

## **N'GUM, Aminatta Lois Runeni (Gambia)**

### **Personal details**

Name: Aminatta Lois Runeni N'GUM [Mrs].  
Maiden name: Annie Lois Runeni RUREDZO [Miss].  
Date of birth: 7 June 1953.  
Place of birth: Harare, Zimbabwe [Then Salisbury, Rhodesia.]  
Nationality: Zimbabwean by birth, Gambian by marriage, domicile and Diplomatic Status.  
Marital status: Married with four children aged 25, 23, 21 and 19 years.

### **Educational Background:**

Sept. 2005 LL.M in Public International Law with an International Criminal Law Specialisation from Leiden University, The Netherlands.  
Continuous French, Information Technology, Westlaw, Lexis Nexis and TRIM.

Mother tongue is Shona, but she also speaks Wolof and is fluent in English a language she has used throughout her education and during her 29+ post-call work experience. She has continued studying French and is awaiting results of the UN Proficiency Examination in French [May 2008] as well as the DELF B1 and B2 through the Alliance Française in Arusha Tanzania [June 2008].

July to Sept. 1992 First Judicial Administration Course - Royal Institute of Public Administration London, U.K..  
March 1980 Called to the Gambian Bar and appointed Magistrate Class I.  
9/79 to 3/80 Pupillage under Mr. Henry Myers Esq. 9 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, London U.K.  
July 1979 Bar Finals Inns of Court School of Law, Gray's Inn Place, London U.K.  
Called to the Bar of England and Wales as an Utter Barrister.  
1978 Law and Sociology Joint Honours B.A.; Subsidiary Subjects - Biology and Politics -Keele University Staffordshire, U.K.  
1970 and 1972 "O" and "A" Levels St. Augustine's High School, Penhalonga, Zimbabwe.

### **Employment record:**

18/7/99 to date Legal Officer; – UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda [UNICTR].  
1/4/98 to 4/99 Judicial Secretary - JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION.  
12/94 to 1999 Part-Time Lecturer to "A" Level Law and ILEX Legal Executive Course  
Students at The Gambia Technical Training Institute.  
5/1994 to 31/3/98 Private Legal Practitioner.  
11/94 to 2/98 Senior Counsel to the Commission of Inquiry into Land Administration - Gambia Government.  
10/1994 to 6/1995 Assistant Editor Gambia Law Reports.

**Employer:**

Judicial Service Commission, Gambia government.

5/1990 to 5/1994	Master of the Supreme Court.
8/1989 to 5/1990	Acting Master.
2/1987 to 7/1989	Principal Magistrate.
9/1981 to 1/1987	Senior Magistrate.
15/3/1980 to 8/1981	Magistrate Class I.

**Membership of organisations:**

2002 to date	Member International Criminal Law Network [ICLN]
1997	Member Management Committee Gambia Branch A.S.I.C.L.
1996-1997	Board Member Agency for the Development of Women and Children [A.D.W.A.C.] an NGO, which took over projects when Save the Children U.S.A., left the Gambia.
1996-1999	Human Rights Officer, Soroptimist International Banjul.
1994 to 1996	Assistant Editor, National Council for Law Reporting.
1994	Treasurer, National Council for Law Reporting.
1994	Vice Chairperson African First Ladies' Association for Women and Children Gambia Branch.
1994-1999	Chairperson Legal Aid Sub-Committee of the African Society of International and Comparative Law Gambia.
1993-1999	Member Project for Christian/Muslim Relations in Africa - PROCMURA.
1991-1994	Executive Committee Member, Marina International School Parents/Teachers' Association.
1992/1993	President, Soroptimist International of Banjul.
1990/1992	Chairperson, G.W.F.A. Board of Directors [now G.A.W.F.A.].
1987-date	Founder Member Gambia Women Finance Association [GWFA]
1986-date	Founder Member Soroptimist International of Banjul.
1986-date	Associate Member, Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges Association.
1984-1986	Ad Hoc Member Gambia Law Reform Commission Subcommittee Criminal Code: Criminal Procedure Code and the Law of Evidence now the Evidence Act 1994.
1984-1999	Member National Specialised Committees on Women in Development - Legal Status and Welfare of Women Committee of the Women's Bureau.
1980	Admitted to the Gambian Bar.
1979	Called to the Bar of England and Wales.
1977 to date	Member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn.
1974 to 1978	Member of Amnesty International Keele University

**Training programmes attended:**

Ongoing	International Criminal Law, French Advanced and Information Technology.
Nov/Dec. 2007	The Legacy of the International Criminal Courts and Tribunals for Africa with a focus on the jurisprudence of the ICTR.
June 2007	Hague Joint Conference on Contemporary Issues of International Law Criminal Jurisdiction 100 years after the 1907 Hague Peace Conference.

2006	Gender Sensitivity in the Workplace and Gender Mainstreaming in Programming
2002 to 2005	LL.M in Public International Law with an International Criminal Law Specialisation – Leiden University The Netherlands.
2004 to 2006	People Management Training Programme for Senior Level Managers; Team Building by Challenge for Middle Level Management and UN SOS Providers.
1/1999	Seminar on Human Rights Issues in Harare, Zimbabwe.
10/1998	Attended two Seminars on “The Independence of The Judiciary” organised by the Commonwealth Magistrates’ and Judges’ Association in Cyprus and by The African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies in Mauritius.
9/1997	Gambia Management Development Institute Seminar on "Gender Awareness and Sensitisation Seminar for the Judiciary and the Legal Profession in the Gambia". Consultant for 2 sessions “What sections of the Constitution disempower women and the girl child?” and “How can women access legal advice if needed and what kind of issues can be addressed through the legal consultations?” Presented similar papers for TANGO 3/12/97.
7/97	Programme for the “National Workshop on Gender Policy”
1996	The Gambia Teacher’s Union Women’s wing Civic Education Seminar where I delivered a paper on “The New Constitution: Women’s Rights and Civic Responsibilities.”
4 to 6/96	Soroptimist International Adult Literacy Forum-Phone-in Programme on Women’s issues - education, violence, legal etc.
1995	Resource Person PROCMURA workshop on “Violence against women.
1994	Women's World Banking Workshop on "Good Governance for Board of Directors from Affiliates" - GWFA held in Botswana.
1994	A.C.D.H.R.S. "Training Course on the use of Human Rights Instruments".
1994	Workshop on "Women in Religion, Politics and Health".
1993	Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association "Continuing Judicial Education Programmes" in the Gambia.
1993	Soroptimist International Federation of Great Britain and Ireland Conference held in Hong Kong.
1993	ICJ/WILDAF/FIDA GHANA Seminar on "Legal Services for Rural and Urban Poor and the Legal Status of Rural Women" held in Accra Ghana.
1991/1993	Facilitator in G.W.F.A. Small Business Management Training Workshops for G.W.F.A. Ordinary Members.
1993	Programme for Human Rights Training Course for Magistrates [Anglophone Africa] organised A.C.D.H.R.S.
1993	Facilitator during the Workshop for West African Magistrates organised by the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association held in The Gambia.
1992	Chaired two Sessions at the Regional Workshop on "The Convention on the Elimination of all Discrimination against Women" organised by The Commonwealth Secretariat in the Gambia.
1992	Royal Institute of Public Administration - First "Judicial Administration Course for Commonwealth Countries" London U.K.
1992	Training of Trainers' Workshop to Review G.W.F.A./Save the Children U.S.A. Training Manual.
1991	International Commission for Jurists [I.C.J.] Workshop on "Paralegal Training in Africa"

- 1991 Commonwealth Secretariat "Creating Human Rights Education Programmes for Public Officials".
- 1990 "The African Development Bank Workshop for Training of Trainers in Women Entrepreneurship Development" Ivory Coast whilst Chairperson G.W.F.A. Board of Directors.
- 1989 African Association of International Law [A.A.I.L.] and A.C.D.H.R.S. Seminar on "The Judiciary and Human Rights in Africa".
- 1989 International Commission of Jurists [I.C.J.] and African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies [A.C.D.H.R.S.] Workshop on Paralegal Training in Africa
- 1989 "Training of Trainers' Workshop" organised by the Sahel Regional Financial Management Project U.S.A.I.D.
- 1984/1989 Took part in Radio Programmes, Workshops and Seminars as a member of the Legal Status and Welfare of Women Committee of the Women's Bureau.
- 1986 African Regional Industrial Property Organisation [A.R.I.P.O.] Conference in Lusaka Zambia.
- 1986 First Commonwealth Africa Conference of Chief Justices and Judges in the Gambia as an Observer.

**Relevant Publications:**

- 2005 Thesis for the LL.M in Public International Law with an International Criminal Law Specialisation – Leiden University The Netherlands entitled "Freedom of Expression and the Right to Restrict such Freedom – the Experience of Africa and the Diaspora".
- 1994 The Gambia Law Reports 1994 as Assistant Editor.
- 1990 Presented a National Case Study for the U.N.D.P. Project RAF/87/042 "Improving African Women's Role in the Informal Sector Production and Management" entitled "The Statutory Legal Policies and Practices Pertaining to Women's Activities in the Informal Sector" funded by United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.
- 1989 Research Paper for the Gambia's Women's Bureau on "The Courts and the Legal Status of Women".

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