



Gender-Sensitive Judging for ICC Judges and Judges of other International Courts and Tribunals

On 13 November 2021, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) held the fifth meeting in its Gender-sensitive judging series. The topic of discussion was 'Gender-sensitive judging in international criminal law' and was presented by Dr Rosemary Grey of Sydney Law School, the University of Sydney.

The discussion was held in three parts: Why gender-sensitive judging is important for international criminal tribunals; Some concrete examples and some concrete missed opportunities for gender-sensitive judging in the ICC and other international courts; and Common myths and misperceptions about sexual violence which judges should be aware of and should try not to reproduce in their judgements.

The presentation was followed by lively and engaging discussions with additional suggestions from the participating judges.



From top left, **Judge Florence Mumba**, (Chair) Judge of the Supreme Court Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC); **Evelyn A. Ankumah** (Coordinator of the project), Executive Director of AFLA; **Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou**, Judge of the ICC; **Judge Kimberly Prost**, Judge of the ICC; **Judge Solomy Bossa**, Judge of ICC Appeals Chamber; **Judge Julia Sebutinde**, Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ); **Judge Luz Ibáñez Carranza**, Judge, ICC Appeals Chamber and First Vice President of the ICC; **Gabrielle McIntyre**, (Co-Coordinator of the project), Chairperson of the Truth, Reconciliation and National Unity Commission of the Seychelles, and Chairperson, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice; **Judge Fatoumata Dembélé Diarra**, Former Judge and First Vice President of the ICC; and **Judge Maria del Socorro Flores Liera**, Judge of the ICC.



From left, **Judge Miatta Maria Samba**, Judge of the ICC (PhotoCredit: The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria); and **Judge Joanna Korner**, Judge of the ICC (PhotoCredit: assets.publishing.service.gov.uk).

Previous meetings in the series have addressed: Gender dynamics within international courts;
Some of the more generic recommendations in the Independent Expert Review Report of the ICC;
Approaches to female witnesses; and Approaches to female counsels.



From top left, **Melinda Reed**, Executive Director of Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice presented on Gender Issues Concerning Approaches to Female Witnesses during the third meeting; **Alka Pradhan**, Human Rights Counsel, Guantanamo Bay Military Commissions, **Melinda Taylor**, Lead Defence Counsel before The ICC, and **Sarah Bafadhel**, International Human Rights Lawyer, 9 Bedford Row, each presented on Gender Issues Concerning Approaches to Female Counsels at the fourth meeting; and **Dr Rosemary Grey**.

The discussion on gender-sensitive judging will continue at an Africa Legal Aid side event at the upcoming 20th Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the ICC. Details of the event will be announced shortly.

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