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50 WOMEN IN LAW WHO INSPIRE

Building the next generation of women leaders in law

The IAWL Magazine is an annual publication profiling women legal professionals across Africa and the African diaspora who are inspirational figures in their home countries and abroad. Last year, we profiled 50 women for the first issue of the magazine to mark International Women's Day. This year, we are again thrilled to celebrate 50 incredible women in law who have inspired us through their accomplishments and dedication to their work. We are honored to recognize these inspiring women who have used their knowledge and skills to make a difference in the lives of others.

These women have distinguished themselves in their respective fields and have used their influence to create lasting change. They have pushed boundaries, challenged the status quo, and broken down barriers to open up pathways of opportunity for women in law.

The women were selected based on the significant contributions they have made or their notable achievements in the profession. This included their leadership positions held, awards, and achievements. We selected a diverse group of women to profile in the magazine with specific consideration of sector, geography, generational, and ability.

Sector diversity: We focused on women who work in the three IAWL priority areas of the legal profession, namely the Bar, Bench and Legal Academy, as well as in other areas of the legal profession.

- *Bar: this includes lawyers, partners, and bar presidents/vice presidents.*
- *Bench: this includes judges, magistrates, and registrars.*
- *Academia: this includes lecturers, professors, and deans.*

Geographic diversity: The women profiled were selected from six regions (North Africa, East Africa, West Africa, Southern Africa, Central Africa, and the African Diaspora).

Generational diversity: We featured women legal professionals who have extensive experience in the field and young women legal professionals who are still in the early stages of their careers. The key determining factor for selection above years of experience is their proven contributions to the field and their potential to influence others.

Ability diversity: The selection of women reflects varying abilities and disabilities. This includes "differences in cognitive, socio-emotional, and physical abilities."

This list will inspire and motivate others to continue to strive for excellence in leadership and push for positive change. We now present to you 50 Women in Law, who have made monumental contributions and whose impact will undoubtedly shape the future of African women leaders in law!



Yorm Ama Abledu
Ghana

The 2022 International Bar Association (IBA) Annual Outstanding Young Lawyer Award was granted to a remarkable lawyer, Yorm Ama Abledu for her exceptional achievements within the academic field, as well as her demonstrable passion for mentoring the next generation of African legal professionals. Notably, she is the second African and the first Ghanaian female lawyer to receive this award. Beyond her professional endeavors, her dedication to serving others has also led her to voluntary work as the Policy and Advocacy Team Lead for the African Women in Energy Development Initiative, where she advocates for the inclusion of female legal professionals in the energy sector.

Rafiaa Al Abidi made history as the first female judge in Benghazi. She served as a judicial counsellor at the Court of Appeal in 2003 and was later appointed to the Libyan Supreme Court in 2010. Looking back on her career, Al Abidi regarded her publication of the Judicial Encyclopedia as her most significant accomplishment.



Rafiaa Al Abidi
Libya



**Sana Ben Achour
Tunisia**

Sana Ben Achour is a distinguished professor of public law at the University of Carthage, with a strong focus on legal education and research related to urbanism, cultural heritage, the status of women, and civil liberties. Beyond her academic pursuits, she actively participates in feminist organizations, having founded a women's refuge shelter and served as president of the Tunisian Association of Democratic Women. Ben Achour's commitment to gender equality and human rights has also earned her international recognition, including a place on the BBC's 100 Women list in 2015.



Professor Daniele Darlan is a lawyer, jurist, and former university professor from the Central African Republic. She is the country's first woman to head the Constitutional Court. Nicknamed "The Woman of Iron," Professor Darlan is known for her tenacity and commitment to equity and transparency. June Afrique named her one of "The Thirty Building Tomorrows Africa." Through coups d'état and years of civil unrest, Professor Darlan has remained steadfast in her mission to improve the Central African Republic's justice system.



**Daniele Darlan
Central African
Republic**



**Alero Akeredolu (PhD)
Nigeria**

In 2021, Professor Akeredolu made history as the first female full professor of law to be appointed as Judge in Nigeria. Prof. Akeredolu is also the first female lawyer to publish a monthly law report in Nigeria — the Supreme Court Monthly. She veered into academics in 2004, rising through the ranks, to become an Associate Professor at the University of Ibadan in 2015, and in 2017, became the first female professor of law at Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo as well as its first female dean of law.

Temi Badru is a multi-talented professional who has made a significant impact in various fields. She is a lawyer, journalist, and conference moderator who has been recognized for her outstanding achievements. She was listed as one of the 100 most powerful Nigerians under 40 on the YNaija Powerlist 2020, as well as one of the 50 shapers of the new decade. Badru has also been recognised as one of the Top 50 Personalities on LinkedIn in Nigeria by The Ruby Hub.



**Temi Badru
Nigeria**



**Chafika Bensaoula
(PhD)
Algeria**

Hon. Lady Justice Bensaoula Chafika is an Algerian national and a judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, having been elected in January 2017 during the 28th Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union, for a six-year term. She holds a Doctorate Degree in Public Law and currently serves as a lecturer at the National School of Magistracy in Algeria. Throughout her career, she has held several key positions in the Algerian judiciary and administration, including as a Judge at the Criminal Affairs Chambers for cases involving delinquents, Judge at the Court of Appeal, Member of the Board of Directors of the Institut de Droit et Justice, and Inspector of Administrative and Judicial Courts.

In 2017, Linda Bonyo established Lawyers Hub in Nairobi, which is a Pan-African network of lawyers who provide guidance on digital policy and offer tech policy advice for startups all over the continent. Through events such as the annual Africa Law Tech Festival, Bonyo's network of tech lawyers, who have a strong focus on Africa, have been actively contributing to the debates on issues such as privacy and data protection, AI, intellectual property, and digital identity on the continent. Bonyo, who has expertise in commercial and immigration law, founded Lawyers Hub with the aim of upskilling African lawyers in technology law, and training ecosystem players and governments to understand the policies that govern the tech industry.



**Linda Bonyo
Kenya**



**Alphonsine Kalume
Asengo Cheusi
DRC**

In October 2020, Alphonsine Kalume Asengo Cheusi made history by becoming the first female magistrate to be appointed as a member of the Constitutional Court of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Prior to her selection, all nine judges who had served on the court were men.

Tadala Peggy Chinkwezule is a lawyer, Notary Public and youth mentor with over 10 years legal practice experience. She is currently the Legal Services Manager of the AHL GROUP PLC. She is passionate about mentoring and coaching the youth to reach their potential. In 2021, she was honoured as one of the Courtroom Mail 100 Women Lawyers of the year. Her efforts were further recognized in 2022 with the Justitia Award from the Women in Law Initiative, commending her as a Pioneer, Game Changer and Achiever.



**Tadala Peggy
Chinkwezule
Malawi**



Dame Linda Dobbs
UK

In 1981, Dame Linda Dobbs was called to the Bar and overcame the systemic sexism and racism she encountered to become the first Black judge in England & Wales. In February 2003, she was appointed as a Deputy High Court Judge, followed by her appointment as a High Court Judge of the Queen's Bench Division in 2004, making history as the first Black judge in England & Wales. With multiple honorary doctorates and patronage of multiple charities, she is also an honorary professor at the University of Cape Town, where she specializes in training on ethics, human rights, and fraud.

Zohra Drif is a prominent figure in Algeria, having served as the Vice-president of the National Council. She was one of the early critics of the "Code de la Famille," which was enacted in 1984. Her revolutionary spirit was evident from a young age, and she played a significant role in Algeria's struggle for independence from the grip of French colonialism.



Zohra Drif
Algeria



**Najla Mohammed El
Mangoush
Libya**

Najla Mohammed El Mangoush is a trained lawyer and former assistant professor of law at Benghazi University. In 2021, she made history in Libya by becoming the country's first female foreign minister. She was recognized for her achievements with the International Women of Courage Award from the US Department of State. Additionally, El Mangoush is a conflict-resolution expert who previously served as the country representative in Libya for the United States Institute of Peace. She is a respected advocate for women's rights and representation.

Joy Ezeilo is an internationally recognized expert in the field of human rights, and serves as the emeritus dean of law at the University of Nigeria. She was appointed as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, with a focus on women and children, in June 2008 and held the position until 2011. Prof. Ezeilo is actively involved in the Civil Society Movement in Nigeria, working to promote human rights, democracy, and good governance. She is also the founder and director of the Women Aid Collective (WACOL), a non-governmental organization dedicated to protecting the rights of women and young people. Her tireless efforts in advocating for human rights have earned her national and international recognition.



**Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, OON
(PhD)
Nigeria**



Omnia Gadalla
Egypt

Omnia Gadalla is a renowned advocate for gender equality in the legal profession. As the founder of 'Her Honor Setting the Bar,' an Egyptian organization dedicated to ending the ban on women serving as judges, she has faced significant challenges in her own career due to gender discrimination. Despite these obstacles, she has emerged as a trailblazer and was recognized as one of the 50 Egyptian Women Heroes by Women of Egypt Initiative and Magazine in 2020. She was also named one of the most influential people in the legal field by MPL Academies in 2020 and shortlisted for the Young Global Leader Program in the USA in 2019.

Claudia Gordon holds the distinction of being the first deaf Black woman to practice law in the United States. She was a trailblazer not only as the first African American deaf female lawyer to graduate from law school, but also in her commitment to serving the disability community. Her impact extended all the way to the White House, where she made history as the first deaf individual to serve in a detailee role.



Claudia Gordon
USA



Nyuon Susan Sebit
South Sudan

Nyuon Susan Sebit is a seasoned lawyer and advocate who is dedicated to promoting the rule of law and access to justice for women, children, and girls. As the founder and Executive Director of the National Alliance of Women Lawyers (NAWL), she advocates for the protection of women and girls, ending violence against them, and implementing women and youth peace and security initiatives in South Sudan. She was awarded a Practice Advocate License by the South Sudan Bar Councils in 2015. Sebit has participated in numerous panels and presented a paper on gender, peace, and security in the Great Lakes region and the Horn of Africa. She also played a role in advocating for the renewal of the UN Human Rights Commission's South Sudanese mandate in Geneva.

Monique Ilboudo is a prominent writer in Burkina Faso, known for being the first female professor of private law at the University of Ouagadougou. Her passion for human rights started in 1992 when she began writing a regular column called "Féminin Pluriel" in the country's daily newspaper, L'Observateur Paalga. Ilboudo also founded Qui-vive, an organization that monitors and reports on the living conditions of women in Burkina Faso. As a minister for the promotion of human rights and as an outspoken voice, Ilboudo has played a significant role in the political scene of Burkina Faso.



Monique Ilboudo (PhD)
Burkina Faso



Jessica Inaba
UK

Jessica Inaba is Britain's first blind and Black barrister who shattered a triple-glazed glass ceiling. Despite her visual impairment, she completed her entire course using Braille. Today, she tutors people of all ages, both sighted and visually impaired, on all grades of Braille.

Florida Kabasinga is a prominent Rwandan lawyer with 20 years of experience as a Prosecutor, Mediator, Arbitrator, and private legal practitioner. She is the Founder and Managing Partner of Certa Law Chambers, which has a strong focus on ADR practice. Kabasinga previously served as a Prosecutor with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and an Appeals Counsel, Assistant Appeals Counsel.



Florida Kabasinga
Rwanda



Linda Kasonde
Zambia

Linda Kasonde is a lawyer and a human rights activist. She is the owner and founder of LCK Chambers. She made history as the first female elected President of the Law Association of Zambia and for her staunch advocacy of human rights. In 2017, she was recognized for her remarkable achievements with the 'Women Inspiring Women' category of the IE University's Extraordinary People Inspiring the IE Community (EPIC) Award. She is the Executive Director of a Zambian non-governmental organization, Chapter One Foundation Limited.

Nemat Abdullah Khair, the first female chief justice of Sudan, has an impressive legal career spanning over three decades. She has held various positions in the Sudanese judiciary, including as a judge in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court, where her competence and integrity were widely recognized. Khair is also a respected leader in the legal community and a founder of the Sudanese Judges Club. Her contributions to advancing women's rights and the legal profession in Sudan have earned her widespread admiration and respect.



Nemat Abdullah Khair
Sudan



Sisi Khampepe
South Africa

Justice Sisi Khampepe, a respected judge and champion of workers' rights, founded her own law firm called SV Khampepe Attorneys. Her firm was widely recognized for its advocacy on behalf of workers facing discriminatory laws and unfair labor practices, as well as its representation of human rights organizations such as hawker associations, civic groups, and black consumer unions. After being appointed as a High Court Judge in December 2000 and a Labour Appeals Court Judge in November 2007, Khampepe was eventually appointed to the Constitutional Court in October 2009. In June 2022, she assumed the role of Chancellor of the University of Pretoria (UP). Her law firm was one of the few Black-owned labor law firms in the country.

Justice Martha Koome has dedicated her career to advancing access to justice for women and children. As a member of the International Association of Women Judges - Kenya Chapter, she has worked tirelessly to improve their rights. In 2020, she was recognized as a UN Person of the Year runner-up for her advocacy efforts. Her appointment as Chief Justice in 2021 has brought hope and raised expectations for a better world for women and children, and she continues to be a champion and protector of their rights. She is the first female Chief Justice of Kenya.



Martha Koome
Kenya



Tebello Kutoane
South Africa

Tebello Kutoane is an attorney and entrepreneur who founded a legal consultancy firm, Collective Intelligence, that is wholly owned by black women. In addition Kutoane also created Sister In Law which focuses on taking girls to school. Kutoane is on the 2021 Courtroom Mail 100 Women Lawyers list and one of the 2020 Mail & Guardian Top 200 Young South African: Justice and Law

Cherine Luzaisu made history by becoming the first female president of the Central Congo Bar Association in 2022. She is the first woman lawyer to hold this position since the creation of this Bar in 1982 and the second woman elected President of the Bar in the DRC after President Rose Ntumba whose mandate has just ended at the Bar of Haut Katanga.



Cherine Luzaisu
DRC



Fatimata M'Baye
Mauritania

After completing her studies in law and economics at Nouakchott University in Mauritania between 1981 and 1985, Fatimata M'Baye became the first female lawyer in the country. M'Baye earned the respect of her colleagues through her courage and unwavering commitment in disputes with administrative authorities. Additionally, M'Baye advocates for the rights of her own ethnic group, which faces repression from the white Moorish elite in Mauritania. M'Baye also played a key role in founding the Mauritanian Human Rights Association (AMDH). In 1999, M'Baye became the first African to win the Nuremberg International Human Rights Award.

Augusta is a passionate lawyer who found her calling after experiencing a personal tragedy. She recognized the profound impact that lawyers can have on families, both positively and negatively, and decided to pursue a career in law. She is a Judge Pro Tem, an Attorney, a Speaker, and a published Author. As President of the Las Vegas National Bar Association, Augusta focused on mentoring, pipeline initiatives, social and racial justice, and scholarships. She has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2021, being named a Top 40 under 40 by Vegas, Inc. and the National Bar Association, and receiving the Las Vegas Urban Chamber of Commerce's "Women in Business & Politics" Award in 2019, among others.



Augusta Massey
USA



**Marie Madeleine
Mborantsuo (PhD)
Gabon**

Marie Madeleine Mborantsuo is a distinguished legal expert who has served as president of the Constitutional Court of Gabon since 1991. She has also been a professor of law at Omar Bongo University, where she has imparted her knowledge to countless aspiring legal professionals. In addition to her work in academia, she pursued further studies and obtained a Doctorate in Constitutional Law from the University of Aix-en-Provence in 2005. Notably, despite her demanding role as President of the Constitutional Court, Mborantsuo has continued to serve as a professor of law, highlighting her commitment to education and the legal profession.

Gladys Mbuya is a dedicated advocate for human rights and a Barrister-at-Law. She divides her time between practicing law and championing the promotion and defense of women's rights and the rights of vulnerable individuals. As a public interest lawyer, she initiated a case before the Supreme Court of Cameroon, advocating for the repeal of the law on marriage age and its alignment with ratified international conventions. Gladys also serves as the National President of the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA Cameroon), a FIDA International Director, and Vice Secretary of the Cameroon Bar Association.



**Gladys Mbuya
Cameroon**



Ntyam Ondo Mengue
Cameroon

Justice Ntyam Ondo Mengue is a Cameroonian national and a Judge of the African Court, elected for a six-year term in 2016. With over 30 years of experience in the judiciary of Cameroon, she currently serves as the President of the Commercial Section of the Supreme Court of Cameroon. She is also a member of the National Commission of Human Rights and Freedoms of Cameroon and has specialized in areas such as the right to vote, detained persons' rights, and fair trial rights.

Hon. Lady Justice Suda Mjasiri is the Vice President of the EACJ Appellate Division. She is the Chairperson of the Public Procurement Appeals Authority and has previously served in various legal and compliance roles at the Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank. She has degrees in law and international business and was appointed Judge of the EACJ Appellate Division in February 2019 and designated Vice President in July 2022. She has also served as a Judge of the High Court and Court of Appeal of Tanzania.



Suda Mjasiri
Tanzania



Leah Molatseli
South Africa

Leah Molatseli is a legal tech and innovation specialist, published author, and speaker who focuses on the intersection of law, innovation, and technology. Molatseli is a Guest Lecturer at the University of Cape Town, where she designs and teaches legal tech and innovation courses to the broader legal industry. Her contributions to the legal tech industry were recognized by the American Bar Association (ABA), making her the first African woman to receive this honor.

With over 20 years of experience as a Magistrate, High Court Judge, and Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Judge Sanji Mmasenono Monageng is well-versed in criminal law and procedure. She has also served as a Commissioner of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights for the African Union from 2003 to 2009, gaining expertise in a variety of areas of the law such as sexual violence crimes, crimes against women and children, torture, crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide, and the crime of aggression. Judge Monageng is also knowledgeable in issues related to reparations, victim protection, and witness protection.



Sanji Mmasenono
Monageng
Botswana



**Jacqueline Moudeina
Chad**

Jacqueline Moudeina, a renowned human rights activist and one of Chad's earliest female lawyers, began her career as a legal intern in 1995, becoming one of the first women to do so. Over time, she worked her way up to the position of legal secretary, and eventually became the president of the Chadian Association for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights in 2004. In recognition of her unwavering commitment to seeking justice for the victims of Chad's former dictatorship, often at great personal risk, as well as her efforts to raise awareness of human rights issues in Africa, she received the Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders in 2002.

Renowned for her defense of journalists and press freedom, Beatrice Mtetwa is a prominent lawyer who has earned international recognition. In 2008, The New York Times hailed her as "Zimbabwe's top human rights lawyer". Her efforts in the promotion and protection of human rights in Zimbabwe were acknowledged in April 2016 when Rhodes University in South Africa awarded her an honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) degree. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the prestigious Ludovic-Trarieux International Human Rights Prize in 2014.



**Beatrice Mtetwa
Zimbabwe**



**Bibi Rehana Mungly-
Gulbul
Mauritius**

Rehana Mungly-Gulbul's appointment as Mauritius' first female Chief Justice in 2021 is a source of inspiration and empowerment for women not just in Mauritius but across Africa. As the twelfth Chief Justice of the country and the first woman to hold the position of president of the judiciary, she is committed to implementing reforms. One of her primary objectives is to expedite the judicial process, reducing the time it takes for judges to deliver their rulings. This is especially critical given that electoral petitions have been unresolved for over two years.

Hossana Negash served as Federal Supreme Court judge, Federal High Court judge, High Court judge, and legal advisor for federal and regional governments between 1992 and 2008. She is a retained lawyer at the Future Talent Academy and has provided pro bono legal services to women in family matters under the Ethiopian Women Lawyers' Association, where she serves as a board member. Negash has also assisted children in conflict with the law and has worked on civil matters involving paternity issues under the African Child Policy Forum.



**Hossana Negash
Ethiopia**



Yetnebersh Nigussie
Ethiopia

Yetnebersh Nigussie is an accomplished lawyer and disability rights activist who has had to overcome multiple barriers in her career due to her identity as a young, blind woman from a developing country. Despite these challenges, she has worked tirelessly to change perceptions about disability both within her own society and on the international stage. Her message is clear: focus on the person, not the disability. In 2005, Nigussie co-founded the Ethiopian Centre for Disability and Development (ECDD)

Osai Ojigbo is a human rights advocate, gender equality expert, governance specialist and civic leader. She served as the Country Director of Amnesty International from April 2017 until March 2023, bringing with her extensive experience in the African human rights system, gender justice, and good governance. Her accomplishments have earned her recognition as one of eighteen phenomenal African feminists to know and celebrate by the African Feminist Forum in 2015. With a versatile background, Ojigbo previously served as Oxfam's Programme Manager and Interim Pan-Africa Director.



Osai Ojigbo
Nigeria



Ifeyinwa Nasiah Okoye
Nigeria

Despite physical challenges, Ifeyinwa is a senior magistrate in Anambra State, Nigeria. She pursued her passion for law, foregoing the National Youth Service and obtaining a degree in law in addition to her first degree in Sociology. Her goal is to become the first physically challenged person to reach the highest judicial levels in Nigeria, either the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal. Driven by a desire to represent those who are oppressed and disadvantaged, she is determined to realize her ambition and become an inspiration to others.

Olamide Oloyede is a High Court judge in Nigeria who fought hard against a system that wanted her silenced. In 2016, she was forcefully retired following a "trumped up complaint of misconduct that was filed against her". Despite the odds, she refused to give up and fought back, taking her case to court and seeking justice. After a long and difficult battle, she finally won the case and was reinstated to the bench in 2022. Her courage and strength inspired many and showed them that even in the face of injustice, justice can still prevail.



Olamide Folahanmi
Oloyede
Nigeria



Raychelle Awuor Omamo
Kenya

Raychelle Awuor Omamo is the former Cabinet Secretary/Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kenya. She previously served as Cabinet Secretary of Defence and Chairperson of the Defence Council, and as Acting Cabinet Secretary of Labour and Social Protection. Omamo is a lawyer and Senior Counsel, having trained at the University of Kent at Canterbury and the Kenya School of Law. She has chaired the Law Society of Kenya and the East Africa Law Society, and has received the ICJ (K) Jurist of Year award. Omamo has served on several taskforces and commissions related to the rule of law in Kenya. She was listed among the 100 Most Influential African Women in 2020 by Avance Media.

Yinka Omorogbe, a highly respected expert in energy law, commenced her legal career at a law firm in 1980. She subsequently joined the Faculty of Law at the University of Benin in 1983, where she progressed to the position of Senior Lecturer. In July 2002, she was appointed a Professor of Law at the University of Ibadan. From 2005 to 2009, she served as Dean of the Faculty of Law before assuming the role of Secretary to the Corporation and Legal Adviser of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC). She is an advocate for decisive action to provide access to clean, renewable energy for those living without it, emphasizing the importance of justice, inclusion, and equity in the process. She believes renewable energy is the primary hope for Nigeria and other African countries.



Yinka Omorogbe, SAN
(PhD)
Nigeria



Melene Rossouw
South Africa

Melene Rossouw, a South African lawyer, is a prominent gender and human rights activist who has received global recognition for her work. She focuses on empowering women and girls to advocate for their constitutional rights rather than relying on the government to create or change laws. Melene's personal experience growing up in poverty and witnessing the struggles of women in her family has been the driving force behind her fight for equality. She believes that individuals and communities must fulfill the constitutional guarantee of equality, and she continues to inspire others through her advocacy work.

Elisa Samuel is a Judge of Law “A” and serves as the Director-General of the Legal and Judicial Training Center (CFJJ), where she also directs the Board of Directors. In addition to her role as a judge and director, she is an activist and speaker who facilitates training and capacity building for various legal professionals, including magistrates, public defenders, conservators, notaries, police officers, and justice officers. Her areas of focus include Human Rights, Gender Equality, Culture, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Justice, Alternative Penalties, and Premature Unions.



Elisa Samuel
Mozambique



Hanna Tetteh
Ghana

Hanna Tetteh is a Ghanaian barrister and politician, She was appointed as the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU). Prior to this, Tetteh served as the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Ghana. She also previously held the position of Minister for Trade and Industry from 2009 to 2013 and Chairperson of the Mediation & Security Council of the Economic Community of West African States.

Lillian Tibatemwa-Ekirikubinza is a justice of the Supreme Court in Uganda and Commissioner, International Commission of Jurists, and a Board Member of the African Judges and Jurists Forum. In 2019, she was appointed as a judge of the Court of Appeal of Seychelles, the (highest court in the land) by the President of Seychelles. Although she joined the Ugandan judiciary in 2013, Lillian Tibatemwa-Ekirikubinza was one of the pioneer trainers on the Jurisprudence of Equality Programme which introduced the training of Judicial Officers in the area of Gender and Human Rights. She also monitored the training of Kenya and Zimbabwe's Judicial Officers under the Jurisprudence of Equality Programme, 2002. She is a highly accomplished academic and researcher, with extensive experience in criminal law and criminology, children's rights, juvenile justice, gender, and women's rights.



**Lillian Tibatemwa-
Ekirikubinza (PhD)**
Uganda



Sally Udoma
Nigeria

Sally Udoma was the general counsel for Chevron Europe, Eurasia, and the Middle East Exploration and Production, with over 24 years of experience in the oil industry. She has held various senior legal roles in Chevron and is a distinguished alumna of King's College, University of London, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, and the Nigerian Law School. She is also a Fellow of the Africa Leadership Initiative-West Africa and founder of Child Life Line, a non-profit that supports vulnerable children in Lagos.

Sophia A. N. Wambura is a retired Judge of the High Court of Tanzania and an advocate for law and justice. She serves as the President of the East African Judges and Magistrates Association (EAMJA) and is a trainer of trainers in human rights, with a focus on women's and children's rights, juvenile justice, labor laws, and judgment writing. In addition, she mentors young female lawyers and magistrates. Wambura is also a registered arbitrator, non-practicing advocate, and legal consultant. Together with her colleagues, she is currently developing a Training of Trainers Manual on Gender-Based Violence for Judicial Officers.



Sophia A. N. Wambura
Tanzania



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