



**CENTRE FOR AFRICAN JUSTICE, PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

**SYMPOSIUM ON “SEXUAL VIOLENCE: THE MALE  
PERSPECTIVE”**

**VENUE: SPEAKERS’ CORNER, THE HAGUE UNIVERSITY  
OF APPLIED SCIENCES, JOHANNA WESTERDIJKPLEIN 75,  
2521 EN, THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS**

**31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2018**

**14:00 – 18:00**

***Programme***

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
13:30 – 14:00	Registration, meet and greet, visit to the art gallery.
<b>Anchor</b>	<b>Janet H. Anderson</b>
14:00 – 14:10	Opening Remarks – <b>Barrister Adesola Adeboyejo</b>
14:10 – 14:30	Presentation of Awards to Volunteers for International Peace Campaign – <b>Judge Koffi Kumelio Afande</b> Assisted by <b>Barrister Takeh Sendze</b>
<b>Panel 1</b>	
<b>Prosecuting sexual violence against men in International law: Historical development and lessons domestic jurisdictions may learn.</b>	
14:30 – 14:55	Presentation by <b>Faustin Kayihura</b> Introduced by <b>Anne-Marie deBrouwer</b> (Questions to follow immediately after)



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14:55 – 15:15	<p>Presentation by <b>Judge Joyce Aluoch</b></p> <p><i>“Prosecuting sexual violence against men at the International Criminal Court (ICC): What domestic jurisdictions can learn from the development at the ICC”</i></p>
15:15 – 15:30	<p>Presentation by <b>Ambassador Mirjam Blaak Sow</b></p> <p><i>Legal provision for sexual violence against the male gender in Ugandan Criminal law and existing stereotypical ideologies affecting male victims.</i></p>
15:30 – 15:50	<p>Presentation by <b>Naimh Hayes</b></p> <p><i>Prosecuting sexual violence against men at International Criminal Tribunals.</i></p>
15:50 – 16:10	Q & A Session/Discussion
16:10 – 16:25	Coffee Break, visit to the Art gallery and networking
<b>Panel 2: Re-conceptualization of sexual violence: subverting stereotypical ideologies and balancing competing interests between female and male victims of sexual violence</b>	
16:25 – 16:45	<p>Presentation by <b>Judge Geoffrey Henderson</b></p> <p><i>The Need for International Courts to Influence Legal Developments on Gender Issues in Domestic Jurisdictions</i></p>
16:45 – 17:00	<p>Presentation by <b>Ambassador Oji Nyimenuate Ngofa</b></p> <p><i>Legal provision for sexual violence against the male gender in Nigerian Criminal law and existing stereotypical ideologies affecting male victims.</i></p>
17:00 – 17:20	<p>Presentation by <b>Dr Prisca Zwanikken</b></p> <p><i>The health consequences of sexual violence against men and boys.</i></p>
17:20 – 17:35	<p>Presentation by <b>Ambassador Momar Diop</b></p>



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	<i>Legal provision for sexual violence against the male gender in Senegalese Criminal law and existing stereotypical ideologies affecting male victims.</i>
17:35 – 17:55	Q&A Session/Discussion
17:55 – 18:00	Closing Remarks – <b>Barrister Sophia Ugwu</b>
18:00	Reception



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### BIOGRAPHIES\*

\*Based on order of appearance in Programme

#### JANET ANDERSON



Janet Anderson manages and advises media projects creating conversations around justice and accountability. She set up and manages Justice Hub, and worked with the teams from Ivoire Justice [2] and Kenya's Never Again. She runs coaching and training programmes with local journalists on reporting justice institutions across the world, and is part of the editorial team at International Justice Tribune. She also leads courses for NGOs on how to use media as part of their human rights campaigning.

Previously Janet Anderson was a BBC radio and TV producer and editor, specialising in news from the Middle East and Africa, and a correspondent in Nigeria. She has an MBA from the Open University and a BA Hons in Modern Middle Eastern Studies from Durham University in the UK.

#### ADESOLA ADEBOYEJO



Adesola Adeboyejo is a Trial Lawyer at the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court. She had also worked with the Victims Participation and Reparations Section of the Registry of the Court.



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Prior to joining the Court, she worked as Prosecution Counsel in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) from 2001 to 2007, and as a Legal Adviser in the Investigations Division from 1999 to 2001. Mrs. Adeboyejo served as Prosecution counsel in several cases at the ICTR. Prior to this she was the Legal Secretary to African Concern, an international NGO (1998) and ran her own law firm out of Lagos, Nigeria (1995 -1998).

Mrs. Adeboyejo lectures regularly, and has been both a panel presenter and trainer at the annual ICC Seminar and Training for Counsel. She has also participated in training investigators, prosecutors and judges in national jurisdictions. Mrs. Adeboyejo is a 1989 graduate of the Nigerian Law School.

### JUDGE KOFFI KUMELIO A. AFANDE



Koffi Kumelio A. Afandé is Togolese and avails of 25 years of experience in legal fields as practitioner, academic, adviser, consultant and manager in International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law, Rule of Law, Transitional Justice, law reforms, criminology and issues related to victims of conflicts.

He holds a Ph.D. in Criminal Law and Criminal Sciences and a Master II in Public International Law as well as United Nations Certificates also in the fields of Supervisory and Management, Team Building, Contingencies Management, Collaborative Negotiations, Security in the Fields. He is fluent in French, English, German and several local languages of his country.

In 2017, he was appointed as a member of the Commission for the Reflection on the Political, Constitutional and Institutional Reforms in Togo.

Since 2014, he works as Conciliator and Arbitrator at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, The Netherlands.

Prior to that, he worked as International Criminal Judge in the Appeals Chamber of the ICTY/ICTR from 2013 to 2016.

In 2012 and 2013, he was Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Togo to the United Nations in New York, where he assumed various responsibilities as Head of the Legal Advisory Unit, Senior Legal



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Adviser, Deputy Political Coordinator in the Team of the Security Council of the United Nations in addition to his functions as member of the Informal Working Group for International Tribunal within the Security Council of the United Nations. He was also Delegate in Charge of issues before the 3rd and the 6th Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, and among others, facilitated the adoption of the resolution on the highly controversial issue of Universal Jurisdiction at the 68th Session.

From 2000 to 2012, he worked as Coordinator and Head of the Judicial Proceedings Unit for the Trial Chambers of the ICTR in Arusha, Tanzania, and then as Head of the Support Unit of the ICTR/ICTY Appeals Chamber in The Hague, The Netherlands.

From 1992 to 2000, he worked successively as Assistant, Technical Adviser and Head of the Sub Saharan African Criminal Law Department at the Max-Planck Institute for International and Foreign Criminal Law in Freiburg, Germany.

For his Ph.D. thesis on the topic of "Juvenile Delinquency in Togo, France and Germany", he received the five-year award "Denis Carrol 1998-2003" of the International Society for Criminology for having significantly corrected traditional principles and concepts in the concerned fields of research.

### **TAKEH SENDZE**



Barrister Takeh Sendze is a Cameroonian born lawyer. He is a member of the Cameroon Bar Association, the New York Bar Association, and the Pan African Lawyers Union. He is married to a beautiful and intelligent young lady – Mrs. Beryl Siben Sendze with whom he has been blessed with five lovely children. Barrister Sendze's guiding principle in life is: "if you fail to plan, you plan to fail".

Barrister Sendze holds an LL.B from Buea University (Cameroon), a Master's Degree in International Law from Hull University (UK) and a Master's Degree in Entrepreneurship from ESAMI (Tanzania). Barrister Sendze has served the United Nations as an international criminal prosecution counsel since 2004. He is currently an appellate counsel at the United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (UNMICT), based in The Hague.

### **ANNE-MARIE DE BROUWER**



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Anne-Marie de Brouwer (Ph.D., LL.M.) is co-founder and team member of IMPACT: Center against Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict. She is also the Chair of the Mukomeze Foundation, which improves the lives of survivors of sexual violence during the 1994 Rwandan genocide. She is furthermore a research fellow with the International Victimology Institute Tilburg (INTERVICT) at Tilburg University and a consultant on the Sexual Crimes in Conflict Database for the International Nuremberg Principles Academy. Anne-Marie conducted doctoral research on conflict-related sexual violence and international criminal law.

Her PhD - "Supranational Criminal Prosecution of Sexual Violence: The ICC and the Practice of the ICTY and the ICTR (Oxford-Antwerp: Intersentia, 2005)", which was awarded with the Max van der Stoel Human Rights Award 2006 - is widely used as a reference for understanding the investigation and prosecution of conflict-related sexual violence by researchers and practitioners all over the world. This similarly applies to her co-edited volumes "Sexual Violence as an International Crime: Interdisciplinary Approaches (Intersentia, 2013)" and "The Men Who Killed Me: Rwandan Survivors of Sexual Violence (Douglas & McIntyre, 2009).

In more than a decade of working on the issue of conflict-related sexual violence, with an international and interdisciplinary approach, Anne-Marie has carried out a wide array of research, teaching, training and empowerment projects, including within/for academia, (international) courts, governments, international organisations and NGOs. In 2013, she was awarded the Viva400-Award, an award for young inspirational women in the Netherlands, for her efforts to improve women's health. In 2013, she was furthermore awarded a high Royal distinction - "Ridder" ("Knight") - in the Order of Oranje-Nassau for her academic and societal work concerning conflict-related sexual violence.

From 2008-2016, Anne-Marie was an Associate Professor in criminal and international criminal law at the Department of Criminal Law at Tilburg University. Earlier (2006-2007) she was an Associate Legal Officer at the NGO Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice in The Hague and a PhD researcher/Assistant Professor in international (criminal) law (2000-2005/2005-2006) at the Department of European and International Public Law at Tilburg University. Anne-Marie studied Dutch Law, International Law and International Human Rights Law at Tilburg University, La Sapienza and the University of Essex.



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### JUDGE JOYCE ALUOCH



**H.E. Joyce Aluoch** (Kenya) is Judge and First Vice-President of the International Criminal Court at The Hague, The Netherlands. JOYCE ALUOCH

Prior to that, she was a Judge of the High Court of Kenya for over 20 years, and was elevated to the Court of Appeal in 2007. She has extensive experience in training judges and magistrates in the provision of regional and international human rights instruments.

She holds an LLB Degree from the University of Nairobi, Diploma from the Kenya School of Law and is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya. She has a Master's Degree in International Affairs (GMAP), from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University in Boston, which granted her the Distinguished Achievement Award in April 2015. The Hague Metropolitan Rotary Club where she has served as a Member for the past six years recently honoured her with the Paul Harris Fellow Award for her services as the immediate past Vice-Chair.

Judge Aluoch is steadily moving her profession into other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution, (ADR), namely Arbitration and Mediation. She has a Diploma in Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, and is a Member of both, the London and the Kenyan Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), Arbitral Women International, and the Dutch Arbitration Association. She has in the past three years, attended and made presentations at several Arbitration Conferences to register her interest.

She is also a CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution) Accredited Mediator, having gone through the Mediator Skills Training Programme in London, this year, 2017.

Judge Aluoch is a recipient of two National Awards for Distinguished Services rendered to the Kenyan nation: Elder of the Burning Spear (EBS) and Chief of the First Class Order of the Burning Spear (CBS).



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### AMBASSADOR MIRJAM BLAAK SOW



Ambassador of Uganda to the Benelux countries and the EU.

Mirjam Blaak Sow obtained her Masters in laws degree from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands after which she was appointed UNHCR Protection Officer in Kenya. She subsequently worked as a legal and marketing consultant in Kenya and moved to Uganda when the NRM Government took power in January 1986.

She established a successful travel agency and tour operating company and was at the birth of Uganda's tourism development promoting Uganda in many countries around the world. As a consultant she was also engaged in other commercial activities until she was appointed Ambassador in 2003 accredited to the Uganda Embassy in Brussels where she served as Deputy Head of Mission but was based in the Netherlands where her legal responsibilities increased due to the referral of the LRA situation in Northern Uganda to the ICC and her engagement in other legal institutions based in The Hague.

In 2012 she was appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Brussels accredited to the Benelux countries and the EU. An important part of her mandate involves commercial diplomacy by actively promoting Investment, Tourism, Trade, and Transfer of Technology into Uganda, also known as "The Pearl of Africa".

Mirjam recently qualified as a Professional Legal Mediator and is currently serving on several boards such as Justice Rapid Response (JRR) based in Geneva and Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) based in The Hague.



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### **NIAMH HAYES**



From January to December 2017, Niamh Hayes was seconded by UN Women as an expert advisor on gender, working in the Investigative Analysis Section of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. For ten years, she has been conducting doctoral research on the investigation and prosecution of sexual violence by international criminal tribunals for her Ph.D. at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway.

Ms Hayes has written numerous academic publications on sexual violence as an international crime. From 2012 to 2016 she was the Head of Office and SGBV expert for the Institute for International Criminal Investigations, and participated in specialist professional SGBV trainings on four continents. She has worked with UN Women, the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the ICTR and the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office on training and best practices projects relating to the investigation and documentation of conflict-related sexual violence.

In 2016 she acted as a legal consultant for a research project conducted by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) on increasing accountability for sexual and gender-based crimes at the ICC and in other jurisdictions. She has lectured on international criminal law at Trinity College Dublin and Leiden University, monitored ICC trial developments as a legal consultant for Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice and worked as an intern on the Karadžić trial at the ICTY.

### **JUDGE GEOFFREY HENDERSON**



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Prior to his election to the ICC in 2013, Judge Henderson served as a trial Judge in the Criminal Division of the High Court of Justice of Trinidad and Tobago, where he was appointed in January 2009.

He has previously served as a State Prosecutor, joining the Office of The Director of Public Prosecutions in 1990. Here, he held various positions until 2002, when he was appointed to the position of Director of Public Prosecutions for Trinidad and Tobago.

Earlier in his career, he was a Board Member of the Judicial Education Institute of Trinidad and Tobago, a former Associate Tutor at the Sir Hugh Wooding Law School and was involved in regional training workshops for prosecutors. He chaired a Steering Committee that was responsible for the roll-out of a pilot Drug Treatment Court in Trinidad and Tobago.

Judge Henderson is also a Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, University of Nova Scotia.

He is a graduate of the University of the West Indies, Bachelor of Arts (Hons), Bachelor of Laws and obtained a Legal Education Certificate from the Sir Hugh Wooding Law School, Trinidad.

### AMBASSADOR OJI NYIMENUATE NGOFA



His Excellency, Ambassador Oji Nyimenuate Ngofa is a charismatic young man whose political history and accomplishments amidst challenging circumstances has been a source of inspiration to the youths.

Many are called, but few are chosen. Ambassador Oji Ngofa is quintessential in this regard. He is one of few lucky young Nigerian politicians who have had an unusual rapid political career growth within a short period of time, despite suffering serious initial setbacks.

Because of his quest to serve and impact positively to improve the lot of his constituents on a large scale, Ngofa resigned from his high executive and plump job and ventured into politics in 2003 at the age of 36 to contest for the seat of the executive chairman of his local government council during a period that the ruling elderly and old politicians saw the youth only useful as their foot soldiers who were not good enough to occupy political offices. A decision which almost ruined his life. His greatest undoing that



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aggravated his plight was that he joined the then opposition party, All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP). He suffered an untold onslaughts from the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP).

Although he had a teeming support base that could have earned him electoral victory, the ruling party deployed power of incumbency and huge government funds to rig him out. His campaign train was attacked and about 9 of his supporters were killed, a good number of them and him were chased out of town; and all their property and personal effects were either destroyed and or burnt. He lost all his fortunes and savings he earned while working. But he was not deterred, rather he remained resilient and vigorously determined to wrestle power from the then conservative ruling class.

The political onslaught was his catalyst. It evoked public sympathy that made him a very formidable opposition figure that could not be ignored in the political equation of his constituency.

His resilience and boldness paid off in 2008. He was elected into office as the executive chairman of Eleme Local Government Council with an unprecedented landslide victory in May 2008. He remains in history of Nigeria's grassroots politics as one of the few politicians that was not only elected for a second term, but was immediately appointed as a care-taker chairman upon the completion of his second term in office as an elected local government chairman, and was subsequently reappointed a care-taker chairman of the same local government council upon the completion of the six months term of his successor; thereby serving two terms each as an elected chairman and care-taker chairman, respectively.

While still serving as care-taker chairman for the second term, divine providence lifted him to occupy the office of the Deputy National Secretary of the All Progressives Congress (APC). While he was yet to serve out his statutory tenure, favour located him again as he was nominated as an ambassadorial candidate. He was successfully screened and cleared by the Nigerian Senate and now serves as Nigeria's Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Ambassador Ngofa's political ascension did not come as a surprise to many who are acquainted with his track record. As a local government chairman, he initiated and implemented laudable policies and schemes that scaled up the bar of leadership within his constituency. Although, he believes more in capacity building, the dearth of infrastructure in his local government area compelled him to strike a balance between human capacity building and infrastructural development. Some of the landmark projects and schemes he executed include construction of roads, building of a 1020 stall capacity ultra-modern market complex, building of office block, council secretariat, community halls and multi-purpose event centre, purchase of state-of-the-art mobile ambulance, purchase of operational vehicles for council principals officers, police formations, students and traditional rulers, water supply, public transportation, electricity, sports, award of scholarships, skill acquisition, public enlightenment etc.

### **SUMMARY OF POLITICAL OFFICES HELD**



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- He served as the executive chairman of Eleme Local Government Council of Rivers State from May 2008 – May 2011.
- He served as the chairman of the Rivers State Anti- Bunkering Committee in Eleme, Tai, Gokana and Khana Local Government Areas from 2010 – 2011.
- He was re-elected to same office and served for a second term as the executive chairman of Eleme Local Government from May 2011 - May 2014.
- He was appointed and served as the care-taker chairman of Eleme Local Government Council from June 2014 – August 2014.
- He was re-appointed and served as the care-taker chairman of Eleme Local Government from February 2015 – May 2015.
- While in office as local government chairman, he served as secretary and later chairman of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON), Rivers State Chapter.
- He was elected and served as the Deputy National Secretary of the All Progressives Congress (APC) from June 2014 – May 2017.
- In August 2015, he served as the chairman of the APC fact-finding panel to Delta State.
- He also served as the chairman of the Adamawa State APC Congress Appeal Panel.
- He was confirmed as an ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by the Nigerian Senate in January, 2017. Ambassador Oji N. Ngofa is presently the Nigeria's ambassador to the Kingdom of Netherlands.

### **PRISCA ZWANIKKEN**



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Prisca Zwanikken, MD, M.Sc.CH, PhD is a senior specialist in international public health, human resource development, curriculum development, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. She has extensive experience in developing and organizing degree and short courses in public health and sexual and reproductive health and rights, including quality assurance as well as module development for e-learning. She developed extensive experience in assisting ministries and national as well as local institutions to review their and improve curricula for different types of health workers, on the basis of adult learning principles. She assists educational institutions in developing their quality assurance mechanisms and helps these institutions to prepare for accreditation.

Until September 2017, Dr Zwanikken was KIT's Area leader for education. She was the program director of the Master's in Public Health (International Course on Health and Development) including the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights track as well as of the Master's in International Health at KIT and is involved in capacity building and training programs in a number of countries. Her research interests are in postgraduate education as well as sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Dr Zwanikken has provided short term technical assistance and evaluation in Mali, Vietnam, Zambia, Sudan, Ethiopia, Indonesia, India, Brazil, Ghana, Laos, Mongolia, Lithuania, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Moldova, South Sudan, Liberia, Poland. Dr Zwanikken worked for five years in a community based health program (Community Primary Health Care) in the Philippines.

### AMBASSADOR MOMAR DIOP



**Dr. Momar Diop** is a Senegalese Political Scientist and Diplomat who has a long and successful experience working with several international organizations in the areas of Democracy, Elections and Governance. He spent nearly two decades managing Democratic Governance and National Reconciliation Programs in countries of Africa, Europe, the Middle East and South East Asia. In addition to the above activities, he served as Political Consultant and Election Advisor in a number of countries.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



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**2016 to-date:** Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Republic of Senegal to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Estonia, Lithuania and Sweden.

**2013-2016:** Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Republic of Senegal to South Africa, Mozambique, Botswana, Zambia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Malawi and Namibia.

**2012-2013:** Chief of Party for the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) at the Department of Political Affairs of the African Union in Ethiopia. His program brings support to the AU Democracy and Electoral Assistance Unit.

**2006-2012:** Senior Program Manager/Director of the Africa Institute for Democracy and Rule of Law at Freedom House, Washington, DC. Consulted with many African governments to get buy-in from them and start a 15-year Strategic Paper he designed for sub-Saharan Africa.

**2002-2005:** Country Resident Director for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) in Ethiopia, Benin, Guinea, Ivory Coast and Tanzania. Helped build and strengthen democratic processes, strong political parties and effective parliaments.

**2001-2002:** Senior Program Manager for sub-Saharan Africa at International IDEA in Stockholm, Sweden. Supported democratic processes in Burkina Faso, Mozambique and South Africa; participated in the constitutional reform in Nigeria.

**1999-2001:** Projects Administrator and Commercial Attaché of the British Embassy in Dakar, Senegal.

**1998-1999:** Senior Program Manager at Enda Tiers-Monde, in charge of UNDP RAF 95 for Poverty Alleviation, Dakar, Senegal.

**1996-1998:** Director of Cabinet for the Ministry of African Economic Integration of the Government of Senegal.

**1995-1996:** Senior Advisor to the Minister of Health and Social Affairs in charge of International Cooperation, Government of Senegal.

**1994-1995:** Country Resident Director for NDI in Ethiopia. Helped build strong political parties and participated in the constitutional reform process.

**1992-1994:** Political Consultant in charge of Political Party Development, Election Management, Election Observation in Yemen, Zambia, Burundi, Namibia, Niger, South Africa and Cambodia.

**1991-1992:** Chief of Cabinet for the Minister of Labor and Vocational Training of the Government of Senegal



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## CENTRE FOR AFRICAN JUSTICE, PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**1980-1991:** Teacher of English as a Second Language/Teacher Trainer in Ziguinchor, Louga and Dakar, Senegal.

### EDUCATION

**2002:** PhD in Political Science. Major: International Relations, Minor: Democracy and Governance

**1992:** Master's Degree (MA) Political Science; Option Policy Analysis and Aid Administration

**1987:** Master's Degree (MA): Master of Education (Med), Language Teaching

**1979:** Bachelor Degree (BA) English Language, Option American Civilization

**1976:** Baccalaureate, Option A4.

### SOPHIA UGWU



Sophia is the Founder and Board Chairperson of Stichting Centre for African Justice Peace and Human Rights. She is a Legal Practitioner with license to practice law as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 2008. For over 5 years, she was in active legal practice in Nigeria, where she was involved in litigation in matters bothering on criminal law, human rights, commercial law among others. In 2015, she earned a masters degree in commercial law from Erasmus University Rotterdam under the sponsorship of Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP). She also earned a certificate in Private international law from The Hague Academy of International Law.

Sophia has volunteered for national and international organisations promoting Peace, justice, corporate responsibility to respect Human Rights, Economic development in Africa and the protection of rights of women and children around the globe. In 2015, she was a delegate to the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights held at UN office in Geneva where she made valuable contributions to many human rights issues including the protection of developing countries from corporate abuse of human rights.



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Sophia has experience working as legal intern at the International Criminal Court and the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (UNICTY), she is presently admitted as an external PhD researcher at the Groningen Graduate School of Law, Faculty of Law – University of Groningen.

### AWARDEES

#### IRENE DI VALVASONE



Irene is a Trainee Lawyer involved in Criminal Litigation in Italy. She assists in Complex cases dealing with a variety of offences, such as criminal organization (e.g. mafia), sexual violence and paedophilia. She has also worked as a Legal Intern at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, in the Office of the Prosecutor Trial Division. She earned a Master of Law in 2013 with a thesis in Comparative Criminal Law. She earned also a Master in Human Rights and Conflict Management from the Scuola Superiore Sant' Anna, that is a high ranking University in Italy, in 2017. She wrote a thesis on "The Crime of Forcible Transfer and its Development through the Pioneering Jurisprudence of the ICTY" that has been awarded of the Best Dissertation Prize.

She is interested in Human Rights and in promoting global Peace and Justice. She is proud to employ her commitment and passion in promoting peace, justice and human rights in Africa.

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