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Ninth 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. On 11 March 2026, the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties decided to open the nomination period for the ninth election of members of the Board of Directors, which would run from 27 April to 19 July 2026.

8. As at 19 July 2026, the Secretariat had received the following five nominations:

African States:

- Ms. De Wet, Sandea (Republic of South Africa)
- Ms. Kajaru Kamukere, Jeanne d'Arc (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
- Mr. Kebonang, Zeinub (Republic of Botswana)
- Ms. Ombock, Aveline Jonathan (United Republic of Tanzania)

Latin American and Caribbean States :

- Ms. Sifuentes, Mônica Jacqueline (Brazil)

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. De Wet, Johanna Gertruida Susanna (Sandea) (South Africa)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of the Republic of South Africa 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 has the honour to refer to the Secretariat's note verbale of 17 March 2026 (ref. ICC-ASP/25/SP/56) regarding the election of two members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims at the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties, to be held from 7 to 17 December 2026.

The Embassy of South Africa has the honour to submit the candidacy of Ms Sandea de Wet for election to the seat allocated to the African Group on the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims. Ms De Wet is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity. Ms De Wet's curriculum vitae and statement of qualifications included herewith demonstrate that she also possesses the relevant competencies required in the assistance to victims of serious crimes.

Ms De Wet is the former Chief State Law Adviser (International Law) of South Africa. She has represented South Africa in many diplomatic fora, playing a leading role in treaty negotiations and serving on expert bodies. She has appeared as counsel for South Africa before international courts, including the International Criminal Court. In the domestic sphere, she has extensive experience in managing litigation, as well as legislative drafting, including in the area of development cooperation.

Statement of qualifications

Ms Sandea (JGS) de Wet is the former Chief State Law Adviser (International Law) of the Republic of South Africa, a position she held from 2004, until she retired in March 2023.

As the head of the Office of the Chief State Law Adviser (International Law) in the Department of International Relations and Cooperation, her main responsiblility was to act as senior legal counsel to the South African government by providing advice on all matters related to international law. Additionally, she was the custodian of the Official Treaty Record of the Republic of South Africa.

She was also responsible for providing legal advice on all internal legal matters concerning the Department of International Relations and Cooperation and to South African diplomatic missions abroad. She managed domestic and foreign litigation against the Department and missions. She also has extensive managerial experience and in-depth knowledge of government processes and is well versed in contemporary developments in international relations.

She was actively involved in the development and conceptualisation of the global response to climate change in the context of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). She led the South African delegation involved in the international climate change negotiations for many years. She was instrumental in the successful outcome of the 17th Conference of the Parties chaired by South Africa in Durban in 2011 and played a key role in the finalisation and adoption of the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change. On 3 September 2018 the President of the French Republic awarded her with the *Ordre national du Mérite* for her career as Chief State Law Adviser (International Law) and the key role she played in the successful conclusion of the Paris Agreement. She is internationaly recognised as a bridge builder with the ability to bring diverse groupings to a consensus position and is known as an excellent drafter of legal texts.

She has a deep understanding of multilateral negotiations and processes and served as member of many South African delegations to international conferences. She has extensive experience in multilateral negotiations, including those dealing with the Law of the Sea; the Conventions on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; Biological Diversity and its Biosafety Protocol; Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes; Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade; Desertification; the Ozone Layer and the Antarctic Treaty system.

She led numerous multilateral processes serving as facilitator and chair and/or co-chair of working groups, including as the chairperson of the Enforcement Branch of the Compliance Committee established under the Kyoto Protocol of the UNFCCC.

She was the leader of the South Africa deleglation to the UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and responsible for the legal defense of South Africa's Extended Continental Shelf claims under the UN Convention of the Law of the Sea.

She was also a member of The Hague Space Resource Governance Working Group that has developed an international regulatory framework for space resource activities.

Ms De Wet has comprehensive knowledge and experience in the practice of international law and a deep understanding of the general principles of international law. She appeared before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on behalf of South Africa in the advisory opinion proceedings in the cases concerning the *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory* and concerning the *Legal Consequences of the Separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965*. She has also appeared before the International Criminal Court on behalf of South Africa in proceedings under Article 87(7) of the Rome Statute against South Africa on the non-compliance by South Africa with the request by the Court for the arrest and surrender of Omar Al-Bashir.

Ms De Wet represented South Africa in various bilateral and multilateral negotiations on issues relating to international criminal law, diplomatic and consular relations, space law, international organisations, border disputes, trade and investment, and international terrorism. She was also the drafter of the South African legislation relating to international relations, including the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act, the Foreign Service Act and the South African Partnership Fund for Development Bill.

She holds a B Iuris (*cum laude)*, LLB (*cum laude*) and a Masters degree in Private Law (*cum laude*) from the University of the Free State, as well as a Masters degree in Public International Law (*cum laude*) from the University of Pretoria. She was admitted as Advocate of the High Court of South Africa in 1985.

Curriculum vitae

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname	De Wet
First names	Johanna Gertruida Susanna
Date of birth	10 January 1962
Sex	Female
Nationality	South African
Employment status	Retired Chief State Law Adviser (International Law)

SKILLS

- Leadership and proficiency in providing strategic direction in the realisation of the policy objectives of the organisation, through leading by example with vision, enthusiasm, taking responsibility, and instilling commitment and loyalty.
- An accomplished legal expert in the field of international law and a seasoned international negotiator, with broad exposure to the practical application of all aspects of international law.
- An accomplished lawyer with extensive practical experience and knowledge of South African law, particularly constitutional law, administrative law, law of contract and labour law.
- Extensive knowledge, experience and understanding of the complex nature of international diplomacy, particularly as an added dimension to the practical application of international law.
- Twenty-one years of senior management experience, with a proven track record of results-based management initiatives and enhancement of service delivery.
- Thorough understanding of public service processes and delivery requirements.
- Effective communicator with excellent interpersonal relations, committed to human resource development and management, through mentoring in a manner that contributes to the enhancement of human potential and skills.
- Proven ability of innovative and creative problem solving, be it of an administrative or substantive nature.
- Easily adaptable to new challenges, changing work environments and time frames, and the proven ability to handle stress through the establishment of efficient management processes.

EMPLOYMENT

2002–2023	Chief State Law Adviser (International Law) Department of International Relations and Cooperation (formerly, Department of Foreign Affairs) of South Africa
1996–2002	Principal State Law Adviser (International Law) Department of Foreign Affairs of South Africa

1992–1996	Senior State Law Adviser (International Law)
	Department of Foreign Affairs of South Africa
1988–1992	State Law Adviser (International Law)
	Department of Foreign Affairs of South Africa
1986–1987	Legal Officer
	Department of Development Planning of South Africa

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1989	LLM in Public International Law *cum laude*
	University of Pretoria, South Africa
	Dissertation: *Historical focus on the development of Human Rights in Africa*
1986	LLM in Private Law *cum laude*
	University of the Orange Free State, South Africa
	Dissertation: *Recognition of the Customary Law of Black South Africans*
1985	Admitted as advocate of the High Court of the Republic of South Africa
1984	LLB *cum laude*
	University of the Orange Free State, South Africa
1982	B Iuris *cum laude*
	University of the Orange Free State, South Africa

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- L'ordre national du Mérite from the French Republic in recognition of outstanding work as lead negotiator for South Africa during the international climate change negotiations leading to the conclusion of the Paris Agreement (2018)
- Honorary colours from the University of Pretoria (1989)
- Human Sciences Research Council Bursary for full time post graduate study (1985–1986)
- Bar Council Award for best LLB student (1984)
- Moritz Bobbert Coin for Excellence (1984)
- Honorary Award from Student Council for excellence (1984)
- Honorary colours from the University of the Orange Free State (1984)
- Nedbank Gold Coin Academy Award (1982)
- Honorary colours from the University of the Orange Free State (1982)
- Dux pupil, High School Hertzogville (1979)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

International negotiations

- Comprehensive understanding of the procedures of the United Nations and other international organisations and their role in international relations and diplomacy.
- Extensive experience in a leadership role in bilateral and multilateral negotiations on a wide range of issues.
- Representative of South Africa and accomplished negotiator at international meetings and conferences, often as chief negotiator, or coordinator and spokesperson for the Africa Group and the Group of 77 and China.
- Chair or facilitator of negotiating and drafting committees at international meetings.
- Coordinating and developing position papers and negotiating strategies for South Africa in close consultation with subject matter experts on various issues in bilateral and multilateral contexts.
- Supporting political principals participating in international meetings and negotiations through strategic advice.
- Participating in various structured bilateral engagements between South Africa and foreign counterparts, providing advice on agreements, declarations, and project documents on a wide range of matters.

Advising on international law

- Advising the South African government on matters of policy on the basis of international law, through a thorough analysis of international conventions, custom, international legal principles, jurisprudence of international courts and tribunals, as well as academic research.
- Advising on the constitutional procedures in respect of the signing of treaties and facilitating the prescribed procedures for their ratification, accession, acceptance or approval.
- Certification of treaties and supervision over the registration, publication and safekeeping of treaties entered into by South Africa.
- Legislative drafting, as well as managing the process of the enactment of legislation in parliament and its promulgation into law.
- Providing inputs to the International Law Commission (ILC) in respect of its work on the codification and progressive development of international law.
- Preparation of directives for South Africa’s participation in the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.
- Attendance of the annual meetings of the international legal advisers of ministries of foreign affairs during sessions of the Sixth Committee.

Appearances before international courts

- Member of the legal team of the South African delegation to the hearing of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the advisory opinion proceedings in the case concerning the *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory*.
- Member of the legal team of the South African delegation to the hearing of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the advisory opinion proceedings in the case

concerning the *Legal Consequences of the Separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965*.

- Appeared before Pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court on behalf of South Africa in proceedings under Article 87(7) of the Rome Statute against South Africa on the non-compliance by South Africa with the request by the Court for the arrest and surrender of Omar Al-Bashir.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Membership of the International Panel of Arbitrators under the Optional Rules for Arbitration of Disputes relating to Natural Resources and/or the Environment.
- Adjudicator in the annual International Jessop Moot Court competition.
- Lecturer in international law at the University of Pretoria in the Masters (LLM) programme.
- Lecturer on negotiation skills at the Good Governance Course of the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria.
- Lecturer at the Foreign Service Institute, Department of Foreign Affairs, on a variety of topics, including diplomatic immunities and privileges and conference diplomacy.
- Member of the South African branch of the International Law Association (ILA).

2. Kajuru Kamukere, Jeanne D'Arc (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

[Original: French]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Congo 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, in The Hague, the Netherlands, and has the honour to nominate Ms. Jeanne d'Arc KAJURU KAMUKERE for election as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court for the 2026–2028 term. The elections will be held during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly, scheduled to take place in New York from 7 to 17 December 2026.

The Embassy wishes to inform the Secretariat of the Assembly that the candidate, Ms. **Jeanne d'Arc KAJURU KAMUKERE**, has extensive management experience in complex situations and demonstrates a deep commitment to international criminal justice, qualities that make her particularly well suited to provide leadership to the aforementioned Fund.

Curriculum vitae

I. Personal information

- Surname: Kajuru
- Post-surname: Kamukere
- Given name: Jeanne d'Arc
- Sex: Female
- Date of birth: 10 September 1989
- Place of birth: Bukavu (South Kivu)
- Marital status: Married
- Family status: Mother of three children

II. Professional experience

Regional Director, Labpropharma LLC

March 2026–present

Main duties and responsibilities

- Serve as the primary liaison between the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and internal and external stakeholders.
- Prepare strategic briefs, reports, dashboards, and executive summaries.

- Monitor the implementation of strategic initiatives and ensure compliance with deadlines.
- Support regional expansion planning and initiatives to enter new markets.
- Coordinate high-level meetings, communications with the Board of Directors, and investor relations.
- Monitor the operational performance of various departments, including sales, finance, logistics, and regulatory affairs.
- Establish and enforce structured reporting systems.
- Ensure compliance with standard operating procedures (SOPs), compliance standards, and internal controls.
- Support business development strategies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Cameroon, Nigeria, and Senegal.
- Coordinate cross-border partnerships, distributor relationships, and regulatory affairs.
- Monitor regional commercial performance and profitability.
- Support negotiations with suppliers, distributors, and strategic partners.
- Review financial statements and contribute to budgeting and forecasting processes.
- Monitor revenue targets, profit margins, and cost structures.
- Identify opportunities for cost optimization and improved cash flow.
- Ensure alignment between growth initiatives and organizational capacity.
- Develop performance management frameworks.
- Ensure consistency and alignment in communications between headquarters and regional offices.

Hospital Administrator and Manager, Biopharm 2 Hospital

2022–March 2026

Main duties and responsibilities

- Key Relationship Management: Develop and maintain strategic partnerships with more than 20 companies, expanding mutually beneficial collaborations.
- Financial Management and Oversight: Coordinate and supervise accounting and treasury operations, ensuring efficient fund management and reducing costs.
- Strategic Analysis: Conduct detailed financial analyses and adjust strategies to optimize operational performance and increase annual revenue.
- Expenditure Monitoring and Optimization: Review operating expenses, generate substantial cost savings, and propose cost-effective alternatives.
- Ensure compliance with the hospital's internal procedures.
- Manage administrative records and contracts.
- Oversee administrative services.
- Supervise the hospital's administrative and medical staff.
- Ensure staff discipline and compliance with internal rules and regulations.
- Participate in staff recruitment and performance appraisal.

- Oversee the hospital's logistics services.
- Contribute to the hospital's expansion.

Chief Accountant, Biopharm 2 Hospital, Kinshasa

2020–2022

Main duties and responsibilities

- Recording of Accounting Transactions: Record all accounting transactions, including purchases, sales, and payments, in the hospital's accounting books.
- Accounts Payable and Receivable Management: Monitor accounts payable and receivable to ensure timely payments and effective collection of outstanding amounts.
- Preparation of Financial Statements: Prepare balance sheets, income statements, and other periodic financial statements to assess the hospital's financial position.
- Expenditure Control: Monitor expenditures to ensure compliance with the allocated budget and propose adjustments where necessary.
- Bank Reconciliation: Perform monthly bank reconciliations to verify the accuracy of banking transactions.
- Cash Management: Monitor and manage cash flow to ensure that the hospital has sufficient funds to meet its day-to-day operational needs.
- Preparation of Tax Returns: Prepare and submit tax returns and fulfil other regulatory obligations in accordance with applicable laws.
- Inventory Monitoring and Analysis: Monitor inventory and ensure that stock movements are accurately recorded and valued.
- Budget Preparation: Contribute to the preparation of annual budgets and monitor their implementation in coordination with the various departments.
- Support for Internal and External Audits: Participate in internal and external audits by providing the required accounting documents and responding to auditors' queries.

Registration and Research Assistant, Evangelical University in Africa

2014–present

Main duties and responsibilities

- Teaching and Training: Design and deliver specialized courses in finance and management, providing students with an in-depth understanding of financial concepts.
- Academic Support: Assist faculty members in preparing and conducting teaching sessions, helping to maintain the quality of instruction.
- Academic Supervision: Supervise practical assignments and student projects, facilitating applied learning and academic achievement.
- Research and Development: Conduct research on various management-related topics, contributing to the advancement of knowledge and the publication of significant findings.
- Institutional Auditing: Plan and conduct audit activities to assess and improve administrative and academic practices.

- Process Analysis: Evaluate key processes within the university and provide recommendations to optimize operations and strengthen institutional effectiveness.

Entrepreneur and Chief Executive Officer, AMINI BUISNESS

2020–present

Main duties and responsibilities

- Legally represent the enterprise.
- Ensure the enterprise's continued viability and develop and implement its business strategy.

Internal Audit and Accounting Intern, DIPHL Service

2012

Main duties and responsibilities

- Verify the compliance of organizations and businesses with applicable requirements.
- Conduct an overall assessment of the company's financial and operational position.
- Verify compliance with all applicable accounting procedures across the organization's various departments.
- Analyse operational dysfunctions or quality deficiencies identified during the audit process.
- Explain discrepancies between established standards and actual observed conditions.

Accounting Intern, Kivu Industrial Group

2010

Main duties and responsibilities

- Compare and verify accounts.
- Prepare the Kivu Industrial Group's financial statements.
- Prepare tax returns.
- Record accounting transactions.
- Monitor movements in bank accounts.
- Prepare payroll statements.

III. Civil society engagement

- Member and activist of the Children's Parliament in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (1998).
- Co-founder and Executive Secretary of the Women's Parliament in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2015).

- Member of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) since 2015.
- Protection Monitor with the Community Dynamics for Social Cohesion and Development (DYCO-RDC) (2021).
- Member of the Congolese Civil Society Framework responsible for monitoring protection incidents, human rights violations, and efforts to combat hate speech.
- Member of the Congolese Coalition for the International Criminal Court.
- Member of the Victims' Rights Working Group.
- Member of the Working Group on Transitional Justice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- Founder and Coordinator of the non-governmental organization (NGO) Impact Transformation Centre.
- Executive Secretary of the Bureau for Studies and Reflection on Community Well-Being (BERCO) since 2023.

IV. Education

- 2021: University of Abomey-Calavi, Cotonou, Benin

  Diplôme d'Études Approfondies (DEA) in Finance (Advanced Studies Diploma in Finance)
- 2017: University of Professional Studies, Accra, Ghana
  Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Marketing
- 2013: Evangelical University in Africa, Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo

  Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Management, specializing in Financial Management
- 2008: Tumaini Institute, Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo

  Secondary School Leaving Diploma in Commercial and Computer Sciences (Diplôme d'État)

V. Publications

- 2021: "Gender and Business Financing in Africa: An Application to a Sample of Microenterprises in Benin."
- 2017: "Developing a Marketing Communication Plan for Orca-Deco Ghana."
- 2013: "Customer Satisfaction with SONAS Motor Insurance."

VI. Additional training

- June 2017: Training in Strategic Positioning, Ghana; certificate awarded.

- March 2015: OHADA training, Bukavu.
- June 2017: Training in Business Ethics at the University of Professional Studies, Accra, Ghana.
- October 2017: Training in Leadership and Management, Accra, Ghana

VII. Languages

- French: (oral) advanced; (written) advanced
- English: (oral) intermediate; (written) advanced
- Swahili: (oral) advanced; (written) advanced
- Lingala: (oral) intermediate; (written) intermediate

3. Kebonang, Zeinub (Republic of Botswana)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties and has the honour to refer to Diplomatic Note ICC-ASP/25/SP/56, dated 17 March 2026, concerning the decision of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties regarding the election of two members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims.

The Permanent Mission has the honour to transmit the nomination letter from Honourable Dr. Phenyo Butale, Minister of International Relations of the Republic of Botswana, together with the curriculum vitae of His Excellency Justice Dr. Zeinub Kebonang.

The Permanent Mission would be grateful if the Secretariat would kindly facilitate the necessary further steps in the submission process in accordance with established procedures.

Statement of qualifications

The Government of the Republic of Botswana is honoured to present the candidature of Ambassador Justice Dr. Zeinub Kebonang for election to the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims under the International Criminal Court.

The Trust Fund for Victims is a cornerstone of the Rome Statute system. It embodies our shared commitment to ensuring that victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and other crimes within the Court's jurisdiction receive meaningful assistance, rehabilitation and reparations. Its work is central to restoring dignity, fostering resilience and promoting lasting peace in communities affected by the gravest international crimes.

Ambassador Kebonang is exceptionally well qualified to contribute to this important mandate. He combines a distinguished judicial service with impeccable academic credentials and extensive expertise spanning over 26 years in constitutional and administrative law; international criminal and human rights law, commercial law including governance and the administration of justice.

As a Judge of the High Court of Botswana from 2015-2025 and Acting Justice of the Court of Appeal (2022), he has demonstrated integrity, independence and an unwavering commitment to the rule of law. His academic work, including Masters of Law (LLM) at Harvard Law School, Doctor of Philosophy (PHD-Law) and his scholarship in international criminal law reflect a deep understanding of the principles that underpin the Rome Statute and the international justice system.

Beyond his judicial experience, Ambassador Kebonang has served with distinction in leadership positions within Botswana's public institutions, bringing valuable experience in governance, accountability and institutional oversight. These qualities are essential for the effective stewardship of the Trust Fund for Victims.

The Government of Botswana firmly believes that Ambassador Kebonang's election would strengthen the Board by bringing sound legal judgment, strategic vision and a victim-centred perspective to its work. His appointment would also contribute to equitable geographical representation and reinforce Africa's constructive contribution to international criminal justice.

Botswana respectfully seeks the support of all States Parties to support the candidature of Ambassador Justice Dr. Zeinub Kebonang. By doing so, State Parties will be electing a

candidate of proven competence, unquestionable integrity and demonstrated commitment to justice, accountability and the rights of victims.

We look forward to working with all delegations in advancing the shared objectives of the Trust Fund for Victims and respectfully solicits your valued support during the forthcoming election.

Please accept Your Excellency the assurances of my consideration and esteem.

Curriculum vitae

Ambassador Justice Dr. Zeinub Kebonang is a distinguished jurist, diplomat and legal scholar with over twenty-five years of experience in judicial leadership, international law, public administration, financial governance, corporate and commercial law, and regulatory oversight. He currently serves as Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Permanent Representative to the European Union and Head of Mission to the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).

Prior to his diplomatic appointment, Ambassador Justice Dr. Kebonang served as Judge of the High Court of Botswana from 2017 to 2025, following his appointment as Acting Judge between 2015 and 2017. During his judicial career, he also served as Acting Chief Justice of Botswana and as Acting Justice of the Court of Appeal in 2022. His judicial service encompassed the adjudication of complex constitutional, commercial, administrative and civil matters, contributing to the promotion of the rule of law, judicial integrity and effective administration of justice.

Before joining the judiciary, he served as Director of Legal Services at the Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority from 2011 to 2017, where he provided strategic legal leadership on regulatory governance, institutional compliance and public policy. He also served twice as Acting Deputy Chief Executive, providing executive leadership and oversight of the Authority's operations.

Ambassador Justice Dr. Kebonang also served as Operations Director of the Botswana–University of Pennsylvania Partnership, where he directed institutional operations, financial management, human resources, procurement and organisational administration for one of Botswana's leading international health and research partnerships.

His other executive experience includes serving as Head of Structured Products at Barclays Bank Botswana, where he specialised in corporate and project finance, structured financial transactions and commercial advisory services. He also held senior legal leadership positions within the Botswana Unified Revenue Service and the Botswana Telecommunications Authority, advising on taxation, regulatory law, corporate governance and institutional legal affairs.

Ambassador Justice Dr. Kebonang began his professional career as a lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of Botswana, where he taught taxation, company law, constitutional law, administrative law, labour law and property law. He has also served as a Visiting Professor and Visiting Lecturer at several internationally recognised institutions, including the University of Ottawa, Harvard Law School and the University of Pretoria.

Throughout his career, he has served on several statutory boards and national oversight bodies, including as Chairperson of the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services, Founding Chairperson of the Competition Authority and Member of the Tax Adjudication Board. These appointments reflect extensive experience in institutional governance, strategic oversight, accountability and public sector leadership.

Ambassador Justice Dr. Kebonang has also undertaken legal and policy consultancy assignments for the Government of Botswana, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Friedrich Ebert Foundation and private sector institutions, providing expert advice on taxation, competition law, governance, public policy and legislative reform.

An accomplished academic and researcher, he has authored and co-authored numerous books, technical reports and more than thirty scholarly publications covering governance, anti-corruption, taxation, commercial law, public finance, regulatory frameworks, public policy and regional integration.

Education

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Investment Law, Australian National University, Australia
- Executive Master of Business Administration (Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain), Eaton Business School / Guglielmo Marconi University
- Executive Master's Degree in Entrepreneurship, University of Botswana
- Master of Business Administration (MBA), University of Botswana
- Master of Laws (LLM), Harvard Law School, Harvard University, USA
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of Botswana

Professional qualifications

- Postgraduate Certificate in Telecommunications, University of Westminster, United Kingdom
- International Tax Programme Certificate, Harvard Law School
- Certificate in Global Consulting, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Ambassador Justice Dr. Kebonang has received several academic distinctions and professional awards in recognition of excellence in legal scholarship and postgraduate studies.

He is fluent in English and Setswana

4. Ombock, Aveline Jonathan (United Republic of Tanzania)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania in The Hague presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to refer to the election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, to be held during the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Assembly of States Parties, scheduled to take place in New York from 7 to 17 December 2026

In this regard, the Embassy has the honour to transmit the nomination of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania of Ms. Aveline Jonathan Ombock, Senior State Attorney in the Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs, as Tanzania's candidate for election to the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims.

Ms. Ombock has over fourteen (14) years of professional experience in the legal field, including legal research, criminal litigation, maritime law, and alternative dispute resolution. She possesses extensive knowledge and experience in international criminal law and related legal matters, and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania is confident that she will make a valuable contribution to the work of the Trust Fund for Victims.

The Embassy further has the honour to enclose the curriculum vitae of Ms. Ombock in support of her nomination.

The Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania kindly requests the Secretariat to circulate this nomination to all States Parties in accordance with the established procedures

Curriculum vitae

Personal data

Place of birth:	Iringa
Nationality:	Tanzanian
Date of birth:	27 September 1989
Marital Status:	Married
Languages:	English and Swahil

Education

2025 - 2026	PhD in Laws and Politics Candidate with research focused on maritime law — specifically the legal frameworks, security challenges, and regulatory gaps in Tanzania’s maritime domain and their comparative alignment with international standards. Unicaf University Zambia

2023 - 2025	Masters of Laws – (LLM) with research focused on maritime law ’Assessment of Legal Framework for Sips and Port Facility Security in Tanzania’ Open University of Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam
2013 - 2014	Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Law School of Tanzania, Morogoro
2009 - 2012	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B Hon)

Other courses, membership and professional examination attempted

2024	Accredited Mediator, Negotiator and Arbitrator Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Tanzania
2014	Certificate of Admission of High Advocate, The High Court of Tanzania
2014 to Date	Member, Tanganyika Law Society
2014 to Date	Member, East Africa Law Society

Professional experience

October 2023 - March 2024	Secretariat to the Audit Committee, Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dodoma Summary of Duties and responsibilities: Prepare Meetings Coordination and Administration, Record Keeping and Documentation, Compliance and Governance Support
2024	Personal Assistant to the Minister, Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dodoma Summary of Duties and responsibilities: Assisting the Minister on all of her/his daily official activities and assisting coordination of the said activities

October 2023 - March 2024	Parliamentary Officer, Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dodoma Summary of Duties and responsibilities: Coordinating the Ministry with the Parliament by ensuring that reports are filed on time to the Parliament, and all issues which the Ministry has to report to the Parliament are done on time.
December 2023	Personal Assistant to the Permanent Secretary of The Ministry, Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dodoma Summary of Duties and responsibilities: Assisting the Permanent Secretary on her daily activities and assisting coordination of the said activities when needed.
June 2023 - Date	Senior State Attorney, Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dodoma Summary of Duties and responsibilities: Advising the Ministry on legal and administrative matters of the Ministry to ensure that it delivers on its mandate, roles and functions.
2016 - 2023	State Attorney, National Prosecutions Services, Dar Es Salaam Summary of Duties and responsibilities: Attending and Prosecuting criminal cases on behalf of the Republic, conducting legal research, drafting of legal documents providing legal opinions.
2015 - 2016	State Attorney, Attorney General’s Chambers, Dar Es Salaam Summary of Duties and responsibilities: Attending and prosecuting Criminal cases on behalf of the republic, attending Civil cases and representing the Government when sue or being sued, conducting legal research, providing legal opinions.
2014 - 2015	Advocate, Mbamba and Company Advocates, Dar Salaam Summary of Duties and responsibilities:

Attending and prosecuting Criminal cases on behalf of the republic, attending Civil cases and representing the Government when sue or being sued, conducting legal research, providing legal opinions.

Other assignments performed

Ministry of Constitutional Affairs Duties and Responsibilities:

- Drafting legal documents
- Attending and advising complainants complains
- Providing Legal advice to the Minister on application for extension of time matters for applicants to file their matters out of time.
- Advising stakeholders on how to handle their cases
- Preparing different legal documents like Charge, Facts, Opinion, Contracts, plaint, Applications, chamber summons, affidavit, demand letter and contracts.
- Conducting Legal Research
- Protection of the image of the Ministry in relation to its legal activities.
- Contracts negotiations

National Prosecutions Services
Duties and responsibilities:

- Attending all criminal cases at Resident Magistrate's Court, High Court and Court of Appeal of Tanzania
- Advising stakeholders on how to handle their cases
- Preparing different legal documents like Charge, Facts, Opinion, Contracts, plaint, Applications, chamber summons, affidavit, demand letter and contracts.
- Conducting Legal Research
- Updating the HR of the evolutions in the legislations by communicating regularly changes and law amendments
- Ensure that collective agreements are respected

Attorney General's Chamber Duties
and responsibilities:

- Preparing different legal documents like Charge, Facts, Opinion, Contracts, plaint, Applications, chamber summons, affidavit, demand letter and contracts.
- Attending Civil Cases and Criminal cases in High court and subordinate courts
- Conducting Legal Research
- Updating the HR of the evolutions in the legislations by communicating regularly changes and law amendments
- Ensure that collective agreements are respected
- Management of all legal affairs of the Attorney General's Chamber and record keeping

Computer skills

Skilled in MS Word, Excel ad Power Point Applications

Hobbies

Reading, exercising and travelling

I enjoy reading bible, research, gospel listening and watching football/movies. I also like studying and interacting with various people in sports, working places and churches.

References

Obadia Kameya,

Director of Public Legal Services,

Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs

Tanzania

Alfred O. Dede,

Director of Administration and Human Resource Management,

Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs
Tanzania

Abdulrahman Mshamu,

Assistant Director,

Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs
Tanzania

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 (ASP) and, with reference to Note Verbale ICC-ASP/25/SP/56, has the honour to submit the candidacy of Judge Mônica Jacqueline Sifuentes for re-election to the seat allocated to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) on Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) of the International Criminal Court (ICC), in the elections to be held during the 25th session of the ASP.

Judge Sifuentes, elected to the Board of Directors of the TFV during the 24th Assembly of States Parties and currently serving as Vice-Chair, has made a valuable contribution to the work of the TFV through her dedication, sound judgement and steadfast commitment to the rights and rehabilitation of victims affected by crimes under the jurisdiction of the Court. The qualifications of Judge Sifuentes, as recognized at the time of her initial election, have been further demonstrated throughout her two-year tenure, thereby contributing to the endorsement of her candidacy for re-election by the GRULAC.

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Embassy has the honour to attach the statement of qualifications and curriculum vitae of the candidate.

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 served as the President of the Court for 2 years. 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.

Since January 2025, Ms. Mônica Sifuentes has served as the GRULAC (Latin American and Caribbean Group) representative on the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, following her election by acclamation at the Assembly of States Parties in December 2024. Since her designation as the GRULAC representative, she has actively participated in all meetings of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims.

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: 1. Federal Judge, President of the Brazilian Federal Court of Appeals – 6th Circuit

2. Representative of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) on the Trust Fund for Victims, elected by acclamation at the Assembly of States Parties in December 2024; serving since January 2025.

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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