

MONAGENG, SANJI MMASENONO (Botswana)

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Statement of qualifications

The Government of the Republic of Botswana has the honour to nominate Judge Sanji Mmasenono Monageng for election as a member of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Judge Monageng fully meets the requirements established in the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee adopted by the Assembly of States Parties with resolution ICC-ASP/10/Res.5. She has established competence and experience in criminal and international law.

Before her appointment to the ICC, Judge Monageng served as a judge of the High Court in the Kingdom of Swaziland and The Republic of The Gambia and also as a magistrate in the Courts of the Botswana.

Judge Monageng is experienced in both criminal law and procedure, having served as a magistrate, a High Court judge and a judge of the ICC for over 20 years. Before joining the ICC, Judge Monageng served the African Union as a Commissioner of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (a quasi-judicial organ) from 2003 to 2009. The Commission is the premier body that is mandated to promote and protect human and people's rights on the African continent. This has resulted in her being competent in international human rights and humanitarian law. Judge Monageng also served as the Chairperson of the Commission from 2007 to 2009 when she joined the ICC.

Over the years, she has acquired expertise in a variety of areas of the law, including sexual violence crimes and other crimes against women and children, crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide and the crime of aggression among others.

Judge Monageng is competent in issues of reparations, victims and witness protection. She has presided over many cases in the Court both at Pre-Trial and the Appeals Division and was the Presiding Judge in the ICC final merit case (*the Ngudjolo Chui case*). She has also sat on the *Bemba, Bemba et al, Lubanga* final merit appeal cases. Judge Monageng has sat in the final merit reparation cases in the *Lubanga, Katanga* and *Al Mahdi* cases. Essentially, she has participated in 492 orders, decisions and judgements of the ICC, which makes her the only ICC judge who has participated in all cases that were registered during her tenure of office.

From March 2012 to March 2015, Judge Monageng served the ICC as its First Vice President, a position which strengthened her knowledge about how the Court functions. In this capacity, she was also the Chairperson of the Lessons Learnt Working Group of the Court.

Judge Monageng also served as a member of a Committee which reviewed regulations pertaining to the Office of the Public Counsel for Defence (OPCD) and the Office of the Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV). The Committee assessed these regulations and recommended strengthening the mandates of the OPCD and the OPCV, and the regulations were adopted by the Assembly of States Parties.
