

BURKINA FASO

In accordance with the provisions of article 36 of the Rome Statute, nominations of candidates for election as judge to the International Criminal Court may be submitted by any State Party “(i) By the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in the State in question; or (ii) By the procedure provided for the nomination of candidates for the International Court of Justice in the Statute of that Court.”

Burkina Faso has selected the first option whereby national candidates are selected in accordance with the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Burkina Faso.

The procedure to nominate Burkina Faso’s candidate for the elections due to be held at the 19th session of the Assembly of States Parties at the Headquarters of the United Nations Organization in New York from 7-17 December 2020, involved the Ministry of Justice informing all judges within the ministry that a call for nominations for the election of judges at the ICC was open.

Following a selection process by the Ministry of Justice and the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Council (*Conseil Supérieur de la Magistrature*), the application of Judge **Gberdao Gustave KAM** was selected on the basis of his integrity, his commitment and his experience on a national and international level.

The nomination was submitted to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute by the government of Burkina Faso.

This nomination has also been approved by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).
