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ADAMA DIENG APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVISER ON PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE



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Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) warmly welcomes the decision of UN Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon to appoint Mr. Adama Dieng (Senegal) as his Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide. The Office of the Special Adviser is

tasked by the Security Council with collecting and assessing information on situations that might lead to genocide. In addition, the Office Mr. Dieng will lead (as U.N. Under-Secretary-General) is mandated to advise the Secretary-General and, through him, the Security Council, and make recommendations to prevent or halt genocide, as well as liaise with the UN system on preventive measures and enhance the UN's capacity to analyze and manage information on genocide or related crimes.



Adama Dieng at Africa Legal Aid Conference on Introducing the New African Court ... , Accra , 2006

Adama Dieng is the ideal person to replace Francis Deng (Sudan), who held the post from 2007. Adama Dieng's track record in international human rights law, international criminal law and international law is impressive. Mr. Dieng's career began in his native Senegal where he served as Registrar of the Supreme Court. He started making his impact at the African regional level and the international level during his tenure at the Geneva based International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) where he served as Legal Officer for Africa, Executive Secretary, and Secretary General; the first African and so-far the only African to hold the post of ICJ Secretary-General. During his tenure as Secretary-General of the International Commission of Jurists, Adama Dieng increased access of African civil society to the newly established African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. Dieng would later become the driving force behind the establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, and the drafting of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption.

In 2001, Adama Dieng was appointed U.N. Assistant Secretary-General and

Registrar of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). In addition, he has served as UN Independent Expert for Haïti, as well as Envoy of the UN Secretary-General to Malawi. In all these functions, Mr. Dieng has used his diplomatic skills, knowledge and his unlimited energy to promote justice. He has significantly and impressively contributed to promoting accountability and ending impunity the world over, and Africa in particular. Last, but not least, Mr. Dieng has been a staunch supporter of Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) and its objectives. He has contributed to the intellectual direction and international visibility of AFLA.

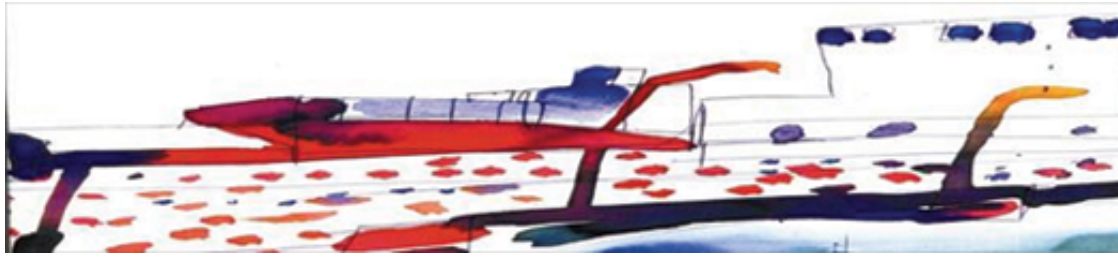
In his new position, Adama Dieng will continue in his quest to make the world and conflict prone Africa a better place. His activities will strengthen those of other international bodies including the International Criminal Court. Coming from a civil society background, an area that remains close to his heart, civil societies in Africa and elsewhere can count on the continued support and cooperation of this son of Africa, and the international community.



H.E. Adama Dieng at Africa Legal Aid Conference on Human Rights and Business in cooperation with Webber Wentzel, Johannesburg , July 2012

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