

## **Bula-Bula, Sayeman**

Democratic Republic of the Congo nominee for election to the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court.

### **Curriculum vitae Sayeman Bula-Bula**

Tenured Professor at the University of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo (1987 to present)  
Former Judge *ad hoc* at the International Court of Justice (2000-2002)

Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (2001-2019)

Member of the Board of the Directors of the Trust Funds for Victims (ICC) (2012-2015)  
Member of the Editorial Board, African Yearbook of International Law (2003 to present)

### **Personal details**

Name: Bula-Bula

Given name: Sayeman Place and date of birth: Ebonda (Congo), 31 August 1950

Marital status: married, two (2) children

Nationality: Congolese

Profession: University professor

Other professional activities: expert/consultant to various government, non-government and international bodies

## **II. University education**

1986            Doctorate in law, University of Louvain

1976            Masters (*License*) in law, University of Kinshasa

1973            Law graduate, University of Kinshasa

                  Various certificates and diplomas

## **III. Professional experience at national level**

### **A. Administrative**

2002            Chair of the National Commission for the Campaign against Corruption (2002-2004)

### **B. University administration**

1995            Administrative Secretary General (1995-1996) of the University of Kinshasa  
                  Member of the Board of Management, acting Academic Secretary-General and substitute Rector (October 1995 and March 1996)

1994            Vice-Dean of the Law Faculty of the University of Kinshasa (1994-1995), responsible for organizing practical and theoretical instruction; member of the Faculty Board, and substitute Dean

1988            Academic Secretary, Law Faculty of the University of Kinshasa, responsible for the teaching programme (1988-1994)

### **C. Teaching**

1998	"Tenured Professor" (1998 to present)
1992-1997	"Professor"
1988-1992	"Associate Professor"
1976-1980	"Teaching Assistant"

### **D. Consultancy**

2009	Special Consultant to the Hydrocarbons Ministry for the delimitation of the external boundary of the continental shelf
2008	Special Consultant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
1998-2001	Consultant to the Energy Ministry on the drafting of a Protocol of Agreement on scientific collaboration between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Universities of Miami and Syracuse in the United States of America in connection with the Lakes Edward, Albert and Tanganyika Geosciences Project (GEOLAT, 1998-2001), under the programme, International Decade for East African Lakes (IDEAL), 1993-2003, July-August 1998
1998	Consultant to the Ministry for the Development of the Petroleum Industry, responsible for studying the issue of delimitation of the maritime boundaries of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, July 1998
1989	Official World Bank Expert for the Third Water Project, Zaire - World Bank, Loan 1939, ZR, invitation to tender for preparation of a Zaire Water Code (1989-1994)

## **IV. Professional experience at international level**

### **A. International expert**

2010	Invited by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) to a conference on "Current Trends in the Law of Sea in the Atlantic Seaboard States of Africa", Hamburg, (FRG), 2 September 2010  Participant in the Berman one-day seminar, "Colonialism and International Law: Passions, Ambivalence and Nationalism", University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, 25 March 2010
2003	Member of the Panel for the Arbitration of Disputes concerning Natural Resources and the Environment of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, 2003 to present
2001	Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (The Hague), since 2001 Member of the Special Arbitral Tribunal for Maritime Fisheries, since 2001
2000	Judge <i>ad hoc</i> at the International Court of Justice, case concerning the <i>Arrest Warrant of 11 April 2000 (DRC v. Belgium)</i> , 2000-2002
1999	Member of the Special Arbitral Tribunal for the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment, approved by UNEP as qualified for special arbitration, 20 January 1999
1997	Coordinator (L.4) of the project, "Promoting the Rule of Law", of the Office of the

- United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Republic of Haiti (1997 to 1998)
- 1996 Coordinator (L.4) of the project to establish a chair of human rights law and international humanitarian law of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at the Bujumbura Military Academy (Burundi), 1996
- Facilitator, seminar on international humanitarian law for United Nations officials, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva, 27 July to 3 August 1996)
- Facilitator, seminar on international humanitarian law for the High Command of the Togo Armed Forces, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Lomé, 20-27 October 1996)

#### **B. Membership of learned societies**

- 2007 Member of the National Scientific Board of the DRC
- 2002 Member of the editorial board, *African Yearbook of International Law* (The Hague), 2002 to present
- 1993 Member of the African Society of International and Comparative Law (London), 1993~2000
- 1992 Member and co-founder of the Francophone network "Droit de l'environnement" (Montreal, 1992 to present)

#### **C. Membership of other associations**

- 2003 Member, Wilton Park International Association (London, 2003 to present)

#### **D. Diplomatic and multilateral activities**

- 2009 Member, COHYORO delegation (DRC) to Yaoundé with a view to delimitation of the external boundary of the continental shelf, Yaoundé, 10 to 16 January 2009
- 2008 DRC candidate in the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council elections to the International Court of Justice. Nov.
- 2008 Speaker on behalf of the delegation of the DRC following the Report of the President of the International Court of Justice to the United Nations General Assembly; New York, 30 October 2008
- 2008 Head of the DRC delegation at the 18th meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, New York, 13 to 20 June 2008
- Member of the DRC delegation to the African Union Summit at Sharm El-Sheik (Egypt), 25 to 30 June 2008
- 2008 Participant at the United Nations Conference on High Seas Fishing, New York, 16 to 20 March 2008
- DRC delegate at the seventh series of unofficial consultations with States Parties for purposes of the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 concerning the conservation and management of stocks of fish populations that straddle the boundaries of exclusive economic zones ("straddling stocks") and of stocks of highly migratory species, New York, 11-12 March 2008
- Meetings with the following ambassadors and permanent representatives to the UN Security Council: Le Quang Minh (Vietnam), Frances Mary Lisson (Australia), Johan

C. Verbeeke (Belgium), Liu Zhenmin (China), Marcello Spatafora (Italy), Yukio Takasu (Japan), Jorge Urbina (Costa Rica), Maria Viotti (Brazil) and the deputy permanent representative of France, Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, in connection with the elections to the ICJ, New York, 14 to 17 March 2008

- 2007 Invited as expert to the meeting held on 20 and 21 June 2007 at Tripoli by the African Union on the proposal for the creation of a United States of Africa, June
- 1998 Delegate of the DRC to the 34th Summit of the OAU which adopted the Additional Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the creation of the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights, held from 2 to 10 June 1998 in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), June
- 1998 Principal facilitator at the joint OAU/JCRC/UN/EU seminar on "Anarchic conflicts", organized for the permanent representatives to the UN Security Council and the OAU, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 30-31 March 1998

#### **E. International scholarly activities**

- 2013 Guest of the centenary Seminar of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, October, 11, 2013
- 2013 Participant in the tenth Session of Board of the Directors of Trust Funds for Victims (ICC), March, 19-21
- 2012 DRC Delegate at the eleventh States Parties Conference to Rome Statute (ICC)
- 2009 Member of the judges' panel for a thesis on the subject of "Sustainable Forest Management", March  
Law Faculty, University of Louvain-la-Neuve, 27 March 2009
- 2009 Guest of the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne for the launch of the book *La France dans le monde: puissance ou influence*, 10 February 2009
- 2008 Co-promoter of the joint University of Kinshasa-Université libre de Bruxelles (Dutch speaking) research project on "Research methodology in international law", January 2008
- 2007 Participant in the symposium from 10 to 11 May 2007, organized by the University of Texas and the University of California at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (The Hague) on "Multiple Parties, Multiple Problems"
- 2006 Co-promoter, together with Professor Stefaan Smis, of the UNIKIN-VLIR-UOS interuniversity cooperative project for the preparation of the first collection of treaties concluded by the Congo (1960-1980) with other subjects of international law  
Guest of Honour, 7th International Conference of Chief Justices of the World, Lucknow, India, 8-11 December 2006
- 2005 Guest of Honour, 6th International Conference of Chief Justices of the World, Lucknow, India, 9-13 December 2005  
Guest at the 784th Wilton Park Conference on Promoting Good Governance and Development in Conflict - Affected Countries: The Role of Parliament and Government, Winston House, June 2005
- 2003 Participant in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office conference (Wilton Park) on countries in post-conflict situations, September 2003
- 2001 Facilitator, Foreign Office conference (Wilton Park) on Justice in Africa (August 2001).
- 2000 Principal speaker at the Day of Reflection, 28 October 2000, on "Prospects for Peace in Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo", organized by the Southern Africa

- Committee, Brussels Center of African Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles and Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- 1999 Speaker at the Fourth World Symposium on the Thought of Muammar AI Ghadafi "The Green Book and the Crisis of the International Community at the Threshold of the Twenty-First Century", Tripoli, Libya, 29 November to 3 December 1999 Facilitator, Regional Workshop on the Strengthening of Marine Science Capacity, and the Rational and Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Resources, Angola, DRC and Cote d'Ivoire, Kinshasa, 23-26 February 1999
- 1998 Participant in the Colloquium, "Is there Justification for Intervention by a Foreign Peace Mission in a Conflict Zone?", Fondation Hirondelle, Cartigny, Geneva, 3-5 July 1998
- 1997 Principal panel facilitator on "The Rule of Law in Africa", Ninth Congress of the African Society of International and Comparative Law: "Legal Techniques for the Implementation of the Rule of Law in Africa", Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, August 1997
- 1995 Participant in the Seventh Congress of the African Society of International and Comparative Law, on "Regional Integration in Africa as Solution to the Continent's Economic Problems", Johannesburg, South Africa, August 1995
- Participant in the Evaluation Meeting for the project "Environmental Law", AUPELF - UREF, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, September 1995
- 1994 Principal facilitator at the seminar/workshop on "Children and the Conflicts in Central Africa", Kinshasa, November 1994
- Speaker at the Sixth Congress of the African Society of International and Comparative Law on "The OAU and Africa in the Year 2000; Conflict Settlement and Protection of Displaced Persons", Kampala, Uganda, September 1994
- Participant in the Evaluation Meeting for the project "Environmental Law", AUPELF - UREF, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, June 1994
- 1993 Speaker at the Fifth Congress of the African Society of International and Comparative Law on "Africa, the OAU and the New World Order", Accra, Ghana, September 1993
- Participant in the Evaluation Meeting for the project "Environmental Law", AUPELF - UREF, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, June 1993
- 1992 Facilitator at the Fifth African Regional Seminar on International Humanitarian Law, organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (Yaoundé, Cameroon, November 1992)
- Participant in the two Francophone Study Days of the AUPELF - UREF, and in the creation of the Francophone Network, "Environmental Law" (Montreal, August - September 1992)
- 1991 Ambassador and member of the group of ten leading Congolese personalities responsible for promoting the ICRC World Campaign for the Protection of War Victims, Kinshasa, November 1991
- 1989 Facilitator at the Second Central African Regional Seminar on international humanitarian law organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross, Kinshasa, April 1989
- 1988 Facilitator at the First Central African Regional Seminar on international humanitarian law organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross, April 1989, Kinshasa, March 1988

- 1983 Participant in the European Conference on "The New Law on the Sea and the Environment in the European Context", organized by the European Commission, Brussels, January 1983

## V. Principal publications and scholarly works

### A. Law of the Sea and environmental law

- 2012 Future prospects to the delimitation of the continental shelf between Atlantic African Coastal States, *L'observateur des Nations unies*, 2012-2, vol. 33
- 1999 "The Odyssey of the Law Governing the Deep Sea", *Liber Amicorum Mohammed Bedjaoui*, The Hague, Kluwer Law International, 1999, pp. 63-147
- 1996 "Forest Management Institutions in Zaire", Colloquium for the "Environmental Law" network (Limoges, France, November 1994), *Law, Forests and Sustainable Development*, Brussels, Bruylant, 1996, pp. 293-306
- "The Fate of the Gulf of Guinea Fisheries Committee - Is Regional Integration a Solution to Africa's Economic Problems?", Proceedings of the Eighth Congress of the African Society of International and Comparative Law, 1996, pp. 253-260
- 1992 *Le nouveau droit de la mer dans le contexte économique du Zaire [The new law of the sea in the economic context of Zaire]*, Brussels, Bruylant, 110 pp
- 1989 "Land-locked States and the Law of the Sea", lecture/debate, Bangui, University of Bangui, Central African Republic, 26 January 1989, 15 pp
- 1990 "Europe in 1992 and its Implications for Euro-African Cooperation in Maritime Matters, communication to the international seminar on Europe in 1992 and Africa, Kinshasa, University of Kinshasa, 5-8 November 1990, 27 pp
- 1988 "The New Law of the Sea in relation to Africa", lecture/debate, Kinshasa, University of Kinshasa, 17 May 1988, 20 pp
- "Water Quality Standards in Comparative Law", communication to the First National Symposium on Water Quality Standards, National Action Committee for Water and Sanitation, Kinshasa, 9-14 May 1988, 34 pp

### B. International law on Peace, international security and human rights

- 2012 The United Nations Security Council Reform. An African Perspective, *L'observateur des Nations Unies*, 2012-1, vol. 32
- 2010 *Droit international humanitaire [International humanitarian law]*, Louvain-la-Neuve, Academia-Bruylant, 2010, 404 pp
- 2009 "The Elections to the International Court of Justice of 6 November 2008: Theory and Practice", *Revue de droit africain*, nr.49, 2009, pp. 3-65
- 2007 "The Project for a United States of Africa: Utopia or Reality?", Experts' Conference, Tripoli, 20 and 21 June 2007
- 2006 *Liber Amicorum Marcel Lihau* (editorial director), Kinshasa, Presses de l'Université de Kinshasa, Brussels, Bruylant, 2006, 523 pages
- "Senegalese Jurisdiction versus Belgian Universal Jurisdiction, Judgment of November 25, 2005 of the Court of Appeals of Dakar concerning the lack of Jurisdiction in the Extradition of Mr. Hissene Habre", *Liber Amicorum Marcel Lihau*, Kinshasa, Presses de l'Université de Kinshasa, Brussels, Bruylant, 2006, pp. 319-334;
- "Introduction to the concept of 'The Rule of Law'", *Liber Amicorum Marcel Lihau*, Kinshasa, Presses de l'Université de Kinshasa, Brussels, Bruylant, 2006, pp. 335-376

- 2005 "The Judgment of 25 November 2005 of the Dakar Court of Appeal on the objection to jurisdiction in the proceedings for extradition of Mr. Hissene Habre", *Revue de droit africain* nr.36, October 2005, pp. 301-316
- "Should the African Union Outlaw or Quarantine Anti-Constitutional Governments?", *African Yearbook of International Law*, vol. 11, 2003, pp. 23-78
- 2004 *Les immunités pénales et l'inviolabilité du ministre des Affaires étrangères en droit international. Principe - Caractère - Portée - Exceptions - Limites - Sanctions*. (Affaire du mandat du 11 avril 2000. R. D. du Congo c. Royaume de Belgique, CIJ, arrêt du 14 février 2002) [*Criminal immunity and the inviolability of the Minister for Foreign Affairs: principle - nature - scope - exceptions - limits - sanctions* (Case concerning the Arrest Warrant of 11 April 2000, Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Kingdom of Belgium, ICJ, Judgment of 14 February 2002), Kinshasa, Presses de l'Université de Kinshasa, 2004, 186 pp
- "The Pretoria Agreement of 31 July 2002 and the Luanda Protocol of 6 August 2002, concerning the Settlement of the Armed Conflict against the Democratic Republic of the Congo", *Annales de la Faculté de droit*, vol. XI-XXVII, 2004, pp. 53-68
- 2002 Separate Opinion appended to the Judgment of 14 February 2002 in the *Case concerning the Arrest Warrant of 11 April 2000, (DRC v. Kingdom of Belgium)*, I.C.J. Reports, 2002, pp 100-136
- 2000 Dissenting Opinion appended to the Order of 8 December 2000 in the *Case concerning the Arrest Warrant of 11 April 2000, (DRC v. Kingdom of Belgium)* I.C.J. Reports, pp. 218-228
- "The Second 'United Nations take-over' of the Congo", Prospects for Peace in Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Proceedings of the Day of Reflection, organized by the Southern Africa Committee, Brussels Center of African Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles and Vrije Universiteit Brussel (unpublished)
- 1999 "The Contribution of the Sirte Accords of 18 April 1999 to the Settlement of the Disputes in the Great Lakes Region", Proceedings of the Fourth World Symposium on the Thought of Muammar Al Ghadafi "The Green Book and the Crisis of the International Community at the Threshold of the Twenty-First Century", Tripoli, Libya, 29 November to 3 December 1999
- International Humanitarian Law*, course delivered at the Seminar to Celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, organized by the Law Faculty of the University of Kinshasa and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Congo, *Droits de l'homme et droit international humanitaire [Human rights and international humanitarian law]*, Kinshasa, Presses de l' Université de Kinshasa, 1999, pp. 131-173
- "The Sirte Accords of 18 April 1999 on the Settlement of the Disputes in the Great Lakes Region" - Reading note, *Revue africaine de droit international et comparé*, vol.11, nr.3, October 1999, pp. 418-436
- "The International Criminal Court and its Relations with the UN Security Council", *L'Afrique et les enjeux de la mondialisation [Africa and the Risks of Globalization]*, African Society of International and Comparative Law, Proceedings 11 (1999), pp. 321-333
- "The Ambiguity of Humanity in International Law", inaugural lecture for the start of the academic year 1998-1999 of the Congo's official universities, Academic des Beaux Arts, Kinshasa, 1999, 19 pp

- "Universality and Regionalism in Human and Peoples' Rights", *Proceedings of the Fourth Philosophical Days of Kimwenza*, Saint Pierre Canisius Philosophy Faculty, Kinshasa, Edition Loyola, 2000, pp 73-82
- 1998 "An outline of the notion of 'anarchic conflict?', *Mise en oeuvre du droit international humanitaire dans le contexte des conflits dits anarchiques [The implementation of international law in the context of so-called anarchic conflicts]*, Proceedings of the Fifth Joint OAU-ICRC Seminar for ambassadors accredited to the OAU, enlarged to include members of the UN Security Council and the Council of Europe, Addis Ababa, New Conference Centre - ECA, 30 and 31 March 1998, Oman, Vision Africa, 1998, pp. 55-64
- "The Uncertain Role of the 'Civil Society' in the Resolution of an 'Anarchic Conflict', *ibid*, pp. 103-109
- "The Issue of 'anarchic conflict'", *Revue de droit africain* (Brussels), No.7, July 1998, pp. 232-242
- "The Uncertain Role of Civil Society in the Settlement of Internal Conflicts", *L'Etat de droit en Afrique à l'orée de l'an 2000. Quelles perspectives? [The Rule of Law in Africa at the Approach of the Year 2000: Future Prospects]* Proceedings of the First Brussels African Law Days, 25-26 September 1998, Katholiek Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, *RDJA*, 2000
- 1997 "The Doctrine of Humanitarian Intervention Revisited", *Revue africaine de droit international et compare*, vol. IX, No.3, September 1997, pp. 600-638
- "Preliminary Observations on Haiti's Constitutional Act: the 1987 Constitution and Human Rights", *Proceedings of the international colloquium (MICIVIH-UNCTAD)*, held on 28-29 April 1997 at Port-au-Prince, published by the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, OAS/UN, 1998, pp. 29-32
- 1995 "Humanitarian Protection for Children", *Revue interdisciplinaire des droits de l'homme*, vol. I, No.1, 1995, pp. 5-23
- 1994 "Do we need an African Judicial Mechanism for Dispute Settlement?" *African Society of International and Comparative Law, Proceedings 6* (1994), pp. 21-55
- "The Concept of Intervention in light of the New World Order", *Revue africaine de droit international et comparé*, vol. VI, No.1, 1994, pp. 14-44
- 1993 "The Legal Order and the Impact of Reality", *Revue africaine de droit international et comparé*, vol. V, No.1, 1993, pp. 67-83

## VI. Principal teaching engagements in the Congo and abroad

- 2010 *Current Developments in the Law of the Sea on the Atlantic Seaboard of Africa*, course delivered at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. Hamburg (Germany), September 2010
- 2000 Course in public international law, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, October 2000
- 1990-1993 Course in human rights, Facultes catholiques de Kinshasa, 1990-1993
- 1987-2000 Course in international humanitarian law, Law Faculty, University of Kinshasa, DRC
- 1988-1990 Course on the law of the sea, Law Faculty, University of Kinshasa, DRC
- Course on the law of the sea, Faculty of Law and Economics, University of Bangui, Central African Republic



## VII. Honours and awards

- 2007 Acknowledgment of active participation and valuable contribution at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Chief Justices of the World, Lucknow, India, 7-12 December 2006
- 2005 Acknowledgment of active participation and valuable contribution at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Chief Justices of the World, Lucknow, India, 9-13 December 2005  
Diploma of "Educator for Peace", awarded by the Congolese Network for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights and Academic Freedoms
- 1999 Certificate of "Best Africanist", awarded by the *Club des Africanistes* of the University of Kinshasa