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**Eighth election of members of the Board of Directors
of the Trust Fund for Victims****Note by the Secretariat**

1. The Trust Fund for the benefit of victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, and of the families of such victims, was established by the Assembly of States Parties in its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.6 of 9 September 2002. The terms of reference of the Board of Directors are set out in the annex to the resolution.
2. The procedure for the nomination and election of the five members of the Board of Directors was set out by the Assembly of States Parties in its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7 of 9 September 2002. In accordance with paragraph 6 of that resolution, each nomination shall specify how the candidate fulfils the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 of the same resolution, i.e., to be of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and to have competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes.
3. In accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, each regional group shall have one seat.
4. In accordance with paragraph 10 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, every effort shall be made to elect the members of the Board by consensus. In the absence of consensus, the election shall be by secret ballot. This requirement may be dispensed with if the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled, or in respect of candidates endorsed by the respective regional groups, unless a delegation specifically requests a vote on a given election.
5. Paragraph 11 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7 provides that in the event of a tie for a remaining seat, there shall be a restricted ballot limited to those candidates who have obtained an equal number of votes.
6. Paragraph 12 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7 provides that the persons elected shall be the candidate from each group who obtains the highest number of votes and a two-thirds majority of States Parties present and voting, provided that an absolute majority of the States Parties constitutes the quorum for voting.
7. At its third meeting, held on 6 March 2024, the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties decided to open the nomination period for the eighth election of members of the Board of Directors, which would run from 3 June to 25 August 2024. At the end of this period, the minimum requirements for the nomination of members of the Board of Directors had not been met. Pursuant to paragraph 4 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, the President of the Assembly extended the nomination period for two weeks, until 8 September 2024.

8. As at 8 September 2024, the Secretariat had received the following six nominations:

African States:

- Ms. Kajaru Kamukere, Jeanne d'Arc (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
- Mr. Yillah, Ibrahim Sorie (Sierra Leone)

Asia-Pacific States:

- Mr. Muhammad, Tareque (Bangladesh)

Eastern European States:

- Mr. Parmas, Andres (Estonia)

Latin American and Caribbean States :

- Ms. Sifuentes, Mônica Jacqueline (Brazil)

Western European and Other States:

- Mr. Kelly, Kevin (Ireland)

9. In accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, information relating to the candidates, with accompanying documents, is contained in the annex to the present note.

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1. **Kajuru Kamukere, Jeanne d'Arc (Democratic Republic of the Congo)**

[Original: French]

Note verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophonie of the Democratic Republic of the Congo presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of Parties to the Statute of the International Criminal Court in The Hague (Netherlands) and has the honour to submit the nomination of Ms KAJURU KAMUKERE Jeanne d'Arc for election as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court, for the period 2025-2028, the elections for which will be held during the twenty-third session of the Assembly, scheduled to take place in The Hague from 2 to 7 December 2024.

The Ministry would like to inform the Secretariat of the Assembly that the nominee, Ms KAJURU KAMUKERE Jeanne d'Arc, whose curriculum vitae is attached hereto, possesses professional skills and abilities that set her apart and make her eligible for the position of member of the Board of Directors of the Special Fund for Victims. Her commitment to the Democratic Republic of Congo bears witness to her unwavering devotion to defending the rights of the most vulnerable. Her nomination as a candidate to the International Criminal Court (ICC) is not merely a matter of personal ambition, as it embodies the country's deep attachment to international justice and its hope of ensuring that the truth prevails over past atrocities.

Curriculum vitae

Personal data

- Last name: Kajuru
- Middle name: Kamukere
- First name: Jeanne d'Arc
- Sex: Female
- Date of birth: 10 September 1989
- Place of birth: Bukavu (South Kivu)
- Marital status: Married; Mother to 3 children

Professional experience

Managing Director of Biopharm 2 Hospital Centre (Centre Hospitalier Biopharm 2): 2022 to date

Key Tasks and Responsibilities

- **Maintaining Key Relationships:** Developing and fostering strategic partnerships with over 20 companies, increasing cost-effective collaborative partnerships.
- **Financial Management and Supervision:** Coordinate and supervise accounting and treasury operations, ensuring the efficient management of funds while reducing costs.
- **Strategic Analysis:** Conducting detailed financial analysis adjusting strategies to optimise operational performance, increasing annual revenues.
- **Expense Monitoring and Optimisation:** Reviewing operational expenses, generating substantial savings and proposing cost-effective alternatives.

Chief Accountant, Centre Hospitalier Biopharm 2, Kinshasa: 2020 to 2022

Key Tasks and Responsibilities

- **Recording Accounting Transactions:** Recording all accounting transactions, including purchases, sales and payments in the accounting records of the hospital.
- **Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable Management:** Monitoring accounts payable and receivable to ensure timely payments and management of collections.

- Preparation of Financial Statements: Prepare balance sheets, income statements and other periodic financial statements of the hospital to assess its financial viability.
- Control of Expenditures: Control of Expenditures to ensure that the hospital has the necessary funds for its day-to-day operations.
- Preparation of Tax Returns: Prepares and submits tax returns and other regulatory obligations in accordance with the applicable laws.
- Stock monitoring and analysis: Monitoring inventories and ensuring that stock movements are correctly recorded and valued.
- Drawing up budgets: Helping to draw up annual budgets and monitoring their implementation in conjunction with the various departments.
- Assistance with internal and external audits: Participating in internal and external audits by providing the required accounting documents and replying to the queries of auditors.

Teaching and Research Assistant at the Evangelical University in Africa: 2014 to present**Key Tasks and Responsibilities**

- Teaching and Training: Design and delivery of specialised finance and management courses, providing students with an in-depth understanding of financial concepts.
- Academic Support: Assisting lecturers in the preparation and conduct of teaching sessions, guaranteeing the quality of teaching.
- Teaching Support: Supervision of practical work and student projects, facilitating applied learning and academic success.
- Research and Development: Carrying out research on a variety of management topics, contributing to the advancement of knowledge and the publication of significant results.
- Institutional Audit: Programming and execution of audit interventions to evaluate and improve administrative and pedagogical practices.
- Process Analysis: Evaluation of key processes within the university, providing recommendations for optimising operations and strengthening institutional efficiency.

Entrepreneur and CEO of AMINI BUSINESS: 2020 to date**Key Tasks and Responsibilities**

- Ensure the legal representation of the company
- Ensure the company's survival
- Design and implement the company's strategy

Trainee Internal Auditor and Accountant at DIPHL Service: 2012**Key Tasks and Responsibilities**

- Check the compliance of organisations and companies.
- Assess the company's overall financial and operational status.
- Check compliance with all accounting procedures in force in the various departments of the organization.
- Carry out an analysis of malfunctions or quality defects detected during this process.
- Account for any discrepancies between standards and the actual situation.

Accounting trainee at the Industrial Group of KIVU: 2010**Key Tasks and Responsibilities**

- Reconcile the accounts.
- Draw up KIVU's financial statements.
- Prepare tax returns.
- Record accounting transactions.
- Monitor bank account movements.
- Draw up payroll statements.

Professional experience in civil society

- Member and activist of the Children's Parliament in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1998.
- Co-founder and Executive Secretary of the Women's Parliament in the Democratic Republic of Congo 2015
- Member of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) since 2015
- Protection coordinator with the Community Dynamics for Social Cohesion and Development (Dynamique communautaire pour la cohésion sociale et le développement DYCO-RDC) in 2021.
- Member of the Congolese civil society consultation framework responsible for monitoring incidents of human rights violations and combating hate speech.
- Executive Secretary of BERCO from 2023 to the present day.

Education and training

- **2021: University of Abomey-Calavi in Cotonou, Benin**
Postgraduate Diploma (DEA) in Finance
- **2017: University of Professional Studies, Accra, Ghana**
Master of Business Administration in Marketing (MBA)
- **2013: Evangelical University in Africa, Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo**
Bachelor's degree in Economics and Management; specialisation: Financial Management
- **2008: Tumaini Institute, Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo**
State Certificate in Commercial Science and Information Technology

Publications

- 2021: 'Gender and Business Financing in Africa: An application to a Sample of Micro-businesses in Benin'.
- 2017: 'Developing a Marketing Communication Plan for ORCA-DECO in Ghana'.
- 2013: 'Customer Satisfaction with Sonas Motor Insurance'.

Other training programs

- June 2017: Training on strategic positioning in Ghana; obtained certificate.
- March 2015: OHADA training in Bukavu.
- June 2017: Training in Business Ethics at the University of Professional Studies in Accra, Ghana.
- October 2017: Leadership and management training in Accra, Ghana.

Languages

- French: spoken: very good, written: very good
- English: spoken: good, written: very good
- Swahili: spoken: very good; written: very good

2. Kelly, Kevin (Ireland)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of Ireland to the Kingdom of presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and, with reference to note ICC-ASP/23/SP/06 of 28 March 2024, has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Government of Ireland has decided to nominate Ambassador Kevin Kelly for re-election for a second and final term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, at the elections to be held during the twentieth-third session of the Assembly of States Parties.

Having successfully served a first term as Board Member, the Government of Ireland considers that Ambassador Kevin Kelly fully meets the requirements set out in paragraph I of ICC-ASP/1/Res.7 and the 'Desired Competencies in the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims' as adopted by the Bureau on 02 June 2021.

Ambassador Kelly is a candidate of the highest moral character, impartiality and integrity and has experience and competence in the assistance of victims of serious crimes. He currently serves as Ireland's Ambassador to India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. He has served in senior management positions in fragile and conflict-affected contexts in Africa with the Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland, the World Bank and international NGOs. He has championed the rights of victims of international crimes throughout his time as Ireland's Ambassador to Uganda, during which time he participated in the Kampala Review Conference, and as Ambassador to the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, where he has ensured that victims are central to Ireland's engagement with the Court.

Ireland has the honour to enclose a statement of qualifications and curriculum vitae of Ambassador Kevin Kelly.

Statement of qualifications

Having served on the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims since December 2021, Ambassador Kevin Kelly has proven himself to be an active, committed and effective champion of change in the governance and strategic direction of the Fund. He played a leadership role in managing the transition of senior leadership during his first term on the Board, and was a very proactive focal point for Communications and Fundraising. Ambassador Kelly hopes that a second (and final) term of office on the Board will allow him to support this change process and help embed the reform agenda initiated.

With a career in international affairs spanning over thirty years, including over twenty-four years with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Kevin Kelly has the required experience and qualifications to meet the vast majority of the desired competencies for continued membership of the Trust Fund Board of Directors. Ambassador Kelly's academic studies in University College Dublin and the School of Law in Queens University (both at Masters level), coupled with his hands on engagement over five years as Ireland's Ambassador to the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court in The Hague greatly deepened his knowledge and understanding of the Rome Statute framework.

He has led and delivered a large range of foreign policy, peace & security, humanitarian and development outcomes at the most senior levels including: Ambassador and Deputy Ambassador in Ireland's bilateral missions in Africa, Europe and now Asia. His experience as UN Director, as Director for Conflict Resolution and Humanitarian Director in the Department of Foreign Affairs has afforded him practical experience which speaks to most of the requirements of the Board of Directors. Having also held senior management positions in fragile and conflict affected contexts in Africa with the Irish

Government, the World Bank and international NGOs, Mr. Kevin Kelly possesses the requisite institutional experience relevant to the mandates of the Trust Fund for Victims.

Mr. Kevin Kelly was Ambassador to Uganda in 2010 when the first Review Conference on the Rome Statute was held in Kampala, during which Ireland organized a seminar on cooperation with the Court. Kevin Kelly was a member of Ireland's delegation and following the Conference continued to support Uganda's efforts in the field of international criminal justice through Ireland's engagement in the multi-donor capacity building programme for the Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS).

His experience in Uganda meant that Ambassador Kelly was well placed to take a lead role in The Hague for Ireland in relation to the ICC, building on Ireland's already strong reputation as a supporter of the Court. In conjunction with HQ, it was decided that the rights of victims would become a key priority of Ireland's engagement with the ICC. Over the years, as Ambassador and later Board Member, Ambassador Kelly has engaged with the Trust Fund to sponsor and co-host side events at several Assemblies of States Parties conferences in The Hague and New York.

Under Mr. Kelly's leadership, eleven States Parties to the Rome Statute, along with the President of the Assembly of State Parties, undertook a mission to Northern Uganda in 2018 in order to assess the impact and promote the work of the Trust Fund for Victims. In the year which marked the 20th anniversary of the Rome Statute, Ireland took the initiative to organize the visit in order to promote the Fund but also to help change the narrative of the ICC in Africa. This visit was followed up by an equally successful mission to Northern Uganda in 2022, led by Mr Kelly's successor Ambassador of Ireland to Netherlands.

Curriculum vitae

Mr. Kevin Kelly currently serves as Ireland's Ambassador to India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives having served as two years in the senior position of Director of Press and Communications for the Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland. Immediately before that, Kevin served for five years (2016-2021) as Ireland's Ambassador to the Netherlands and Irish Permanent Representative to International Organisations in The Hague, including the International Criminal Court.

With a career in international affairs spanning over thirty years, including twenty-four years with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kelly has led and delivered a full range of foreign policy, peace & security, humanitarian and development outcomes at the most senior levels. This has included: Ambassador and Deputy Ambassador in large bilateral missions in Europe, Africa and now South Asia; Director of headquarter business units for Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs; as a senior policy lead within the World Bank; and in senior management positions in fragile and conflict-affected contexts in Africa with international NGOs.

Mr. Kelly has extensive experience of spearheading strategic and organisational planning, managing multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural teams and exercising strict budget discipline. He combines strong leadership qualities with the requisite interpersonal and teamwork skills for effective delivery of results. As an experienced negotiator Mr. Kelly has the proven ability to initiate/drive change and deliver innovative solutions in challenging environments. He is a skilled political analyst with the ability to analyse complex information, draw conclusions and clearly communicate messages.

During his first term as Board Member of the Trust Fund for Victims, Mr. Kelly has helped to spearhead major changes in the governance and strategic direction of the Fund.

Educational qualifications

Queens University Belfast School of Law (2012)	Qualification: Master of Governance Thesis: 'Learning from Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa'
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University College Dublin (1992-1993)

Qualification: Master of Equality Studies

Thesis: 'Guilty Until Proven Innocent:
Police Interrogation Procedures under
Emergency Law Northern Ireland'

National College of Ireland,

St. Patrick's College of Education Dublin (1986-1989)

Qualification: Bachelor of
Education, (B.Ed. Hons),
Majored in Education and
English

Language skills: English, Irish, French (working level)

3. Muhammad, Tareque (Bangladesh)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties and has the honour to inform that Bangladesh nominates H.E. Tareque Muhammad, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Netherlands, as a candidate of the members of Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) from the Asia-Pacific States.

The curriculum vitae of H.E. Mr. Tareque Muhammad is attached.

Curriculum vitae

Ambassador Tareque Muhammad joined the Bangladesh Foreign Service in 1999. In nearly three decades, he has served in different capacities in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh and in different Bangladesh Missions. He has served in Madrid, New Delhi, Kathmandu, Yangon, Los Angeles and Nairobi previously. Before coming to the Netherlands, he has served as the High Commissioner in Nairobi and as Consul General in Los Angeles.

His professional experience traverses both bilateral and multilateral set up. As the Director (Bangladesh) to the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in Kathmandu, Nepal (2011-2014), he contributed in the regional organization to achieve better collaboration. He served in Bangladesh Mission in Delhi, Yangon, and also served as the Director General of South Asia, and Director General of Southeast Asia which accords depth in his understanding of diplomacy in the region. Over his career span, he was deeply involved in negotiating with two crucial neighbors of Bangladesh namely India and Myanmar across a variety of bilateral issues including the Rohingya crisis.

As a career diplomat, he takes interest in history, anthropology, environment, connectivity and human rights. He believes that the aim of diplomacy is to create a better and peaceful world for the future generation.

He obtained a Master's degree in international studies from the Leeds University UK as a Chevening Scholar (2001). Earlier he had obtained an MBA from Dhaka University's Institute of Business Administration (1995). His bachelor is in Forestry and Environmental Science from Chittagong University in Bangladesh (1992). After a brief career in the Forest Department of Bangladesh (1995-1999) he joined Bangladesh Foreign Service.

Ambassador Tareque Muhammad is married and blessed with two daughters. In his spare time, he likes to read, travel and spend time with his family.

4. Parmas, Andres (Estonia)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the Republic of Estonia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and, with reference to Note verbale of 28 March 2024 ICC-ASP/23/SP/, has the honour to convey the following.

The Embassy informs the Secretariat that the Government of Estonia has decided to nominate the candidature of Mr Andres Parmas for re-election for a final term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims to a seat allocated to Eastern European States, at the elections, which will take place at the twenty-third session of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court in The Hague from 2 to 7 December 2024.

Mr Andres Parmas has actively participated in the work of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims since 2021 and with his successful membership has proven that he fully meets the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7. He is of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and has ample experience in the assistance to victims of atrocity crimes at national as well as international level.

The Embassy has the honour to enclose a statement of qualifications and curriculum vitae of Mr Parmas.

The Government of Estonia would highly appreciate the valuable support of the State Parties to the Rome Statute for the re-election of Mr Andres Parmas as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims.

The Embassy of the Republic of Estonia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court the assurances of its highest consideration.

Statement of qualifications

This statement is submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the Procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (ICC-ASP/1/Res.7).

Andres Parmas has been serving on the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims since 2021 and has taken an active role during his term of office. He has been concentrating in enhancing effectiveness of engagement of the Board to the decision making of the TFV. Andres Parmas has cooperated with other Board members to achieve change in the management of the TFV and smooth transition of leadership to a new executive director. He has advocated and contributed to increasing the role of the Board in the work of the TFV and making the Board and the TFV more visible and better heard in the international community to better implement the tasks and expectations that the States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC have entrusted to the Trust Fund. Mr Parmas has contributed to drafting the reasoned opinion of the Trust Fund to the recommendations of the IER report on the TFV. Mr Parmas has functioned as a focal point in the Ntaganda case.

Mr Parmas has extensive professional experience in assisting victims of serious crimes both in terms of policy and practice.

As the Prosecutor General of Estonia, one of his main tasks is to deal with issues concerning the problems of victims of crimes. He is directing the creation of policies in regard of participation of victims in criminal proceedings, their access to relief services, assistance available to the victims etc. To promote the interests of victims Mr Parmas concluded an Agreement with Estonian Bar Association on behalf of the Prosecutor's Office in the fall of 2020 for engaging victims of crimes in the criminal investigation phase.

A state prosecutor specialised in juveniles and the treatment of victims was appointed in the Prosecutor's Office. He is also insisting interagency efforts for more meaningful work in advancing the rights of victims. In order to be aware of the level of Prosecutor's Office's services and of any possible shortcomings the satisfaction of victims with the services and assistance available to them during criminal proceedings is constantly gathered and assessed. Mr Parmas also calls for active outreach to victims. He is working to find innovative and efficient methods to take better notice of the needs of victims of crimes. For this reason, e.g. the methods of restorative justice are being introduced in the work of the Prosecutor's Office under his supervision. Mr Parmas is a member to Estonian council of crime prevention, which has in recent years put the assistance of victims of crimes at the centre of its activities.

While being appointed as the judge in roster for the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, Mr Parmas actively participated in the setting out of the regulatory framework and standards for victim participation at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers proceedings. In 2013-2014 Mr Parmas worked as an EULEX legal officer in the courts of Kosovo, where among other tasks he had to work with representatives of the victims of grave violations of international humanitarian law and of crimes against humanity in the ongoing criminal proceedings.

Curriculum vitae

Professional experience

March 2021 – present	Trust Fund for Victims, member of the Board of Directors
Feb 2020 – present	Prosecutor General of Estonia
Sept 2003 – present	University of Tartu Faculty of Law, lecturer of criminal law
Jan 2017 – March 2020	Kosovo Specialist Chambers, Judge (in roster)
June 2014 – Feb 2020	Tallinn Circuit Court, Judge in the Criminal Chamber
June 2013 – June 2014	European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX), Legal Officer at the Supreme Court of Kosovo / Court of Appeals
Jan 2003 – June 2013	Supreme Court of Estonia, counsellor of the Criminal Chamber
Sept 1999 – Jan 2003	Supreme Court of Estonia, lawyer of the legal information department

Selected Publications

1. Correspondents Reports: Estonia. Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law, 2000. The Hague: T. M.C. Asser Institute. 2002, pp 484-490. Together with Tanel Kerikmäe.
2. Inimsusevastased kuriteod rahvusvaheliste kriminaalkohtute käsitluses. [Crimes against Humanity in International Criminal Tribunals]. Juridica V/2002, pp 321-329.
3. Karistusseadustikus sätestatud inimsusevastaste ja sõjakuritegude kuriteokoosseisude kooskõla vastavate kuritegude rahvusvahelises õiguses tunnustatud määratlustega. [The Accordance of Definitions of War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity in Estonian Penal Code with International Law]. In the Collection of Judgements of the Supreme Court of Estonia 2003. Tallinn: Juura. 2004, pp 1592-1604.
4. Prosecution of International Crimes: Estonia. In National Prosecution of International Crimes. Nationale Strafverfolgung Völkerrechtlichen Verbrechen. Vol 5, Canada, Estonia, Greece, Israel, United States of America. A. Eser, U. Sieber, H. Kreicker (ed-s). Berlin: Duncker & Humblot, 2005, pp 89-188. Together with Tristan Ploom.
5. Developing the Definition of the Crime of Genocide through National Criminal Laws. In Festschrift in Honour of Raimo Lahti, K. Nuotio (ed). Helsinki: University of Helsinki. 2007, p 61-73. Together with Jaan Sotak.

6. Karistusõigus. Üldosa, koos J. Sootaki, E. Elkindi, P. Randma ja P. Pikamäega. [Criminal Law: General Part, together with J. Sootak, E. Elkind, P. Randma and P. Pikamäe]. Tallinn: Juura, 2010, 800 p.
7. Karistusjärgne kinnipidamine põhiseaduse vastane, mis saab edasi? [Detention after Service of Sentence Unconstitutional: What next?] RiTo 25, 2011, lk 86-94. Together with Rauno Kiris.
8. Country Report on Estonia. In: Außerprozessuale Erhebung der Beweisen und Verwertung dieser Beweisen im Strafprozess [Extrajudicial gathering of evidence and use of this evidence in criminal proceedings]. P. Hofmanski, (ed). Together with E. Kergandberg (Krakow, Munich: C.H. Beck, 2015).
9. Country Report on Estonia. In: The Crime of Aggression: A Commentary. C. Kress, S. Barriga (ed-s). (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017).
10. Karistusõigus. Üldosa, II väljaanne koos J. Sootaki, E. Elkindi, P. Randma ja P. Pikamäega. [Criminal Law: General Part, 2nd edition together with J. Sootak, E. Elkind, P. Randma and P. Pikamäe]. Tallinn: Juura, 2018, 682 p.
11. Application of domestic criminal statutes in regard of international crimes. *Baltic Yearbook of International Law* Vol 17 (2019)
12. Responsibility of the superior according to Estonian Penal law and its compliance with international law. *Juridica International* Vol 28 (2019)
13. VIII peatükk. Inimsuse ja rahvusvahelise ju/geo/eku vastased süüteod. Karistusseadustik. Kommenteeritud väljaanne. [VIII Chapter. Crimes Against Humanity and International Security. In: Penal Code. A Commentary] J. Sootak and P. Pikamäe (ed-s). (Tallinn: Juura, 2021). Together with J. Tehver.

Selected Conference Papers

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| July 2005 | Crimes Against Humanity: Dogmatics and Analysis of Respective Cases in Estonian Courts, Baltic Summer Academy of International Humanitarian Law, Jäneda, Estonian Red Cross |
| Oct 2007 | Implementation of the norms of international criminal law in Estonian law, ICRC Regional Seminar on The Role of the Judiciary in the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law, Budapest, Hungary |
| Aug 2010 | Jurisdiction principles in Estonian criminal law, international scientific workgroup for conflicting criminal jurisdictions in organised crime cases, Osnabrück, Germany |
| Oct 2012 | The Perspectives of Sentencing Policies, 32 Estonian Lawyers' Days, Tartu, Estonia |
| Oct 2016 | The Limits of International Criminal Law, 34 Estonian Lawyers' Days, Tartu, Estonia |
| Nov 2018 | Application of Domestic Criminal Statutes in regard of International Crimes, International Conference on Topical Issues of Crime of Genocide and Human Rights Protection, Sukhumi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia |
| May 2020 | Short period of statutory limitations for criminal offences with a few grounds of extension -- Estonian perspective, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt a.O., Germany |

Membership in Professional Organisations

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| 2002 – present | Member of Estonian Academic Society of Law |
| 2017 – present | Member of Arbeitskreis Völkerstrafrecht [working group for international criminal law] |

Education

2002 -2005 University of Tartu Faculty of Law, mag. iur.
1996-2002 University of Tartu Faculty of Law, B.A. (law)
1984-1995 Tartu 3. High School

Languages

Estonian – mother tongue
English – very good
German – very good
Russian – good
French – beginner

5. Sifuentes, Mônica Jacqueline (Brazil)

[Original: English, Spanish]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute and has the honour nominate Judge Mônica Jacqueline Sifuentes for the seat allocated to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC) on the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court, in the elections to be held during the twenty-third session of the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC.

Judge Sifuentes, whose curriculum vitae is enclosed herewith, meets all the conditions for nomination outlined in paragraph 1 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the Procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (ICC-ASP/1/Res.7: high moral character, impartiality, integrity, and experience in dealing with victims of international crimes.

As Federal Judge at the Regional Federal Tribunal (Sixth Region) of Brazil, where she currently serves as the President of the Court, Judge Sifuentes obtained extensive experience over the last 32 years, whilst analysing the most serious and complex international and transnational criminal cases, including federal political crimes. Additionally, she has gained considerable knowledge of global issues through her adjudication of international cases involving drug trafficking and crimes covered by treaties or conventions, particularly those related to human rights issues. Throughout her career, Judge Sifuentes has developed expertise in cases involving international trafficking in persons, especially those related to the trafficking of women, focusing on addressing the needs of the victims of such crimes. She also served for over 13 years as the Liaison Judge in Brazil for the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. In this role, she facilitated the resolution of international disputes concerning the international abduction of children, participated as an official member of the Brazilian delegation in several meetings, and provided responses to numerous inquiries from foreign judges regarding the operations of the Brazilian judicial system, its laws, and procedures.

In 2020, she was nominated as the Brazilian candidate for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court, under the terms of article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, i.e. by the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Brazil.

On 23 March 2022, Ms. Sifuentes was awarded the Bertha Lutz Diploma, bestowed by the Federal Senate in recognition of her significant contribution to the defence of women's rights and gender matters.

Statement of qualifications

This statement is submitted according to paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the Procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (ICC-ASP/1/Res.7).

Ms. Mônica Sifuentes meets all the conditions for nomination outlined in paragraph 1 of the above resolution: high moral character, impartiality, integrity, and experience in dealing with victims of international crimes.

Ms. Mônica Sifuentes is a Federal Judge at the Regional Federal Tribunal (Sixth Region) of Brazil, where she currently serves as the President of the Court. Her experience is proven through her work as a Federal Judge for the past 32 years, in which she has analyzed the most serious and complex international and transnational criminal cases, including federal political crimes. Additionally, she has gained considerable knowledge of global issues through her adjudication of international cases involving drug trafficking and crimes covered by treaties or conventions, particularly those related to human rights issues.

She has developed expertise in cases involving international trafficking in persons, especially those related to the trafficking of women. Ms. Sifuentes has also worked on addressing the needs of the victims of such crimes. Additionally, she served for over 13 years as the Liaison Judge in Brazil for the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. In this role, she facilitated the resolution of international disputes concerning the international abduction of children, participated as an official member of the Brazilian Delegation in several meetings, and provided responses to numerous inquiries from foreign judges regarding the operations of the Brazilian judicial system, its laws, and procedures.

In 2020 she was nominated as the Brazilian candidate for election as a Judge of the International Criminal Court, under the terms of article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, i.e. by the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Brazil.

On March 23, 2022, Ms. Sifuentes was awarded the Bertha Lutz Diploma, bestowed by the Federal Senate in recognition of her significant contribution to the defense of women's rights and gender matters.

The Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims is responsible for overseeing the provision of resources and coordinating assistance projects. Members of the TFV need to have representative functions, administrative skills, and contribute to fundraising efforts. Ms. Mônica Sifuentes is well-suited for this role due to her expertise in criminal law and international criminal law, as well as her managerial skills gained from her experience as the first President of the newest Court in Brazil, the 6th Federal Court of Appeals, which was established in August 2022.

There exist no affiliations or engagements that could cause any prejudice to Ms. Sifuentes' impartiality or integrity as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims.

Based on the above considerations the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute can be confident in investing Ms. Sifuentes' experience and knowledge into the position of a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims.

Curriculum vitae

Personal information

Date of birth: 28 December 1964

Nationality: Brazilian

Current position: Federal Judge, President of the Brazilian Federal Court of Appeals – 6th Circuit

Language skills: English (advanced), French (basic), and Spanish (intermediate) Regional criteria: GRULAC

Educational qualifications

08/2016 - 06/2017

Institution: American University, Washington College of Law/ Washington DC - USA

Qualification obtained: Specialization (post-graduate degree course) in Combat and Prevention of International Trafficking in Persons - Trafficking in Persons, Policy and Prevention.

08/1998 - 07/2003

Institution: Law School of the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil, and University of Lisbon, Portugal. Dissertation presented on July 3, 2003, with the title "Normative Judicial Act", diploma issued on March 4, 2004.

Qualification obtained: Doctor of Constitutional Law (Ph. D in Law)

08/1990 - 11/2000

Institution: Law School of the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil, thesis presented on November 24, 2000, titled "Access to Elementary School in Brazil", diploma issued on November 08, 2001.

Qualification obtained: Master of Laws and Economics (LL.M), with honors

03/1983 - 12/1987

Institution: Law School of the Federal University of Minas Gerais

Qualification obtained: Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), with honors

Most relevant specializations

September 1998 to March 1999 - Attended the XVII Regular Formation Program Portuguese Judges, at the Center of Judicial Studies in Lisbon.

20-24 April 2015 - Attended, upon invitation from the Embassy of the United States of America, the Environmental Enforcement and Prosecution Course, held by the International Law Enforcement Academy in San Salvador, El Salvador.

June 2016 to July 2017 - Took part in the national and international admission process, and was one of four Brazilians awarded in 2016 the scholarship for the Program of Graduate Study and Professional Development, offered by the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, and the Fulbright Commission - Fulbright Exchange Activity, and completed the program of studies at the American University - Washington College of Law, with a certificate issued by the Government of the United States of America, Washington DC, USA.

June 2016 to July 2017 - Specialization in Combat and Prevention of International Trafficking in Persons

- Trafficking in Persons, Policy and Prevention, American University, Washington College of Law, Washington DC/USA.

December 2016 - International course on mediation and arbitration for judges and prosecutors - International Course on Mediation Skills for Judges and Prosecutors, offered by the American University, Washington College of Law, DC, Paulista School of the Judiciary and Brazilian Prosecution Service Superior School, Washington-DC/USA.

26-31 May 2019 - Course on Antitrust and Economic Crimes Law promoted by the Global Antitrust Institute's (GAI's) Economics Institute for Competition Law Judges, Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, Lisbon.

7-11 October 2019 - Course on Criminal Evidence and New Technologies, promoted by AECID – Spanish Center Cooperation, Training Center of Santa Cruz de La Sierra, Bolivia.

Professional experience**Since August 2022**

Employer: Federal Regional Court of Appeals – 6th Circuit – Minas Gerais/BRAZIL Post Title: President of the Court

Other information: She is the Court's first president, which was installed in August 2022. She was responsible for the installation and implementation of the new Court of Justice, created by Law n.14.226, on 20 October 2021.

08/2012 - 2022

Employer: Federal Regional Court of Appeals - 1st Circuit - Brasilia/BRAZIL Post Title: Judge at The Federal Regional Court of Appeals

Other information: Member of the 3rd Chamber, with jurisdiction over federal political crimes and criminal offenses committed against the assets, services, or interest of the Union or its autonomous agencies or public companies, international trafficking in drugs, weapons, and persons, crimes covered by an international treaty or convention; cases

regarding human rights; crimes against the organization of labor and, in the cases determined by law, those against the financial system and the economic and financial order; cases of misconduct in public office, and expropriations;

Chair of the 2nd Section of Appeals, with jurisdiction over crimes committed by authorities with jurisdictional prerogatives, like City Mayors and State Representatives in regular crimes and impeachable offenses, except those falling under the jurisdiction of Electoral Courts.

03/2010 - 08/2012

Employer: Federal Regional Court of Appeals - 1st Circuit - Brasilia/BRAZIL Post Title: Judge at The Federal Regional Court of Appeals

Other information: Member of the 2nd Chamber, with jurisdiction over cases related to public servants and social security law.

05/2001 - 03/2010

Employer: Brazilian Federal Justice

Post title: Federal Judge

Other information: Presiding Judge of the 3rd Court in the Federal District, Brasilia/Brazil, with jurisdiction over cases in which the Union, an autonomous government agency, or a federal public company have an interest and cases between a foreign state or international organization and a municipality or a person domiciled or residing in the country.

06/1998 - 09/2000

Employer: Brazilian Federal Justice

Post title: Federal Judge

Other information: Presiding Judge of the 4th Court in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais/Brazil, specialized in federal criminal cases, from June 1998 to September 2000.

11/1995 - 06/1998

Employer: Brazilian Federal Justice

Post title: Federal Judge

Other information: Presiding Judge of the Single Court of the Judiciary Subsection of Juiz de Fora, State of Minas Gerais/ Brazil, with civil and criminal federal jurisdiction over more than 40 municipalities of the Minas Gerais State.

06/1993 - 11/1995

Employer: Brazilian Federal Justice

Post title: Federal Judge

Other information: Deputy and Presiding Judge of the Single Court of the Judiciary Subsection of Ilhéus, State of Bahia/ Brazil, with civil and criminal federal jurisdiction over more than 30 municipalities in the South of the Bahia State.

04/1992 - 05/1993

Employer: State Court of Justice - State of Minas Gerais/Brazil

Post title: Deputy State Judge

Other information: Substitute Judge of the State Court of Minas Gerais, the top scorer in the civil service entrance examination of 1991, presiding over the districts of Sabará and Contagem. During this period, served as Electoral Judge in the District of Sabará-MG.

04/1988 - 03/1992

Employer: State Court of Justice - State of Minas Gerais/Brazil

Post title: Legal Assistant

Other selected professional activities**10/2006 - 2021**

Liaison Judge in Brazil for the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and Hague Conventions, by appointment of the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court's Presidency.

In such role, she has assisted in the resolution of international disputes concerning the international abduction of children (1980 Convention), as a focal point for judges to contact the Brazilian and foreign judicial authorities and the Permanent Office of the Hague Conference. She has also answered consultations from foreign judges on the functioning of the Brazilian legal system and international abduction cases underway in Brazilian courts, to speed up processing times under the 1980 Convention.

08/2010 - 2021

Contact Point in Brazil for IBERRED - The Ibero-American International Legal Cooperation Network, composed of the Central Authorities and contact points from the Ministry of Justice, Public Prosecution Service, and the Judiciary of 22-member states of the Ibero-American International Legal Cooperation Network.

Its goal is to optimize judicial cooperation's instrument in civil and criminal matters and to strengthen the cooperation between countries.

08/2008 - 2020

Coordinator of the Commission of Federal Judges concerning the implementation of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, established by the Presidency of the Superior Court of Justice (STJ) under the Federal Council of Justice, to conduct studies and drawing up resolutions, manuals and seminars and procedural accompaniment of the Child Abductions cases in Brazil.

06/2014 -2020

Representative of the Federal Regional Court of Appeals - 1st Circuit - at the National Forum of the Judiciary for Monitoring and Implementation of Demands Related to Trafficking in Persons - FONATRAPE, established by the National Council of Justice - CNJ Resolution N. 197, 16 June 2014.

30 October to 9 November 2006

Member of the Brazilian Delegation for the 5th Meeting of the Special Committee to review the procedural aspects of the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, which took place in the Hague, Netherlands.

8-16 May 2007

Member of the Brazilian Delegation for the 5th meeting of the Special Committee on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, held in the Hague, Netherlands.

5-23 November 2007

Member of the Brazilian Delegation for the 21st Diplomatic Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, in preparation for the adoption of the Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support, held in the Hague, Netherlands.

2-7 February 2009

Member of the Brazilian Delegation for the Special Committee Meeting of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, to discuss the Apostille, Service Abroad, and International Access to Justice Conventions, held in the Hague, Netherlands.

1-10 June 2011 and 25-31 January 2012

Member of the Brazilian Delegation for the 6th Meeting of the Special Committee to review the procedural aspects of the 1980 Hague Conventions on the Civil Aspects of

International Child Abduction and 1996 on International Protection of Children, held in the Hague, Netherlands.

3-7 December 2013

TRF 1st Circuit's representative at the Latin American Meeting on the International Protection of Children and Recovery of Child Support, invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Santiago de Chile.

15-17 December 2014

Contact Point for Brazil at the Meeting: Points of Contact and Liaison of IberRed on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and their Return, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

22-25 February 2015

Contact Point for Brazil at the 7th Plenary Meeting of IberRed Contact Points and Liaisons, held in Panama City, Panama.

13-15 November 2018

Representative of the TRF 1st Circuit at the Mission for Exchange of Best Practices and Initiatives on Forced Labor in Brazil and Argentina, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, promoted by the International Labor Organization in partnership with the Ministry of Justice of Brazil.

Additional information

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6. Yillah, Ibrahim Sorie (Sierra Leone)

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Note verbale

The Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court, and relative to note verbale ICC-ASP/23/SP of 28 March 2024 regarding the election of members of the Directors of the Trust Fund for the Benefit of Victims, has the honour to advise that Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone has nominated Mr. Ibrahim Sorie YILLAH for re-election to the one seat allocated to African States for a second and final term.

Mr. Yillah's nomination fully complies with the relevant resolutions for the nomination and election of the members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims (ICC-ASP/1/Res.6 of 9 September 2002, annex I; and ICC-ASP/1/Res.7 of 9 September 2002, see annex II), and his competence, qualifications and experience would make him valuable in advancing the principles, objectives, and purpose of the Trust Fund. His nomination is also consistent with the commitment of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the International Criminal Court and the victims of atrocity crimes. Mr. Yillah is of high moral character, impartiality, integrity and has the requisite competence in the assistance of victims of serious crimes. In that regard, kindly find enclosed the accompanying statement of qualification and curriculum vitae in favour of Mr. YILLAH.

The Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court the assurances of its highest consideration.

Statement of qualifications

It is an honour for the Government of Sierra Leone to nominate Ibrahim Sorie Yillah, a Barrister at Law and Solicitor of the High Court of Sierra Leone who has practiced as a lawyer, locally and internationally over the past twenty six (26) years as a member of the Eighth Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims ("TFV") of the International Criminal Court ("ICC") for a second and final term. From December 2021 to date, Ibrahim Sorie Yillah has served as a member of the Seventh Board of Directors of the TFV as its Vice-Chair representing African States with distinction. In this capacity, Mr. Yillah chairs the Board in the absence of the substantive Chair and has led several missions on behalf of the TFV to ICC Situation countries and non-Situation countries on the African continent.

Ibrahim Sorie Yillah is of high moral character and integrity whose tenures at national and international tribunals were characterized by dedication to duty, selfless service, discipline, and efficiency. His record of service during his first term as a Board Member on the TFV been a successful tenure working with colleague board members to give more visibility to the TFV and enhancing the governance system of the Secretariat of the TFV to give it efficiency and visibility within and without the Rome Statute system. Ibrahim as one of two lawyers on the Board works closely with legal officers of the Secretariat in reviewing legal submissions to various Trial Chambers of the Court regarding applications by prospective victims as well as other legal documents that may be required to be submitted by the TFV to the Court from time to time. Ibrahim has worked assiduously with his colleague Board members to raise funds for victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

Ibrahim is a highly qualified and experienced lawyer who has worked previously in the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC as a Trial Lawyer and as a Defence Counsel. He is currently the Principal Defender of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone. Ibrahim's unique experience in the Office of the Prosecutor, the Defence and the TFV gives the unique experience required to navigate the Courts' structures with ease, an experience needed to guide and assist the Secretariat of the TFV. He brings a unique experience of

dealing first-hand with witnesses and victims in the fields during investigations and understands the challenges victims face during investigations and trial phases and is uniquely placed to advise on reparative justice for victims of Rome Statute crimes.

Ibrahim's re-nomination to the Eighth Board of Directors of the TFV brings much needed first-hand experience of a lawyer who hails from a country that has undergone a brutal civil war. He worked with Victims Unit at the Special Court for Sierra Leone to provide psycho-social counseling to victims. Ibrahim understands what it means to be a victim and the needs of victims, which is the center piece of the work of the Board of Directors of the TFV. Ibrahim speaks and writes English fluently and has an advanced knowledge of French.

Curriculum vitae

Personal information

Place of birth: Freetown

Date of birth: 11 January 1974

Age: 50 years

Country of birth: Sierra Leone

Nationality: Sierra Leonean

Current positions: Vice-Chair, Trust Fund for the Benefit of Victims, International Criminal Court

Principal Defender, Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone

Lecturer in International Criminal Law, Sierra Leone Law School

Managing Partner in the Law Firm of Tejan-Cole Yillah and Partners, Sierra Leone

Language skills: Fluent in written and spoken English and Advanced in French

Regional group: African States

Educational qualifications

1992 - 1996

Institution: Faculty of Law, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, Mount Aureol, Freetown, Sierra Leone

Qualification: LLB (Hons), Bachelor of Laws with Honours.

1996 - 1997

Institution: Sierra Leone Law School, 11 Lamina Sankoh Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Admission: Admitted to the Utter Bar of Sierra Leone in December 1998

Qualification: BL (Barrister-at-Law and Solicitor) of the High Court of Sierra Leone

Academic Awards: Chief Justice's Prize for Student with the Best Overall Performance.

Attorney General's Prize for best performance in Criminal Procedure and Evidence

The best prize for Professional Practice and Ethics

January to December 2001

Institution: Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Qualification: LLM (Human Rights in Africa)

Thesis: Towards A Human Rights Approach to Refugee Protection in Africa

Professional experience**February 1998 - December 2000**

Employer: **Wright & Co. Solicitors, Sierra Leone**

Title: Barrister and Solicitor, Wright & Co. Solicitors, Sierra Leone.

Other information: He worked extensively on civil, commercial, and criminal cases and attended many seminars and trainings on civil and criminal procedure in Sierra Leone including those organised by the Sierra Leone Bar Association and the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

2002 - 2005

Employer: **Law Firm of Roberts and Partners, Sierra Leone**

Title: Partner, Barrister and Solicitor at ROBERTS AND PARTNERS, SIERRA LEONE

Other Information: Mr. Yillah worked together with Justice Eku Roberts to find the Chambers of Roberts and Partners which subsequently transformed to Macaulay and Bangura Solicitors in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

2013 - date

Firm: **Tejan-Cole Yillah and Partners Law Firm, Sierra Leone**

Title: Managing Partner, Tejan-Cole Yillah and Partners Law Firm, Sierra Leone

Other information: alongside his international duties, Mr. Yillah founded the chambers of Tejan-Cole, Yillah and partners partnering with the former commissioner, anti-corruption commission, Abdul Tejan-Cole. it is recognised by Chambers Directory, the leading global legal guide as one of the leading law firms in Sierra Leone undertaking civil, commercial, criminal and constitutional litigations in Sierra Leone and in international courts.

2015 - date

Employer: **Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone**

Title: Principal Defender, Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone

Other information: Mr. Yillah serves as the Principal Defender of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone. In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing the enforcement of sentences imposed by the special court for Sierra Leone on prisoners serving imprisonment in the United Kingdom and Rwanda.

2005 - 2011

Employer: **Office of The Prosecutor, International Criminal Court**

Title: Trial Lawyer, Office of The Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

Other information: Mr. Yillah served as a trial lawyer in the office of the prosecutor of the international criminal court. In that capacity, Mr. Yillah undertook investigations and prosecution of war crimes and crimes against humanity in the democratic republic of Congo, Uganda and Central African Republic situations and cases arising from those situations.

2011 - 2013

Employer: **International Criminal Court**

Title: Defence Counsel, International Criminal Court

Other information: Mr. Yillah worked as co-counsel under the leadership of the current ICC Prosecutor, Karim Khan to defend suspects and accused persons in the Darfur and Kenya cases before the international criminal court.

2002-2005

Employer: **The Special Court for Sierra Leone**

Title: Duty Counsel And Co-Counsel At The Special Court for Sierra Leone

Other information: Mr. Yillah served as Duty Counsel and subsequently Co-Counsel in the Civil Defence Forces (CDF) cases before the trial chamber of the special court for Sierra Leone.

2016 - DATE

Employer: **Environment Protection Agency, Sierra Leone**

Title: External Legal Counsel, Environment Protection Agency, Sierra Leone

Other information: Mr. Yillah has served as legal counsel and consultant for the environment protection agency (EPA) from 2016 to date. In this capacity Mr. Yillah assisted in the drafting of several environmental legal instruments in Sierra Leone namely; the marine and coastal regulations, the hazardous waste regulations and developed guidelines for the EPA for the investigation and prosecution of environmental crimes in Sierra Leone.

Other selected professional activities

Arbitrator

Mr. Yillah is also an arbitrator and was a member of the drafting committee set up by the Law Reform Commission of Sierra Leone to produce a draft bill on arbitration in Sierra Leone.

2017 to 2018

Member, Drafting Committee on the New Law on Arbitration 2017 to 2018 under the auspices of the Law Reform Commission.

Arbitrator having sat on a reasonable number of arbitration proceedings in Sierra Leone and has developed interest in mining arbitration.

Internship

After completing his Master's program, Mr. Yillah interned at the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Ghana and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the latter under the auspices of the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria.

Additional professional activities

In 2020, Mr. Yillah participated in a conference organised by the Centre for International Law and Policy in Africa (CILPA) on the contributions of the Special Court for Sierra Leone to the development of international criminal law.

In 2021, Mr. Yillah chaired the Conference on the Implementation of the New York Convention on the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in Sierra Leone under the Auspices of the Centre for International Law and Policy in Africa (CILPA) – headed by Prof. Charles Jalloh, a renowned Professor of International Law and Florida International University and an Elected Member of the International Law Commission.

2021 to 2024

Activities at the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) at the International Criminal Court

Mr. Yillah was elected by the Assembly of States Parties (the ASP) at its twentieth session held in December 2021 as a Director in the Board for the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court (ICC) for three (3) years from 2021 to 2024 representing the group of African States.

Together with Colleague Board Members and the Secretariat, he designed programs to provide assistance, reparation, restitution etc. to victims of crimes in situation countries where the ICC operates including submitting expert filings to ICC Trials and Appeals Chambers on programs of reparation to victims of crimes and working with local partners in situation countries on how best to provide reparation and assistance to victims of crimes.

Fundraising for TFV ICC and the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone

Together with Colleagues and the TFV Secretariat, they approved programs designed by the Secretariat for fundraising for the Trust Fund and each Director undertakes fundraising in his/her continent to provide funding for victims of crimes in Situation Countries of the ICC.

In this capacity, the Board and Mr. Yillah works with his colleagues to raise funds for victims as well as the profile of victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the ICC.

As a Barrister-at-Law and Solicitor in Sierra Leone, Mr. Yillah has shown deep commitment to the rule of law, the promotion of human rights and legal education in Sierra Leone and beyond.
