member of the Trial Chamber, and Single Judge. Judge Gatti Santana worked within the Uruguayan judiciary for over 30 years, including as a Criminal Judge of the 7th Circuit Court (2006-2008), Judge for Organised Crime at the 1st Circuit Court (2008-2012), Appeals Judge to the Civil Court of the 4th Circuit Court (2012-2016), and Judge of the Court of Appeals in Criminal Matters (2016–2022).

# **Formal Opening**

#### Hon. Ambassador Dr. Pindi Hazara CHANA



Pindi Hazara Chana has served the United Republic of Tanzania in different capacities across national, regional and global levels. She currently holds the position of Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs (2023-present), and was previously appointed, among other ministerial roles held since 2014, as Minister of Culture, Arts and Sports (2023) and Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism (2022-2023). She has also been a Member of Parliament in the National Assembly of Tanzania (2010-2015 and 2020-2025). In addition, she has experience as the Tanzania High Commissioner in Kenya (2017-2020), where she served as the Permanent Representative to the United Nations ("UN") Environment Programme and to the UN

Human Settlements Programme. She holds a PhD in Law from Mzumbe University, an LL.M. from the University of Dar es Salaam, and an LL.B. from Peoples Friendship University (Lumumba).



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# **Introductory Panel**

#### Hon. Justice Nestor KAYOBERA



Nestor Kayobera is President of the East African Court of Justice ("EACJ"). From 2011-2020 he served as Director General of Judicial Organization and Principal State Attorney of the Republic of Burundi and, from 2016-2021, was President of the Governing Board of the Judicial Professional Training Centre. Prior to that, he was Principal Legal Advisor in the Office of the Minister of Justice, as well as a Judge of the Labour Tribunal in Burundi. He also served on the team of experts drafting the Constitution for the East African Community ("EAC") Political Confederation. Justice Kayobera holds a Master's Degree in Public International Law.

#### Hon. Lady Justice Imani Daud ABOUD



Imani Daud Aboud is a national of Tanzania and the current President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights ("ACtHPR"). She was elected Judge of the ACtHPR in July 2018 and re-elected in 2020, and was subsequently elected President of the ACtHPR (2021-2023) and re-elected for a second term (2023-2025). She holds a Master of Laws (University of Malta) and a Bachelor of Laws (University of Dar es Salaam). Prior to her election as President of the ACtHPR, she was Judge at the High Court of Tanzania. She served as the Assistant Director in the Office of President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Public Service Management. She also served as the Vice-Chairperson of the Independent Review Electoral Commission in Kenya, 2008.

## **Keynote Address**

#### Ms. Alice Wairimu NDERITU



Alice Wairimu Nderitu of Kenya is the UN Under-Secretary-General and the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide. Ms. Nderitu is a recognised voice in the field of peacebuilding and violence prevention, having led as mediator and senior adviser in reconciliation processes. She served as Commissioner of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission in Kenya, as well as Founding Member and co-Chair of the Uwiano Platform for Peace, a prevention agency linking early warning to early response. She was also one of the founders of Community Voices for Peace and Pluralism, a network of African women professionals preventing, transforming and solving violent, ethnic, racial and religious

conflicts worldwide. Widely published, she is the recipient of awards recognising her commitment to peaceful conflict transformation throughout Africa and her innovative approach to mediation.



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# Panel I

#### Judge Solomy Balungi BOSSA



Solomy Balungi Bossa has been a Judge of the International Criminal Court ("ICC") since 2018. She previously served as a Judge at the IRMCT (2012-2018), the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda ("ICTR") (2003-2013), the ACtHPR (2012-2018), the EACJ (2001-2006), as well as at the Court of Appeal (2013-2018) and the High Court of Uganda (1997-2013). She has additional experience practising law and delivering trainings at the Law Development Centre and authored law reports in Uganda. As an activist, she led and/or founded several Non-Governmental Organisations dealing with women's human rights and children's rights as well as governance and elections. She is a former President of the East

African Law Society and the Uganda Law Society and a member of various professional legal associations.

#### Judge Margaret M. deGUZMAN



Margaret M. deGuzman is a Judge of the IRMCT, and the James E. Beasley Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Institute for International Law and Public Policy at Temple Law School. Her research areas include international criminal law, humanitarian law, human rights law, and transitional justice. She is a Senior Peace Fellow at the Public International Law and Policy Group, a consultant with Global Rights Compliance, a board member of the Center for International Law and Policy in Africa, and she serves on the editorial board of the African Journal of International Criminal Justice.

#### **Ms. Thembile SEGOETE**



Thembile Segoete is the Senior Legal Officer and Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Prosecutor ("OTP") at the Arusha branch of the IRMCT since 2020. Previously, she served as a Legal Advisor (2006-2009) and as an Appeals Counsel (2010-2015) at the ICTR. Thembile later joined the ACtHPR, where she worked as a Principal Legal Officer from 2016-2017. She rejoined the IRMCT as a Legal Officer in June 2017. Prior to her international career, Thembile worked as a Prosecutor in Lesotho for 10 years.



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#### Ms. Emiliya VIKTOROVA



Emiliya Viktorova is a Senior Legal Officer and co-Chief of the Chambers Legal Support Section of the IRMCT. Prior to joining the Mechanism, Emiliya worked as a Legal Officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia ("ICTY"). Emiliya has also worked with the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Liberia, the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Emiliya holds a Master's Degree in law from Sofia University, Bulgaria, and an LL.M. *cum laude* in Internationalisation of Crime and Criminal Justice from Utrecht University, The Netherlands.

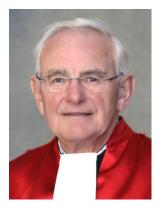
#### Panel II

#### Judge Aminatta Lois Runeni N'GUM



Aminatta Lois Runeni N'gum has been a Judge of the IRMCT since it commenced operations in July 2012. Previously, Judge N'gum was a Judge of the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of The Gambia (2010-2011), following her service to the ICTR (1999-2009), including as Head of the Appeals Support Unit in The Hague, Head of the Defence Counsel and Detention Management Section, and Deputy Chief of the Court Management Section in Arusha. Judge N'gum also served the judiciary of The Gambia in various capacities, including as First Judicial Secretary (1998-1999), Master of the Supreme Court (1990-1994) and Senior and Principal Magistrate (1980-1990).

#### Judge Iain BONOMY



Educated in Scotland, Lord Iain Bonomy was from 1968 successively solicitor, advocate, Queen's Counsel, Judge of the Supreme Courts of Scotland, Judge of the ICTY, Judge of the Court of Appeal in Scotland, and Judge of the IRMCT, currently Presiding in the trial of Félicien Kabuga. In 2020, he served as member of the Group of Independent Experts which reviewed the ICC and provided recommendations to improve the performance of the Court. In Scotland and at the ICTY he chaired various Reviews and Working Groups which led to improvements in practice in serious criminal proceedings.



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#### Ms. Kate GIBSON



Kate Gibson is an international criminal lawyer. She has been representing accused before the international courts and tribunals since 2005 in some of the leading cases in the field. She was the Co-Counsel of President Charles Taylor (Special Court for Sierra Leone ("SCSL")), President Radovan Karadžić (IRMCT), and Vice-President Jean-Pierre Bemba (ICC). At the ICTR, she represented three accused, including as Lead Counsel of Justin Mugenzi. Currently, she is part of the legal team of President Hashim Thaçi (Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("KSC")), and Co-Counsel of Bosco Ntaganda (ICC). Ms Gibson is an Associate Tenant of Doughty Street Chambers in London, and holds an LL.M. in International Law from Cambridge University.

#### **Professor Simeon P. SUNGI**



Simeon P. Sungi is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at the United States International University-Africa in Nairobi, Kenya. He is also an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and the High Court of Tanzania and a former staff member of the ICTR. He earned a PhD in Criminal Justice from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, a Master's Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, an LL.M. in International Human Rights Law from Indiana University Robert McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis, Indiana, and an LL.B. (Hons) from the Open University of Tanzania. He has published books, book chapters, and journal articles in both local and international

journals and is the editor-in-chief of the Africa Journal of Crime and Justice.

#### **Mr. Iain EDWARDS**



lain Edwards was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2000. He is a member of 1MCB Chambers in London. Since 2009, he has specialised in international criminal defence, working on three cases before the ICTR. He then defended Mustafa Baddredine before the Special Tribunal for Lebanon ("STL"), Mr. Stanišić and Ms. Fatuma before the IRMCT, and (briefly) Mr. Al-Hassan before the ICC. He is currently instructed as counsel for Mr. Abd-Al-Rahman (ICC), Mr. Kilaj (KSC) and Mr. Nteziryayo (IRMCT). He has held a number of elected positions in the International Criminal Court Bar Association, and is alternate member of the disciplinary board for ICC counsel.



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## Panel III

#### Mr. Aimable HAVUGIYAREMYE



Aimable Havugiyaremye is the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Rwanda since November 2019. He has had an extensive career in public service. His positions included serving as Vice-Chair and later Chairperson of the Rwanda Law Reform Commission, Rector of the Institute of Legal Practice and Development, Commissioner in the Commission in charge of advising the Parliament in reviewing the Constitution of Rwanda in 2015. He was also Principal State Attorney in the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Rwanda, and a Lecturer in the School of Law at the University of Rwanda. He holds a Master's Degree in international law from the University of Pretoria (South Africa) and a Diploma in leadership from the Institute for National Transformation.

#### Mr. Serge BRAMMERTZ



IRMCT Chief Prosecutor Serge Brammertz has led the investigation and prosecution of grave international crimes for more than two decades. From 2008 until its closure in 2017, he was ICTY Chief Prosecutor. Previously, he led the international investigation into the assassination of Lebanese Prime Minister Hariri and served as the first ICC Deputy Prosecutor. Prior to his international appointments, Brammertz was a national magistrate and then head of the Belgian Federal Prosecution. He holds a law degree from the University of Louvain-la-Neuve, a criminology degree from the University.

#### Ms. Christine MUTIMURA



Christine Mutimura is the current Deputy Registrar of the EACJ. Prior to joining the Court, she was the Senior Legal Officer of the EAC Secretariat, the Regional Integration Specialist (Legal Reform) of the EAC Secretariat, and the Principal State Attorney, Legal Advisory Services of the Ministry of Justice Kigali, Rwanda. She also worked as Prosecutor at Provincial Level – Office of the Prosecutor General of the Government of Rwanda. Ms. Mutimura holds an LL.B. from Makerere University, an LL.M. from the University of Glasgow and a Certificate in International Arbitration from Hamline University School of Law in collaboration with Queen Mary, University of London.



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#### **Ambassador Stephen J. RAPP**



Stephen Rapp was United States Ambassador-at-Large heading the Office of Global Criminal Justice during 2009-2015, where he coordinated US Government support for international, hybrid and national courts and tribunals prosecuting atrocity crimes. From 2007-2009, he served as prosecutor of the SCSL, where he led the prosecution of former Liberian President Charles Taylor. From 2001-2007, he served as senior trial attorney and chief of prosecutions at the ICTR, where he headed the team that achieved the conviction of media leaders for incitement to genocide. Before his international service, he was the US Attorney for N. Iowa during 1993-2001. He is currently a Senior Fellow at the United States Holocaust

Memorial Museum's Centre for Prevention of Genocide, and at Oxford University's Centre for Law, Ethics and Armed Conflict.

#### Ms. Ana Cristina RODRÍGUEZ PINEDA



Ana Cristina Rodríguez Pineda is the *Chef de Cabinet* and Principal Legal Advisor at the IRMCT. Previously, she worked at the ICTY and spent over a decade in different capacities at the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the UN, as Legal Adviser, Deputy Permanent Representative and Head of Mission, and Deputy Political Coordinator, counselling on various legal and political issues, including in the Sixth Committee as Vice-Chair and the Security Council chairing the Informal Working Group on International Tribunals. She holds a law degree from Universidad Francisco Marroquín de Guatemala, an LL.M. from Columbia Law School and is a doctoral candidate at Leiden University.

#### **Panel IV**

#### Judge Vagn Prüsse JOENSEN



Judge Vagn Prüsse Joensen has been a Judge of the IRMCT since it commenced operations in 2012. In that time, he has adjudicated matters as the Presiding Judge of the Appeals Chamber, Single Judge overseeing a multi-accused contempt trial, and duty Judge for the IRMCT's Arusha branch. Judge Joensen was previously appointed to the ICTR in 2007, where he heard a number of cases in Trial Chamber III and served as the ICTR's final President from 2012 through 2015. Before joining the ICTR, Judge Joensen served as an international judge at the UN Mission in Kosovo (2001-2002), as a Judge at the Danish High Court, Eastern Division (1994-2001) and City Court of Copenhagen (1982-1994), and in the Danish Ministry of Justice (1974-1982).



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#### Hon. Lady Justice Susan OKALANY



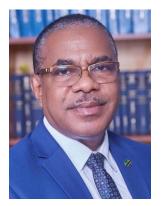
Susan Okalany possesses over 27 years' legal experience, including over 20 years as a Senior Prosecutor in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and as Judge of the High Court of Uganda. She is currently deployed as Trial Judge and Deputy Head of the International Crimes Division of High Court of Uganda, the first such specialised domestic court in Africa, established pursuant to the complementarity principle of the Rome Statute to deal with international crimes as those falling within the jurisdiction of the ICC as well as transnational crimes. She has conducted hundreds of trials involving serious national and transnational crimes.

#### Mr. Abubacarr M. TAMBADOU



On 1 July 2020, Abubacarr M. Tambadou was appointed as Registrar of the IRMCT. From 2017 to 2020, he was the Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Republic of The Gambia, leading key domestic and international justice initiatives, including *The Gambia v. Myanmar* at the ICJ. Between 2003 and 2017, he served in various capacity in the ICTR OTP. Mr. Tambadou holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from the University of Warwick and a LL.M. in International Human Rights Law from the School of Oriental and African Studies. He was on the Time Magazine list of 100 Most Influential People of 2020, and a Nobel Peace Prize Nominee in 2021.

#### Hon. Justice Dr. Fauz TWAIB



Fauz Twaib currently serves as the President of the East Africa Law Society, the premier regional Bar for the East African region composed of all the national Bars and with more than 35,000 individual members. He is also a Partner at Rex Advocates, a regional leading law firm. He holds an LL.B. (University of Dar es Salaam), LL.M. (Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada) and a Doctor of Laws (Dr. Jur) (University of Bayreuth, Germany). Hon. Justice Dr. Fauz Twaib has over 19 years' experience as a legal practitioner/advocate/academic and 10 years' experience as a Judge of Tanzania.



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#### **Mr. Matthew CARLSON**



Matthew Carlson (Senior Legal Officer; co-Chief of Chambers at the IRMCT) has served the UN for over 21 years, supporting IRMCT, ICTR, and ICTY Judges in Arusha and The Hague, including on more than 40 trial, appeal, or review judgements. He also investigates staff misconduct at other UN institutions as an OIOS-trained investigator. He previously specialised in complex and appellate litigation in the United States and advised on public international law matters. In addition, he assisted UN Expert, M. Cherif Bassiouni prepare the Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy (General Assembly resolution 60/147).

#### Panel V

#### Hon. Justice François Régis RUKUNDAKUVUGA



François Régis Rukundakuvuga is a senior judge and a certified mediator. He commenced his career within the judiciary in 2001 as a "*Conseiller à la Cour Suprême*" at the Department of Gacaca Courts. He then served as President of the High Court, Chamber of Nyanza/Southern Province of Rwanda from 2004 to 2007. Subsequently, he served as Inspector of Courts and later ascended to the position of Inspector General of Courts until 2019, when he was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Rwanda. Since May 2021, Justice Rukundakuvuga is President of the Court of Appeal of Rwanda. Additionally, he holds the role of Vice President of the High Council of the Judiciary and serves as a Commissioner in the Rwanda Law Reform Commission.

#### Hon. Lady Justice Anita MUGENI



Anita Mugeni is the Vice-President of the EACJ. She holds a Master's Degree in Law (LL.M.), FUSL-UCL, Belgium (2005) and a Bachelor's Degree in Law (LL.B.) from the National University of Rwanda (1996). Lady Justice Mugeni is a senior member of the Rwandan bar with great experience in the civil law system. She started her legal practice as an advocate in January 1998. Lady Justice Mugeni was appointed as Judge to EACJ, Appellate Division in February 2021 and in June 2023 she was designated the Vice-President of EACJ.



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#### Hon. Justice Sir Dennis Dominic ADJEI



Dennis Dominic Adjei is a Justice of the ACtHPR and of the Court of Appeal, Ghana. He a member Advisory of the Committee on the Nomination of the judges of the ICC. Justice Adjei also served as the Director for the Judicial Training Institute of Ghana, Chairperson for the African Judicial Education Network for Environmental Law, and President of the Association of Magistrates and Judges in Ghana. Justice Adjei has extensive academic experience teaching and holding key administrative functions at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Kumasi, the University of Cape Coast, the Faculty of Law at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, and the Ghana School

of Law. He received multiple fellowships and has published several articles in peer review journals.

#### **Mr. Jesse LEFF**



For more than 15 years, Jesse Leff has worked as a legal officer providing legal and administrative advice to ICTR and IRMCT Judges in 14 international criminal trials or appeals involving over 30 defendants. Notable cases include the *Bagosora et al.* trial and the *Karadžić, Mladić,* and *Stanišić and Simatović* appeals. Previously, he worked as a US lawyer with a focus on state and federal litigation in California. For several years, he also supervised investigators and investigated allegations of police misconduct committed by members of the New York City Police Department.

#### Judge Carmel AGIUS



Carmel Agius has been a Judge of the IRMCT since it commenced operations in 2012, and he served as the IRMCT's President from 2019 until June 2022. Judge Agius also served as the final President of the ICTY (2015-2017), having been its Vice-President for four years beforehand. He was a member of the Appeals Chamber of both the ICTR and ICTY (2009-2017) and the Presiding Judge of ICTY Trial Chamber II (2001-2009). Earlier in his career, Judge Agius served as a Senior Judge of Malta's Court of Appeal and Constitutional Court and was Acting Chief Justice on several occasions.



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#### Judge Nicolas GUILLOU



Nicolas Guillou is Pre-Trial Judge at the KSC since 2019. He has been elected to the ICC as a judge for the mandate 2024-2033. Judge Guillou previously served as the *Chef de Cabinet* to the President of the STL and France's Liaison Prosecutor at the US Department of Justice. Prior to that, he served as an Investigative Judge in the Court of Meaux, near Paris. Most recently, Judge Guillou was also one of the nine experts of the Independent Expert Review of the ICC.

#### Judge William H. SEKULE



William H. Sekule has been a Judge of the IRMCT since it commenced operations in 2012, where he has served as a member of the Appeals Chamber, Single Judge, and duty Judge for the IRMCT's Arusha branch. Judge Sekule was also among the first permanent Judges of the ICTR, and he adjudicated a number of significant cases as Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber II (1995-1999, 2001-2013) before subsequently joining the Appeals Chamber of both the ICTR and ICTY (2013-2015). Judge Sekule previously held positions in Tanzania as Judge of the High Court (1987-2004), Director of Public Prosecutions (1979-1987), and in the Attorney General's Chamber (1970-1987).