

Judicial Mentoring for Judges of the ICC and other Judges of International Courts and Tribunals

In November and December 2020 the pilot meetings on a Gender Sensitive Approach to Mentoring ICC Judges and other Judges of International Courts and Tribunals were convened under the auspices of Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) with a grant from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This project is open to participation by female and male judges. However, the initial meetings targeted women judges, for them to take ownership of the project. The meetings were attended by nine participants including current and former judges of the ICC, the ICTY, the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

The project held under the auspices of AFLA is chaired by Judge Florence Mumba of the Supreme Court Chamber of the ECCC, former Judge of the ICTY, former Judge of the Appeals Chamber of the ICTY and ICTR, and former Judge of the Supreme Court of Zambia.

In the first meeting the discussions focused on the impact of gender dynamics and cultural diversity on the effectiveness of the Court, impediments to strengthening capacity within the Court and improving training for staff of the Court. The agenda for the second meeting was extracted from the recommendations of the Independent Expert Review (IER) of the ICC and Rome Statute System Final Report, which were applicable to other international tribunals and courts, as the ICC itself was addressing key recommendations.





Judge Fatoumata Dembélé Diarra (Photo Credit:wildlifejustice.org).

From top left, Gabrielle McIntyre, (Co-coordinator of project), Chairperson of the Truth, Reconciliation and National Unity Commission of the Seychelles; Former Chef de Cabinet and Principle Legal Advisor to the President of IRMCT and four successive Presidents of the ICTY; Judge Janet Nosworthy, Judge of the STL and former judge of the ICTY; Judge Solomy Bossa, Judge of the ICC; former member of the Court of Appeal of Uganda; former Judge of the ICTR; former Judge of the African Court on Human and People's Rights and former Judge of the East African Court of Justice; Judge Kimberly Prost, Judge of the ICC and former Judge of the ICTY; Judge Julia Sebutinde, Judge of the ICJ and former Judge of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL); Judge Florence Mumba (Chair); Judge Luz Ibáñez Carranza, Judge of the ICC and former Superior National Prosecutor of Peru; Evelyn A. Ankumah (Coordinator of project), AFLA's Executive Director; Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou, Judge of the ICC and former member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; and Judge Fatoumata Dembélé Diarra, Former Judge of the ICC and former Judge of the ICTY.



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