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Profiles of panelists

Ms. Alice Bah Kuhnke

Minister for Culture and Democracy to the Swedish Government since 2014. Within her current role, some of Ms. Bah Kuhnke responsibilities include democracy, human rights at national level, civil society and the national minorities. Prior to her role as Minister for Culture and Democracy, Ms. Bah Kuhnke was the Directory-General for the Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society 2013-2014. She has also held roles as head of operations at the civil society think tank "Sektor3" and as Secretary-General for Fairtrade Sweden, amongst others.

Mr. Sidiki Kaba

The President of the Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Mr. Kaba is Senegal's Minister of Justice and was elected President of the ASP in 2014. Mr. Kaba participated in the negotiations of the Rome Statute and in 2001 he became the first African to be elected President of the International Federation of Human Rights. Through his career, Mr. Kaba has combined his professional activities with his struggle for human rights in Senegal and in the world at large. He is founding member and leader of several African NGO's, especially the lawyers' union 1982, the Inter African union of human rights (IAUHR) 1992, the African Center for Human Rights and Democracy-related Studies (ACHRDS) 1995 and the African Center for Conflicts Prevention (ACCP) 1995.

Mr. Mike Chibita

The Director of Public Prosecutions in Uganda since 2013. Mr. Chibita is a Ugandan lawyer and has held positions as state attorney and as Judge of the High Court of Uganda before starting his current position. He is a member of the Advocates International Global council, Advocates Africa, Alliance Defending Freedom (USA) and is an associate member of the Christian Legal Society (USA). Mr. Chibita has a Master's degree in Law from the University of Iowa, USA.

Ms. Fatou Bensouda

The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court since 2012. Within this role Mrs. Bensouda has published a Policy Paper on Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes to guide the Office of the Prosecutor's work in fighting impunity for sexual and gender-based crimes. Mrs. Bensouda had previously held the position of ICC Deputy Prosecutor (Prosecutions) from 2004 and to 2012. Prior to her work at the ICC, Mrs. Bensouda worked as Legal Adviser and Trial Attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in Arusha, Tanzania. Mrs. Bensouda holds a Master's degree in International Maritime Law and Law of The Sea and as such is the first international maritime law expert of The Gambia.

Ms. Thelma Aldana

The Attorney General of Guatemala since 2014. Ms. Aldana began her legal career in 1982 and has held several positions within the Guatemalans judicial system, including in the court of appeals, court of conflicts of jurisdiction and the judicial disciplinary board. She became judge of the Supreme Court in 2009 where she was also judge in the committee on women and gender analysis. She has been responsible for implementing criminal justice with a gender approach, and has worked against the impunity of violence against women, sexual violence and human trafficking. Ms. Aldana holds a Master's degree in Women's Rights, Gender and Access to Justice from University of San Carlos of Guatemala and the School of Legal Studies in Barcelona, Spain.

Dr Athalia Molokomme

The Attorney-General of the Republic of Botswana since 2005. Dr Molokomme taught law at the University of Botswana from 1981 until 1996. From July 1998, she was the founding head of the Gender Unit at the Secretariat of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), until May 2003 when she was appointed judge of the High Court of Botswana. For the past decade she has participated in the Assembly of State Parties to the ICC and she was an active participant in the Africa Group negotiations that led to the Kampala Amendments at the Review Conference in June 2010. Dr Molokomme has a Masters in Law from Yale Law School, USA and a PhD in Law from Leiden University, the Netherlands.

Ms. Brigid Inder, OBE, is from New Zealand and is the Executive Director of the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice. Ms. Inder has over 25 years of experience working in the international justice, peace and gender-equality fields as a strategic leader, advocate and practitioner. Under her leadership, the Women's Initiatives works with grassroots partners/victims in conflict situations and has ensured the involvement of women in formal peace processes. The organisation's international and domestic advocacy focuses on the rights of victims, accountability for gender-based crimes, and reparations issues. Ms Inder is an internationally recognised gender expert and has authored numerous articles and publications on the ICC, gender justice and child soldiers. In 2012, she was appointed as the Special Advisor on Gender to the ICC Prosecutor. In 2014, Ms. Inder was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) from Her Majesty the Queen for services to women's rights and international justice. Brigid is the recipient of the inaugural Bertha von Suttner Peace Prize and was a finalist in the Reuters Foundation Trust Women Hero Award for 2015.