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## **FATOU BENSOU DA IS THE CONSENSUS CANDIDATE FOR THE ICC PROSECUTOR POSITION**

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Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) has learned that Fatou B. Bensouda (Gambia), currently Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), is the consensus candidate for the ICC Prosecutor position. The President of the Assembly of State Parties (ASP) to the ICC, the governing body of the ICC, had requested the five regional UN Ambassadors, chaired by Botswana, to poll governments to try to identify a consensus candidate for election at the forthcoming ASP Meeting in New York on 12th December 2011.



*Fatou B. Bensouda*

The hurdle to choose one of the two shortlisted candidates, Fatou Bensouda of Gambia and Mohamed Othman of Tanzania was overcome when Kenya, which had been supporting the candidate from Tanzania, finally gave in, deciding not to block the consensus.

Bensouda, who is the African Union (AU) endorsed candidate, had long been the front-runner for this position. When she is elected on 12th December, she will succeed her present boss, Luis Moreno Ocampo, at the end of his tenure in July 2012.

There have been unexplained suggestions that the term of election might be reduced to less than the standard nine year term, leading to speculations that some might not wish to see an African hold such a powerful position for a long period.

We however believe that Bensouda's formal election for the position of the ICC Prosecutor for a nine year term is pretty much a done deal.



*International Criminal Court, The Hague*

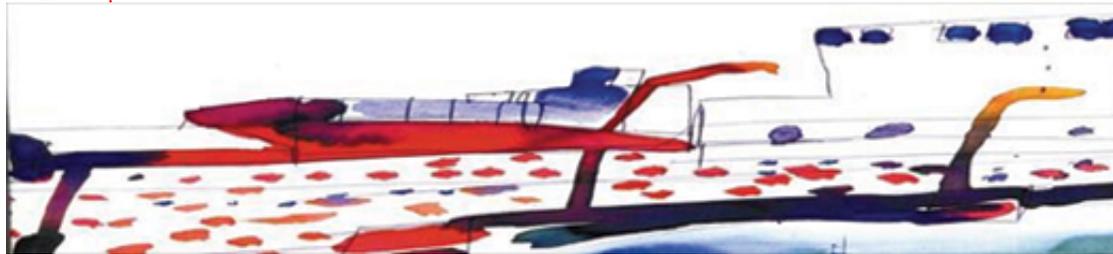
AFLA will bring you news on Bensouda's election on 12 December, 2011.

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