

Judge Haridiata DAKOURE (Burkina Faso) is First President of the Conseil d'Etat in Burkina Faso. Her judicial career spans a number of roles in the judiciary including Vice-President of the Tribunal investigating Judges and Magistrates, President of the Tribunal of working and social conditions, Vice-President of the Court of Appeal and President of the Accusation Chamber in the Court of Appeal. She has a diploma from the National School of the Judiciary in Paris and was granted two honorific distinctions by Burkina Faso.

Judge Dakoure has attended numerous international and regional seminars on human rights issues such as Women as Economic and Political Partners in the Governance System, Elaboration of Guides for Women Victims of Violence, Human Rights in Africa and Corruption and The Role of the Judiciary in the Protection of Human Rights in Africa.

Judge Dakoure attended the 6th African Conference on Women in Ethiopia and has experience in training members of the legal profession and social workers on issues pertaining to women's rights such as violence against women, training to reinforce the capacity of judicial actors on women's issues as well as speaking on violence against women and the status of legislation in Burkina Faso. She has also taught criminal procedure at the National Administrative and Judiciary School. She has provided training on economic, social and cultural rights of domestic workers for the Committee on Women's Rights in Burkina Faso and prepared documents for the coalition in Burkina Faso regarding the training of members of the Committee who monitor the human rights situation.

Judge Dakoure served as a member of the Burkina Faso Committee to follow the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995. She is President of the Organisation of Women Jurists in Burkina Faso.

Judge Akua KUENYEHIA (Ghana) was elected to the International Criminal Court in 2003 and is assigned to the Pre-Trial Division where she serves on Pre-Trial Chamber I. In this capacity Judge Kuenyehia has been very active in the work of the Chamber and its decisions relating to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Judge Kuenyehia organised gender training for the judges of the ICC during the plenary sessions held in March and May 2004. Since joining the Court Judge Kuenyehia has had the opportunity to work extensively on victims issues ranging from participating in various working groups of Chambers and the Registry on designing the Victims Participation Form and other related issues.

Judge Kuenyehia was Dean, Faculty of Law of the University of Ghana before her election as a judge. She taught Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, Criminal Law and Gender and the Law. She has written three books and numerous academic publications on gender and the law, family law and international human rights. She has also published many articles on legal issues of concern to women such as

property rights, reproductive rights and violence against women at the national as well as regional and international levels.

Judge Kuenyehia is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana and has experience in criminal law and procedure. She has expertise in gender and the law, international human rights issues and was a member of the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Judge Kuenyehia is a member of the Board of Directors of Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF) and was actively involved with other NGOs at the UN World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna. As a member of WiLDAF she participated in the meetings of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights and helped advocate for the drafting of the Additional Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the rights of women.

Professor Ekaterina TRENDAFILOVA (Bulgaria) is a Professor at the Faculty of Law, Veliko Turnovo University and Sofia University. She teaches the protection of human rights in criminal procedure, criminal justice, the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the European Court of Human Rights and International Criminal Procedure.

With a PhD in criminal justice at the Sofia University, Professor Trendafilova has been working in the field of comparative criminal law and criminal procedure for more than twenty years, contributing to a knowledge of both common law and civil law criminal justice systems. Between 1985 and 1989 she was deputy district attorney at the Sofia District Court.

Over the past three years Professor Trendafilova has been involved in legislative research for various standards in the field of international human rights. Between 1992 and 1994 Professor Trendafilova was the Bulgarian representative to the UN Commission for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna. She has participated with various institutions (Centre for the Study of Democracy, Open Society Foundation, Human Rights Foundation) on activities surrounding issues such as criminal justice, legal aid, access to justice, implementation of human rights standards into domestic legislation, gender research, trafficking of women and children, domestic violence, anti-discrimination issues, crises management, judicial independence, independence and accountability of prosecutors and anti-corruption strategies. Professor Trendafilova chaired the Penal Division of the Bulgarian Legislative Council which was assigned to elaborate a special report on the issue of violence against women.

Professor Trendafilova is the author of more than 70 publications in Bulgaria and abroad in the field of human rights law, international criminal procedural law, criminal procedural law, comparative law and constitutional law.

Judge Anita UŠACKA (Latvia) has been a judge in the Trial Division of the ICC since her election in 2003. Amongst her duties, Judge Ušacka serves as the Co-ordinator for

the Judges Strengthening Capacities Programme overseeing implementation of activities to enhance the professional skills specific to the work of ICC Judges.

Prior to her appointment at the ICC Judge Ušacka served on the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Latvia and was Associate Professor at the Department for Introduction to General Law of the Latvian University from 1999. She has been a Visiting Professor at the Lewis & Clarke School of Law in Portland and the Robert Schumann University in Strasbourg, teaching comparative constitutional law, constitutional development in Latvia, problems of human rights and rights of minorities in Latvia.

Judge Ušacka is a member of a number of international and national associations including the European Women Lawyers' Association, the International Association of Women Judges and the International Women-Lawyers Association. She has attended a variety of gender related training sessions including "Gender, Justice and the ICC" and a lecture on the prevention of re-traumatisation of witnesses in the courtroom. She has conducted various research projects on the issues of violence against women or children and served as Director of the Latvian branch of UNICEF between 1994 and 1996. In December 2004 she delivered a speech at the 6th International Conference of Chief Justices of the World in Lucknow on the protection of the rights of children according to the Rome Statute.

Judge Ušacka has authored over twenty legal publications on issues including domestic violence against women in Latvia; international human rights and their historical development; the European system of protecting human rights and child protection as a constituent part of international human rights.