

Statement of qualifications

The Government of Kenya nominates Justice Joyce Aluoch, currently a judge of the Court of Appeal of Kenya, for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court at the election to be held at the first resumption of the seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties, scheduled to take place from 19 - 23 January 2009 in New York.

The nomination of Justice Aluoch as a list 'A' candidate is in accordance with article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (i) and article 36, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute.

Justice Joyce Aluoch, is the most senior female judge in the Judiciary in Kenya. She has served with distinction for over 30 years as a Trial Judge in the High Court. She was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2007.

Justice Aluoch is experienced in criminal law and procedure. She served as magistrate overseeing a Juvenile Court and adjudicating juvenile delinquency cases; later as resident magistrate and senior resident magistrate presiding over criminal cases; thereafter, as a High Court Judge exercising both original and appellate jurisdiction in criminal and civil cases and as a Court of Appeal judge exercising appellate jurisdiction in criminal and civil appeals from the High Court.

In the area of human rights, Justice Aluoch has been involved in promoting children's and women's rights. She has served two terms in the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child as well as one term in the African Union Committee of Experts on the Rights of the Child. In all of these international and regional assignments, she has acted in leadership roles as vice-chairperson and chairperson respectively of the committees. Her knowledge and work on children's rights facilitated her appointment as judge to the International Tribunal for Children's Rights in Canada.

At the national level, Justice Aluoch has played an active role in the reform of laws relating to women. She was instrumental in the setting Family Division of the High Court of Kenya. She currently chairs the Task Force responsible for operationalizing Kenya's new Sexual Offences Act, 2006. She has chaired judicial committees that have revised the rules of practice in Family Law to facilitate speedy trials. She has also been responsible for the training of judicial officers on relevant international and regional human right instruments.

Justice Aluoch is fluent in written and spoken English.

Justice Aluoch's curriculum vitae in English is attached hereto.