

Note verbale

The Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of the States Parties to the Rome Statute and has the honor to inform it that the Government of Burkina Faso has decided to nominate Judge Gberdao Gustave Kam as a candidate for the post of judge of the International Criminal Court (List A), at the election to be held from 12 to 21 December 2011 in New York, during the tenth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute.

The Government of Burkina Faso attaches great importance to the work of the International Criminal Court and appreciates the progressive contribution it is making against impunity.

The candidate of Burkina Faso is a judge with an exceptional level and has held senior positions in both the national judicial system and the international level.

On the national level, Judge Kam has been repeatedly Attorney in various high courts across the country and has also assumed the position as Technical Advisor and Director of the Department of Justice.

On the international level, he has actively participated as a delegate from Burkina Faso in several meetings that led to the creation of the International Criminal Court. Since 2003, he is judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR).

The Government of Burkina Faso strongly believes that Judge Kam's expertise and knowledge in both national and international field of criminal justice would greatly contribute to the work of the International Criminal Court.

The Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso has attached herewith an information note on the candidate.