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The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Irish Centre for Human Rights at NUI Galway have the pleasure to invite you to a public lecture with:

Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa

International Criminal Court

entitled

“Africa and the International Criminal Court: Challenges and Prospects”

Chaired by: Professor Siobhán Mullally, Director, Irish Centre for Human Rights

Closing Remarks by: James Kingston, Legal Adviser, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Date: 18 June 2018

Venue: Aula Maxima, NUI Galway

Time: 6.00pm-7.00 pm

To be followed by a reception (7.00-8.00pm)

Places for this event are limited. Please r.s.v.p before 11 June 2018 to humanrights@nuigalway.ie

Biography:

Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa was elected as a judge at the International Criminal Court on 8 December 2017 by the Assembly of States Parties and was sworn in as a judge on 8 March 2018, for a term of nine years commencing on 11 March 2018. Prior to joining the ICC in 2018, Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa held positions as a Judge at the United Nations Mechanism for the International Criminal Tribunals (2012-2018), the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights (2014-2018) and the Court of Appeal of Uganda (2013-2018). Before that she served as Judge with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (2003-2013), the East African Court of Justice (2001-2006) and the High Court of Uganda (1997-2013). Prior to joining the bench, she served as an attorney in private legal practice (1988-1997) and lectured at the Law Development Centre of Uganda (1980-1997). During the same period, she served as a human rights activist and represented indigent women in courts of law. She also founded or chaired many non-governmental organizations that address legal and human rights issues. These especially include NGOs committed to helping people with HIV and AIDS. Judge Bossa also served as Vice Chairperson of the International Bar Association Human Rights Institute (1993-1999), as Chairperson of the Legal Aid Clinics of the Law Development Centre (1999-2001), as President of the Uganda Law Society (1993-1995) and as Chairperson of Government bodies including the Uganda Law Council (1998-2003) and the National Steering Committee on Community Service (1997-2000). She is a member of the International Association of Women Judges, the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights and an Honorary Member of the International Commission of Jurists.