

ANKUMAH, Evelyn (Ghana)

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Curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	ANKUMAH	
FIRST NAME:	Evelyn	
MIDDLE NAME:	Ama	
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	02/05/64	
NATIONALITY:	Ghanaian	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Africa	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	Dutch	
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List B	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Fantsi	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Basic	(oral) Basic
- OTHERS	Dutch : (written) Intermediate	(oral) Intermediate
	Twi :	(oral) Advanced
	Ga :	(oral) Advanced
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the "+" sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i>		
08/2017 - 08/2017 - <i>Institution:</i> Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University & Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> International Arbitration Training Certificate		
07/1990 - 08/1990 - <i>Institution:</i> International Institute for Human Rights, Strasbourg, France - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Diploma for Human Rights Researchers and Lecturers		
05/1989 - 07/1989 - <i>Institution:</i> Minnesota Bar Review Course and Exam Prep - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Admitted to the State and Federal Courts of Minnesota		
08/1984 - 01/1988 - <i>Institution:</i> William Mitchell College of Law, St Paul, Minnesota - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Juris Doctor (JD)		

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: *Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)*

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- Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate

04/1997 - To date

- *Employer:* Africa Legal Aid (AFLA)
- *Post title:* Executive Director
- *Other information:*
 - Appointed Special Adviser to the Office of the ICC Prosecutor in February 2025.
 - Advancing international criminal justice, particularly through gender-sensitive and victim-centred approaches.
 - Led initiatives addressing marginalised rights issues, accountability and access to justice.
 - Instrumental in shaping legal frameworks for human rights and justice.
 - Convener of the Review of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression, mobilising African States Parties to the ICC to engage in reform of international criminal law.
 - Contributed African perspectives at the first public meeting of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative in 2009. The purpose of the experts’ meeting with contributions from international criminal law experts like Prof Leila Sadat, Prof William Schabas, Judge Christine van den Wyngaert, Judge Richard Goldstone and Prof Cherif Bassiouni, was to study the need for a comprehensive convention on crimes against humanity and begin drafting a model treaty.
 - Coordinator of the Gender Mentoring Training Programme for Judges of International Courts and Tribunals, strengthening judicial capacity to deliver gender-sensitive rulings.
 - My advocacy for victims' rights and defence counsels was a driving force in the establishment of the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA).
 - Initiated the preparation and adoption of the Cairo-Arusha Principles on Universal Jurisdiction, thereby promoting accountability for the most serious crimes.
 - Contribute to shaping discourse on international justice and accountability.
 - Editor and author of six books, and over forty editions of the AFLA Quarterly journal.
 - Influencing global efforts towards justice, accountability and human rights.

06/1995 - 03/1997

- *Employer:* Africa Legal Aid (AFLA)
- *Post title:* Initiator of Africa Legal Aid (AFLA)
- *Other information:* Launched AFLA – Attended to governance issues including legal registration, board building, recruiting volunteers, fund raising, engagement with human rights and justice communities, and building a sustainable base of support.

05/1993 - 05/1995

- *Employer:* Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, the Netherlands
- *Post title:* Research Fellow
- *Other information:*
 - Authored the first monograph (a practical book) on the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. Originally published by Kluwer Law International, the book was subsequently published in French and Arabic by the erstwhile African Society of International and Comparative Law.
 - Gave lectures on human rights and international law.

07/1992 - 04/1993

- *Employer:* Centre for European Studies, Maastricht University
- *Post title:* Guest Lecturer
- *Other information:* Taught European and International Law

10/1991 - 06/1992

- *Employer:* Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee
- *Post title:* Africa Programme Director

- <i>Other information:</i>	Initiated an Africa Programme; obtained observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; supported the African Commission during its formative years, preliminary assessing complaints submitted to the Commission, drawing on the jurisprudence of the Inter-American and European human rights systems.
01/1990 - 01/1991	
- <i>Employer:</i> - <i>Post title:</i> - <i>Other information:</i> ○ Published three articles on the African Human Rights System in International Journals. ○ Gave lectures on human rights and international law.	Faculty of Law Maastricht University Research Fellow on Human Rights and International Law
06/1987-12/1989	
- <i>Employer:</i> - <i>Post title:</i> - <i>Other information:</i>	Ramsey County District Court, St Paul Minnesota Law Clerk Supported judges by conducting legal research, drafting legal documents, and supporting court proceedings.
06/1986-05/1987	
- <i>Employer:</i> - <i>Post title:</i> - <i>Other information:</i>	Minneapolis City Attorney's Office Law Clerk Supported the attorneys by conducting legal research, drafting memos, briefs and assisting in court.
OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: - Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries	
07/2025 - Present	
• <i>Activity:</i>	<i>Member, Steering Committee, Crimes Against Humanity Treaty Coordination</i>
07/2025 - Present	
• <i>Activity:</i>	<i>Member, Global Justice Group on Gender and International Justice on the Crimes Against Humanity Treaty</i>
05//2018 – Present	
• <i>Activity:</i>	<i>Member of Advisory Board, Solo Sandeng Foundation</i>
04/1999 – 10/2006	
• <i>Activity:</i>	<i>Board Member, European Centre for Development Policy Management</i>
MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS	
BOOKS	
• Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, The International Criminal Court and Africa: One Decade On, Intersentia 2016, 676 pages. • Evelyn A Ankumah, Edward K Kwakwa Eds, African Perspectives on International Criminal Justice, Africa Legal Aid, 2005, 284 pages. • Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, Litigating Economic and Social Rights in Africa, Africa Legal Aid, 2004, 206 pages • Evelyn A Ankumah, Edward K Kwakwa Eds, The Legal Profession and the Protection of Human Rights in Africa, 1999, 180 pages.	

- Evelyn A Ankumah, *The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights: Practice and Procedures*, Kluwer Law International, 1996, 246 pages.

JOURNALS

- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *A Victim-Centred and Gender-Sensitive Approach to Justice in Southern Africa: Shared Lessons*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, January-March 2023.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *Lessons from the Gbagbo and Blé Goudé Case and ICC Review*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, Special Edition 2019.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *Engaging the African Youth in Justice and Peace Building*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, 2nd Special Edition 2018.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, Special Edition 2018.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *Carrying Forward the Innovations of the Extraordinary African Chambers for the Prosecution of Hissène Habré*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, January- March 2017.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *Africa and International Justice: After Kampala*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, April- June 2010.
- Evelyn A Ankumah, Ed, *On the Shores of Lake Victoria: Africa and the ICC Review Conference*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, January-March 2010.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *Adopting a Holistic Approach to Gender Justice*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, January-March 2009.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *Gender Justice and the Legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, Double Edition July-December 2008.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *The Interface Between Peace and International Justice in Africa*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, Double Edition July-December 2007.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *Women in Conflict Situations in Africa*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, July-September 2003.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *Africa and the International Criminal Court*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, January-March 2003.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, *African Perspectives on Universal Jurisdiction for International Crimes*, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, July-September 2001.

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

CONVENED THE FOLLOWING SEMINARS THROUGH AFRICA LEGAL AID (AFLA)

- *Reforming the Crime of Aggression Regime: The DRC As a Test Case*, ASP Side Event, The Hague, 1 December 2025.
- *Promoting Complementarity and Building National Capacity in the DRC*, ASP Side Event, The Hague, 2 December 2025.

- Victim-Centred and Gender-Sensitive Approaches to Justice in the DRC, ASP Side Event, The Hague, 3 December 2025.
- AFLA-ASP Special Session on Review of the Amendments on the Crime of Aggression: A Time to Harmonise and Amend, New York, 8 July 2025.
- Follow-up Retreat: Review of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression, Accra, Ghana, 20-21 May 2025
- AFLA-ASP Side Event on the Review of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression: Perspective of African States Parties, The Hague, 2 December 2024.
- Review of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression: Mobilising African States Parties to the International Criminal Court (ICC) to Raise Awareness and Generate Ownership, Johannesburg, 30-31 October 2024.
- The Use of Artificial Intelligence in International Criminal Courts, Gender Mentoring Training for Judges of International Courts and Tribunals, Maastricht University, 5 October 2023.
- Second Symposium on Preventing-Gender Based Violence in Southern Africa: Reason for Hope, Pretoria, 22-23 August 2024, held in cooperation with the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation.
- Pilot Symposium on Preventing Gender-Based Violence in Southern Africa, Pretoria, 29-30 August 2023, held in cooperation with the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation.
- Gender-Sensitive Judging in International Criminal Courts (ICC), AFLA-ASP Side Event, The Hague, 7 December 2021.
- Gender Issues Concerning Approaches to Female Counsels, Gender Mentoring Training for Judges of International Courts and Tribunals, Online, 29 May 2021.
- Gender Issues Concerning Approaches to Female Witnesses, Gender Mentoring Training for Judges of International Courts and Tribunals, Online, 27 February 2021.
- Emerging Trends on Complementarity: Consultations with Stakeholders from Central and East Africa, Kampala, 4-5 July 2018.
- Emerging Trends on Complementarity: Consultations with Stakeholders from West Africa, Banjul, 25-26 April 2018.
- Carrying Forward the Legacy of the Extraordinary African Chambers in the Habré Trial: An African Solution to an African Problem, Side Event at the 29th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union, Addis Ababa, 3-4 July 2017, held in cooperation with the Commission of the African Union.
- Complementarity, the Hissène Habré Trial, and the Evolution of Universal Jurisdiction, Dakar, 30 May -1 June 2016.
- Universalizing the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Johannesburg, 18-19 May 2015.
- Cooperation, Defence Perspectives, and Clarifying the Immunity Debate, ASP Side Event, New York, 12 December 2014.
- Africa and the International Criminal Court (ICC): Lessons Learned and Synergies Ahead, Johannesburg, 9-10 September 2014.
- Africa and the ICC: Engaging North African and Francophone Countries, Tunis, 14-15 November 2013.
- Africa and the ICC: 10 years On, Arusha, 28 February-1 March 2013.
- The Al Bashir Arrest Warrant, The Hague, 26 April 2010.
- On the Shores of Lake Victoria: Africa and the International Criminal Court (ICC), Side Event at the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Kampala, 28 May 2010.
- Adopting a Holistic Approach to Gender Justice, Dakar, 6-7 March, held in cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR).
- Gender Justice and the Legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), The Hague, 7-8 July 2007, held in cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice.

• The Interface between Peace and International Justice in Africa, Accra, 22-23 June 2007, held in cooperation with the International Criminal Court. • The International Criminal Court and Africa: Introducing the ICC to Human Rights and Justice Sectors in Africa, Accra, 24-25 October 2003.
MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES
• International Gender Champions 2020 – Present. • Hague Arbitration Group, 2017 – Present. • Coalition for the International Criminal Court 2002 – Present. • African Society of International and Comparative Law, 1991-2003.
AWARDS AND HONOURS
• Inducted into the International Gender Champions (IGC) network in 2020. The IGC network is a leadership initiative promoting gender equality and international justice. • Recognised by Power List Magazine in 2014, as one of 25 Africans significantly contributing to the continent's progress.
PERSONAL INTERESTS
• Reading • Writing • Cooking
OTHER RELEVANT FACTS
NOTABLE AUDIENCE AND PRESENTATIONS UPON REQUEST OF ICC STAKEHOLDERS • Evelyn A Ankumah, <i>Understanding Complementarity</i>, The Hague Working Group of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties (HWG) Information Session on Complementarity in Practice, The Hague, 30 October 2018. • Evelyn A Ankumah, <i>Sharing African Lessons on Universalising the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court with Asian Stakeholders</i>, 57th Annual Meeting of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO), Tokyo, 11 October 2018. Participated upon invitation of the Governments of Japan and the Netherlands. • Evelyn A Ankumah, <i>EU Support for the ICC from an African Perspective</i>, Committee for Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament and its Sub Commission on Human Rights, EU Action Plan to Deepen its Future Support of the ICC, Brussels, 12 July 2011.