

KEBONANG, Zeinub (Botswana)

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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.
