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Without pressing a metaphor, we could say that judges are to justice as religious leaders and philosophers are to morality, and government leaders and all those who embody sovereign power are to political life. Yet only through the work of judges does justice become seen as the primary mark of life in society. This is a perception that needs to be revived, for there is a growing tendency to dilute the figure of the judge through pressure by governments or private institutions or citizens.

STATEMENT BY HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
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This meeting is the continuation of the 2017 Summit of Women Judges on Human Trafficking and Organized Crime¹, where we realised the need to focus on the specific problems of the African continent.

Following numerous requests and definitions by Pope Benedict XVI and especially Pope Francis, modern slavery, in terms of forced labour, prostitution and organ trafficking, is a crime against humanity and must be recognised as such. As Chancellor of the Pontifical Academies of Sciences and Social Sciences, I am honoured and grateful that, through outstanding efforts by the United Nations, Goal 8.7 was included amongst the Sustainable Development Goals. This was the result of a meeting that took place at the Casina Pio IV between Pope Francis and then UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. Goal 8.7 states: “Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms”.

The universal adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 8.7, immediately followed a memorable and historic address by Pope Francis to the UN General Assembly in September 2015. The 193 countries of the United Nations are obliged to follow this moral imperative which aims to eradicate all forms of modern slavery as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI have rightly defined human trafficking as a serious crime against humanity, because its victims suffer the worst form of exclusion, referred to as “the globalisation of indifference”.

To fully grasp such rejection, despair, and ultimately exclusion from a minimum of human dignity, it is necessary to understand that this form of violence against humanity consists not only in physical abuse (torture, repeated sexual abuse, forced organ harvesting, forced labour, including child labour) but also involves violence to the survivor’s soul. The latter creates wounds that are deeper and more complex than those already caused by the physical violence.

Friends, those who share mutual affection, affirm each other and each other’s existence. Victims cannot have true friends, since they lack the affirmation that makes friendship the “unique good” defined by Simone Weil, inspired by Aristotle. The humiliation of the victim, perceived

as the withdrawal or rejection of that affirmation to exist, harms, first and foremost, at a prejudicial level, that “being with” others that characterizes any friendship. The humiliated person feels looked down on or, worse, completely unappreciated. Deprived of that essential existential approval that is friendship reduces personhood as if the victim did not exist. The humiliation of forced labour, prostitution, involuntary organ harvesting, in addition to bodily violation, from this point of view, consists in the victim’s perception of nonbeing, of not being considered as an end, but as a simple means or property of another: the person becomes a thing, an object.

In the case of prostitution, there is something still worse than the complete annihilation of human identity: it is a betrayal of love, something of crucial importance to a young woman. When a family sells or gives their daughter away to prostitution, as often happens in cases of extreme poverty and in promiscuous environments, they betray her in the love that they owe her, and that she must receive from them. Likewise, when a young woman’s partner or boyfriend promises her the moon, the earth and the stars too, and then sells her into prostitution, she is also betrayed in a most intimate sense: in the relationship of love as mutual approval and “bond of perfection” (τὴν ἀγάπην, ὃ ἐστὶν σύνδεσμος τῆς τελειότητος, St. Paul, *Col 3:14*). Unfortunately, this betrayal is the most common and effective method among traffickers, who use young men to capture teens through promises of love. “We will get married and have children”, they tell them. This destroys a person’s most intimate trust. The victims then feel worse than if they had been rejected, and therefore, the rehabilitation process usually starts from rebuilding their self-confidence and trust in others, in a kind of public acknowledgement of the betrayal and trafficking they suffered. This betrayal by someone they trusted and loved, is often perceived as worse than death.

Two solutions are required to effectively implement the moral imperative of Goal 8.7 to eradicate these extreme forms of exclusion: human trafficking and modern slavery. First, it is necessary to get the best possible estimate of the extent of this phenomenon in Africa, and the places and regions that are most affected by it. Secondly, it is necessary to propose models and best practices that are effective for these purposes, tailored to the African situation.

¹ www.pas.va/content/accademia/en/events/2017/women_judges/declaration.html

Current estimates suggest a figure of 50 million victims per year, with a very high percentage coming from Africa. What is more concerning is that these numbers continue to grow. It is, of course, our task to refine these estimates and to pinpoint the location of the victims as accurately as possible.

In relation to the models and best practices, these vary according to the type of crime. A detailed analysis cannot be provided here. We would simply like to mention that we consider the so-called Nordic model – which for the first time in history criminalizes the consumers and not the victims – to be exemplary. It is incomprehensible that in our 2000 years of Christianity there has never been a social and collective rebellion – as it happened in the fight for human rights, for example – to clearly condemn the discrimination suffered by women through the buying and selling of their bodies. St. Paul had stated that “the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit”,² but then St. Augustine formulated the doctrine of the lesser evil, at a time when prostitution was in some way regulated by the State, and this doctrine unfortunately had a great influence on the West and the Church, and did not contribute to the understanding of the specific anthropology. Today, there are activists who belong to the private sector who devote their lives to the societal rehabilitation of these victims, creating a successful model which, besides giving them spiritual and psychological support, helps them find a home, a decent job, friendship and acknowledgement.

As for the delicate issue of organ trafficking, in our last trip to China we launched a very promising model for the eradication of this terrible evil, which includes increased awareness of organ donation. In fact, an increase in organ donations is recognised to reduce trafficking. To encourage organ donation, the Chinese consider donors and their families to be heroes, and they are buried in special cemeteries reserved to such exceptional human beings. In addition, the State offers its decisive collaboration, without which it would be very difficult to comply with the short times required for transplants and to perform them safely.

The judges and prosecutors participating in this important summit are gathered here to share their experiences, propose new models and assess existing ones. We trust that these women, with their unique sensitivity, kindness and gentleness, combined with their experience and principled justice, will play a decisive role

in examining each case fairly and proposing best practices. It is no coincidence that Justice is always represented as a woman; it is commonly acknowledged that women are more capable than men of assessing each individual on a case-to-case basis. Their vocation for justice in society – giving each what is theirs – is a further manifestation of this disposition.

Without justice there is no human society. It is only thanks to the figure of the judge that societies can be recognized as just and free. This must be reaffirmed, because there is an increasing tendency to dilute the figure of the judge through pressures from above and below, from the State and from the private sector, from recognized social structures and from the “structures of sin”, which, like powerful mafias, relentlessly pursue their aim of vitiating society, corrupting its justice and its people.

Unfortunately, this process of dissolution affects people and their most sacred institutions. A nation is not only the sum of its individuals at a given moment, but is constituted of permanent values, ethics, institutions and especially rule of law embodied by the judiciary. “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other” (*Mk* 9:50). Such is Christ’s message, which resonates particularly with judges and prosecutors. We have summoned this Summit in the hope of providing a moral compass to navigate the stormy ocean of modernity in which we all live. Africa, the cradle of the human being, is the most promising continent today for the future of humanity, because of its natural and human wealth. According to Pope Paul VI, “Development is the new name for peace”, and its achievement is intrinsically related to the values of the dignity of the human person, justice and love.

The Summit will also contribute to the moral debate on sustainable development, including the protection of the environment and human ecology, in response to Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato si’*, regarding the globalization of indifference and human trafficking. The workshop will focus on the specific problems of the African continent and, through this, we believe that it will help create a greater global awareness of the problems and solutions to the current issues.

❖ MARCELO SÁNCHEZ SORONDO

² “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own” (*1 Co* 6:19).

PROGRAMME | DAY 1, 12 DECEMBER 2018

09:00 MARCELO SÁNCHEZ SORONDO
09:05 JENNIFER GROSS
09:15 SUSANA MEDINA
09:30 LUISA FERNANDES CHIMBILA QUINTA | ANGOLA
09:45 CLAIRE HOUNGAN AYEMONNA | BENIN
10:00 AUBIERGE OLIVIA L.K. HUNGBO | BENIN
10:15 DISCUSSION

10:30 *Coffee Break*

11:00 MOTLHALEFI BAIPAANKANYI | BOTSWANA
11:15 PRISCILLA KEDIBONE ISRAEL | BOTSWANA
11:30 ELIZABETH MACHARIA MOKOBI | BOTSWANA
11:45 ÂNGELA C.M. RODRIGUES | CAPE VERDE
12:00 BIRTUKAN AYELE BAZA | ETHIOPIA
12:15 SEDINA AGBEMAVA | GHANA
12:30 MARIAMA OWUSU | GHANA
12:45 DISCUSSION

13:00 *Lunch at the Casina Pio IV*

15:00 AGNES KALEKYE MURGOR | KENYA
15:15 ROSELYN NALIKA NAMBUYE | KENYA
15:30 CHRISTINE NJAGI | KENYA
15:45 ANITA NYANJONG | KENYA
16:00 HANNAH MAGONDI OKWENGU | KENYA
16:15 HELLEN ONKWANI | KENYA
16:30 MARY DOMINICA KACHALE | MALAWI
16:45 DISCUSSION

17:00 *Coffee Break*

17:30 FIONA MWALE | MALAWI
17:45 ZIONE NTABA | MALAWI
18:00 SANGARE KANKOU | MALI
18:15 SALIMA ROUHI | MOROCCO
18:30 VITALINA PAPADAKIS | MOZAMBIQUE
18:45 DISCUSSION

19:30 *Dinner at the Casina Pio IV*

PROGRAMME | DAY 2, 13 DECEMBER 2018

09:00 MARY AZUMI ABOUNU | NIGERIA
09:15 MISITURA O. BOLAJI-YUSUFF | NIGERIA
09:30 ANWURI CHIKERE | NIGERIA
09:45 HALIMA MOHAMMED | NIGERIA
10:00 PRISCILLA EMEHELU NGOZI | NIGERIA
10:15 BINTA FATIMA NYAKO | NIGERIA
10:30 HELEN MORONKEJI OGUNWUMIJU | NIGERIA

10:45 *Coffee Break*

11:15 CECILIA M.A. OLATOREGUN | NIGERIA
11:30 MAUREEN ADAOBI ONYETENU | NIGERIA
11:45 AYESHA MALIK | PAKISTAN
12:00 VIVIAN SOLOMON | SIERRA LEONE
12:15 ANIPHA ABASS MWINGIRA | TANZANIA
12:30 JACQUELINE RUGEMALILA | TANZANIA
12:45 DISCUSSION

13:00 *Lunch at the Casina Pio IV*

15:00 SOPHIA ADELAIDE N. WAMBURA | TANZANIA
15:15 AFEF CHAABANE | TUNISIA
15:30 FETEN CHAKROUN | TUNISIA
15:45 SANA SOLTANI | TUNISIA
16:00 VICTORIA NABISENKE | UGANDA
16:15 ANESSIE BANDA-BOBO | ZAMBIA

16:30 *Coffee Break*

17:00 ROYDAH M.C. KAOMA | ZAMBIA
17:15 SYLVIA MUNYINYA | ZAMBIA
17:30 ANN CLAIRE WILLIAMS | USA
17:45 DISCUSSION

19:00 *Dinner at the Casina Pio IV*

OBSERVERS:

SISTER EUGENIA BONETTI, FRANCESCA ROMANA COCCHI,
STEFANO MARINO, ALBERT PHIKANI, MADELEINE SCHWARZ,
LEONIE VON BRAUN.

Susana Ester Medina

Vice President of the High Court of Justice of Entre Ríos. President of the Labor Chamber N° 3 of the High Court of Justice of Entre Ríos.

Director of the Judicial Training Institute “Dr. Juan Bautista Alberdi”, which depends on the High Court of Justice of Entre Ríos.

Member of the Commission on Access to Justice of the Supreme Court of Argentina.

President of the Association of Women Judges of Argentina (AMJA). Immediate Past President of the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ).

Founding Member of the Argentine Victimology Association. Member of Notables Council of the National Commission for the Elaboration of Sanctions against Gender Violence. Honorary consultant of the Institute of Gender Law of the Argentinian Association of Constitutional Justice.

Member of the Academic Council of the Judicial Department of Law in the Austral University.

Member of the Global Judicial Integrity Network (UNODC)

Luisa Fernandes Chimbila Quinta | Angola

Currently President of the Family Division in the Provincial Court of Huambo, Angola, Ms. Chimbila Quinta presided over Criminal Issues at the Provincial Court of Bié as Judge of Law.

She participated in UNICEF’s international seminar on Criminal Law, Family and Minors and in the International course on the Legal Protection of the Rights of Children for the PALOP countries (COMILLAS UNIVERSITY-INEJ/CEJ).

In May 2018, Ms. Chimbila Quinta represented the Association of Judges of Angola in the International Conference of Women Judges in Argentina.

Ayaba Claire Houngan Ayemonna | Benin

Sworn in as a magistrate judge in December 1988, from 1990 to 2001 Ayaba Claire Houngan Ayemonna held the positions of investigating judge, deputy public prosecutor, acting public prosecutor, and judge at the court before she was appointed Minister in charge of family issues, social protection and solidarity in May 2001. At the end of her ministerial appointment she reverted to the judiciary and is currently adviser at the Supreme Court.

Alongside her work in the judiciary, Mrs Ayemonna is a committed but non-partisan activist in community life. She is member of the International Association of Women Judges and Chairperson of Fondation Regard d’Amour, a child protection and family promotion nongovernmental association of public interest, since 2004. She is also member of various women’s advancement networks both within and outside her country. A former member of the National ethics committee for health research and expert in election observation, she participated in various ECOWAS and AU election observation missions. She is presently the leader of a group of human right organizations advocating for the establishment of a National Commission on Human Rights (CBDH) in Benin.

Aubierge Olivia Lucette Hungbo-Kploca | Benin

Judge of the Court of First Instance of Allada, in 2006 Mrs Hungbo-Kploca was appointed judge at the Court of First Instance of Cotonou and chaired the chambers of social law, family affairs, execution, civil affairs for ten

years. In 2015, she was appointed investigating judge before being promoted to president of the Allada Court of First Instance. In this capacity, in addition to her administrative, managerial and judicial functions, she is also a judge of freedom and detention.

She completed her primary education and part of secondary education in France and university in Benin. In 2016, she was elected to sit on the Superior Council of the Magistracy. Since February 17, 2017, she is the new president of the International Association of Women Judges of Benin (AIFJB). She is active in several associations for the defense of human rights.

Motlhalefi Baipaakanyi | Botswana

Born in Mahalapye, Botswana in 1977, I obtained my LLB from the University of Botswana in 2002. In 2003 I joined the Attorney General’s Chambers of Botswana, under the Department of Deeds Registry as an Assistant Registrar of Deeds. In 2008, I joined the Land Tribunal as its President, a position I held for 3 years. In 2011, I joined the Ministry of Lands and Housing as its Legal Advisor where I headed a team that drafted the Botswana Land Policy and other amendments of land laws. Amongst others, particular provision was made of the protection of existing land rights of Widows and Orphans against dispossession of their rights by in-laws and guardians respectively. My previous experience at the land tribunal had exposed me to the challenges that this sector of the society faces, inevitably leading to abject poverty.

In 2015, I rejoined the Land Tribunal still as the President, a position I currently hold. My portfolio is to hear and adjudicate land appeals emanating from Land and Planning Authorities in terms of the Land Tribunal Act of 2014.

Priscilla Kedibone Israel | Botswana

Assistant Director of Public Prosecution in the Republic of Botswana, Priscilla Kedibone Israel has over 18 years of experience working in the legal field. She holds a Masters Degree in International Law. She is an expert in extradition and mutual legal assistance, a trainer of trainees of human trafficking and cases involving abduction of children. Prosecute technical cases e.g. Human trafficking and Cyber crimes. She is a recipient of the 2016 Hero Acting to End Modern Slavery Award. As a Catholic her latest project is conducting awareness on human trafficking to Catholic members and Sodalities.

Ms. Israel has dedicated herself to ensuring that cases of human trafficking in Botswana are treated seriously, and has spent countless hours working with members of the judicial system to ensure that they thoroughly understand the nature and complexity of human trafficking cases.

Elizabeth Macharia Mokobi | Botswana

With a doctoral degree in Procedural Law from the University of Pretoria, a masters degree in International Law from Cambridge University and an LLB from the University of Botswana, Dr. Macharia Mokobi is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Botswana where she specialises in Criminal Procedure and International Law. With 10 years experience teaching, she has written many articles on refugee law, humanitarian law, criminal law and procedure, and the law of succession. Dr. Macharia Mokobi has

also worked in the Botswana judiciary as a magistrate, and as an attorney in private practice. A member of the Botswana Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges, she resides in Gaborone with her husband and children.

Ângela Cristina Marques Rodrigues | Cape Verde

Judge in the 1st Judgment Crime of the Judicial Court of the District of Praia since 2015, Ângela C. M. Rodrigues is an NAWJ and IAWJ member.

Her areas of expertise include Domestic Violence, International Judicial Cooperation, Economic and Financial Crimes for Judges, Prosecutors and Investigators, International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters, Legal Aspects of Victim Assistance in the context of Gender-Based Violence, Criminal Procedure Code, Protection and Promotion of Children's and Adolescents' Rights.

Birtukan Ayele Baza | Ethiopia

With an LLB and 10 years work experience, 35 year old Judge Ayele is currently Federal High Court Judge in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in the capital city of the country.

She is married and has two children.

Sedina Agbemava | Ghana

Justice Sedina Agbemava was appointed a Justice of the High Court in 2016. Prior to that, she sat as a Circuit Court Judge in the Gender and Domestic Violence Court in Accra, a specialised Court dealing mainly with sexual offences, domestic violence and Human trafficking cases. In her time on the Circuit Bench, Justice Agbemava adjudicated on cases involving human trafficking, both regional and international, and from as far as Asia.

Justice Sedina Agbemava currently sits in the Commercial Court, Sekondi in the Western Region of Ghana.

Mariama Owusu | Ghana

Justice of the Court Of Appeal in Ghana, Hon. Lady Justice Mariama Owusu graduated from University of Ghana, where she obtained her LLB Degree and proceeded to the Travel Ghana Law School. She was called to the Ghanaian Bar in 1981. Thereafter she went into Private Practice with Messrs Totoe Legal Services in Ghana. In 1990, she joined the Ghanaian Bench as a District Magistrate. In 1992, she was appointed a Circuit Court Judge. In the year 2000, she was appointed a Justice of the High Court. In 2006, she was appointed a Justice of the Court of Appeal, a position she has held to date.

She is currently the President of IAWJ-Ghana Chapter, a position she assumed in 2014.

Agnes Kalekye Murgor, Kenya

Appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal in December 2012, Lady Justice Agnes Kalekye Murgor is currently stationed at Supreme Court Building Nairobi. She holds a Bachelor of Law Degree from the University of Buckingham, a Masters in International Business Law from the University of London and a Diploma of Laws from the Kenya School of Law.

Justice Murgor is a Member of the Executive Committee of the Kenya Women Judges Association, whose core mandate is to promote and uphold the rights of women and children in Kenya, as well as a director of Cheshire Services, an organisation that oversees homes for persons

living with disabilities and the elderly in Kenya.

She has also held the positions of Legal Counsel and International Commissioner of the Kenya Girl Guides Association an organization concerned with the protection, promotion and advancement of girls and young women.

Roselyn Naliaka Nambuye | Kenya

Born in 1952, Dr. (Hon. Causa) Lady Justice Roselyn Naliaka Nambuye-E.B.S obtained LLB from the University of Nairobi, 1976, and holds a Masters in International Conflict Management from the University of Nairobi, 2011. Appointed the first Kenyan Woman Principal Magistrate, 1988, and was the third Kenyan woman Puisine Judge, elevated to the High Court bench, 1991. She was among a group of 4 eminent women Judges elevated to the Court of Appeal of Kenya as the 3rd Women Judges to the Court of Appeal since inception, 2012, and is still serving in the same capacity to date. She is currently based at Nairobi as the Head of the Criminal Division.

Has been long associated with the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) and is a founding member of the Kenya Women Judges Association (KWJA), holding various leadership positions since its inception in 1993. In July, 2017, she was part of two esteemed Court of Appeal Benches that paved the way out of uncertainty over the holding or otherwise of the then scheduled National elections held in 2017.

Awards received include a national award from His Excellency the President of Kenya Hon. Mr. President Uhuru Kenyatta, the second class Elder of the Burning Spear E.B.S 2015, a Doctor of Laws (LL.D) Honours Causa from the Commonwealth University of Belize and London Graduate School, 2017, and an award by IAWJ & KWJA for being a founder member of KWJA and for promoting the right to Education for the needy and vulnerable.

Christine Njagi | Kenya

Hon. Christine Njagi is a Resident Magistrate serving at the Milimani Law Courts, Criminal Division.

She was employed into the Judiciary in 2013 and has served at the Kwale Law Courts where she has been engaged in various Corporate Social Responsibility activities that have benefited both her and the community she serves. She has passion for children and gender issues and, together with her colleagues from the Kwale Law Courts, has been involved in delivering sanitary towels, baby cots, soaps, slippers, food, toys and personal effects to the Kwale GK Men and Women Prisons and the Children's home. Hon Njagi is an environmentalist and has been continuously involved in tree planting and activities that support environmental conservation and protection. As she strives to uphold the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals she combines these two passions to ensure that the environment is conserved and that women and children also have access to clean and healthy environments.

She has also attended Court User Committees where by joint effort communities have been sensitized on issues of gender, sexual based violence and children rights. She encourages children, women and men to also know their rights by distributing copies of the Constitution and sensitizing them on their rights and responsibilities under the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Hon. Njagi is a member of the Kenya Magistrates and

Judges Association and is currently the Vice Secretary of the Kenya Women Judge's Association.

Last but not least, she loves the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour.

Anita Nyanjong | Kenya

Anita is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, and has over 10 years' experience in research, designing and executing access to justice programmes in Kenya and East Africa. She read law in Moi University, Kenya and has Masters of Laws in Public International Law from the University of London, where she also gained a Post Graduate Diploma in the Human Rights of Women. Anita has also consulted for the Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI), where she researched and analyzed the impact of strategic interest litigation on cases of torture in detention from Kenya. She has previously served as Programme Manager, Access to Justice at the International Commission of Jurists where she led institutional programs on strengthening justice mechanisms in Africa. She was appointed as member of the Kenyan Judiciary Taskforce, as part of the team to develop a policy on Alternative Justice Mechanisms, by the former Chief Justice of Kenya, Willy Mutunga. Anita is currently working with Equality Now, an international organisation that promotes women's rights in the world, where she leads their work in African Countries on Ending Sex Trafficking and the sexual exploitation of women and girls.

Hannah Magondi Okwengu | Kenya

Appointed Judge in the Kenya Court of Appeal in 2012, Justice Hannah Magondi Okwengu holds an LL.M degree in Public International Law, an LL.B, a postgraduate certificate in management, and is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya. Her experience of 38 years includes practising as an advocate, working as a magistrate, Judge of the High Court, and Assistant Director in charge of Prosecutions in the Anti-Corruption Authority.

Judge Okwengu has been the Chair of Kenya Women Judges Association since 2015 and has been involved in projects and training in implementation of laws impacting women and children with a view to creating awareness and promoting human rights and equality in the administration of justice. She is the current President of IAWJ Africa Region and was recently elected a Board member of IAWJ.

Hellen Onkwani | Kenya

Hon. Hellen Onkwani is a Senior Resident magistrate based at milimani law courts, Nairobi Kenya. She currently holds the position of Nairobi regional representative to the Kenya Women Judges and Magistrates (KWJA), Association. She has served as a magistrate since the year 2010. Previously she served as a Deputy Registrar, Court of Appeal, Kenya. She has 10 years legal experience.

She is committed to the protection, promotion and defence of all human rights of the pro-poor people in the society. She is passionate in resolving disputes and dispensing justice, the purpose of which is liberty to the spirit of the human being; dignity and equality to everyone; justice to the individual and the community. Before joining the judiciary Hon. Hellen Onkwani worked at the Kenya Legislative Assembly (Kenyan parliament) between the year 2008 and year 2010 and

was involved in research.

Hon. Hellen Onkwani holds two masters in law (LLM). She holds a masters in law (LLM), from International Academy for Judges (University of Haifa) and a masters in law (LLM) in Environmental Law from University of Nairobi. She holds a bachelor of laws (LLB) degree from Moi University, Kenya.

Mary Kachale | Malawi

Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in Malawi. As a result of her ongoing courageous prosecutions of the worst manifestations of public corruption, e-crime and money laundering, Mary Kachale was recognised as Person of The Year 2015 by Malawi's leading online publication and in 2016 the Accountants Body voted her The Second Most Influential Person (behind the Vice President). Mary is a career public servant with over 17 years' experience in various roles; as DPP all criminal prosecutions within the jurisdiction (including trafficking cases) fall under her responsibility. She firmly believes in the transformational value of effective legal systems to create a fairer and more just society for all without regard to socio-economic status or such other considerations.

She is a Canon Collins and Commonwealth Scholar from 2008 and 2010; she obtained her first degree from University of Malawi (LLB (Hons)); her LL.M (PIL) was obtained with Distinction from UCL (London) which earned her a PhD admission prior to actual completion of her LL.M studies.

Fiona Atupe Mwale | Malawi

High Court judge and 2017-2018 recipient of the prestigious and highly competitive Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship, Justice Fiona Atupe Mwale is a seasoned gender justice expert with 19 years experience. She has published a Monograph on "Family and Succession Law in Malawi" under the International Encyclopaedia of Law Series. She is an accomplished judicial trainer on gender equality and has drafted many training manuals including in human trafficking. She has served as Chairperson of the Child Case Review Board which oversees juvenile justice in the country. Currently she is the National Training Coordinator for the Women Judges Association of Malawi (WOJAM) where she has managed various training projects for the Malawi Judiciary. Justice Mwale also served as a Judicial Expert with the International Association of Women Judges in 2018.

Zione Jane Veronica Ntaba | Malawi

Hon. Justice Zione Jane Veronica Ntaba is a judge of the High Court who sits at the High Court Zomba Registry in the Eastern Judicial Region.

She holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Degree from the University of Malawi and a Master of Laws in Advanced Legislative Drafting from the University of London under the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Her legal areas of interest are in energy law, international law, constitutional law, human rights law and development law. She has previously worked at the Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (MERA) as Director of Legal Affairs and Board Secretary. She has also worked with the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs as a State Advocate and Legislative Counsel. Judge Ntaba has done civil litigation and criminal prosecution in all three levels of the court system i.e. subordinate, high and supreme courts. Besides this, she has also been involved

in drafting principal and subsidiary legislation. Judge Ntaba is actively involved as a member of the Woman Judges Association of Malawi focusing on providing legal advice to women and children, holding legal clinics and offering mentorship programmes. She is passionate about development issues including urban law with an emphasis on women and child rights issues. She is a member of the African Judges Forum on HIV, AIDS, TB and Human Rights. Furthermore, Judge Ntaba sits on number of Boards in Malawi and Africa like Tilitonse and Disability HIV and AIDS Trust. Lastly, she passionately works with young Malawians especially through her work with the United World Colleges Malawi.

Sangare Kankou | Mali

I was born in a small agrarian village, in the region of Kayes. My father was a traditional farmer and my mother was a housewife. My father was the imama but he was open-minded and sent his daughters to school. In my modest rural village, not all children had the chance to be sent to school, especially girls. I was sent to school in 1980. When I passed my Junior High School exams, I was sent away from my parents, still a very young girl, to start high school in Sikasso. From my village, only two of us reached University level and graduated with higher education diplomas. All the other students had to stop midway because of domestic work or early marriage.

When I started work as a magistrate I saw myself allotted much responsibility. During my experience at the International Criminal Court, I learned about teamwork and persistence, and so many things that really shaped my brain in a different way. In the justice system, there are cases which require a high standard of mind to be able to stand still and take the right decisions.

Salima Rouhi | Morocco

Magistrate at the El Jadida Court of First Instance Morocco, currently in charge of civil matters relating to labor disputes and criminal cases related to the fight against violence against women and children.

General Secretary of the Moroccan Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges. Doctoral researcher: private law and international law.

Vitalina do Carmo Papadakis | Mozambique

Born in 1974, she graduated in Law from the Law School of UEM (Mozambique) in 1998. Court of Appeal Judge in the labor area, Vitalina do Carmo Papadakis has also worked in the criminal area.

Co-author of the “Practical Handbook on Action: Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Narcotic Drugs and Weapons” (2012).

Member of the International Association of Judges. She collaborates with NGOs to defend the rights of women, children, the elderly and people with disabilities.

Mary Azumi Abounu | Nigeria

Hon. Justice Mary Azumi Abounu is a High Court Judge of the Benue State Judiciary in Nigeria, West Africa. After her Law degree and upon successfully graduating from the Nigerian Law school Lagos in the 80s, she has worked as a Private Legal Practitioner, joined the Ministry of Justice where she rose to the position of Director and thereafter of Judge. She has travelled extensively and has been involved in many Administration of Justice Conferences, including quite

a number of Internal Association of Women Judges Conferences. She’s married and blessed with children.

Misitura Omodere Bolaji-Yusuff | Nigeria

Born in 1959, Misitura Omodere Bolaji-Yusuff graduated from Obafemi Awolowo University, Western Nigeria in 1983. Called to the Nigeria Bar as a Barrister and Solicitor in 1984, she was appointed judge of the High Court in 1997. Elevated to the Court of Appeal of Nigeria, the intermediate court between the High Court and the Supreme Court, in 2014, she is still serving the Court to date.

Anwuri Chikere | Nigeria

Justice at the Federal High Court.

Halima S. Mohammed | Nigeria

Born in 1963 in Gombe State, North East Nigeria, Hon. Justice Halima S. Mohammed became a Magistrate in 1989 and is a High Court Judge in Gombe State since 2001.

North-eastern Nigeria has a high rate of interstate trafficking of under aged boys, thus the incidence of Boko Haram. To help combat this, Hon. Justice Halima S. Mohammed founded a school for less-privileged women and children in the rural village of Billiri.

Widowed with two grown graduate children, her hobbies include humanitarian services and travelling.

Priscilla Emehelu Ngozi | Nigeria

Chief Judge, Hon. Justice Ngozi Priscilla Emehelu, FCI Arb, is West Africa Regional Director of the International Association of Women Judges.

Born on 7th September 1956, she hails from Nike, in the Enugu State of Nigeria.

She is happily married with children.

Binta Fatima Nyako | Nigeria

Judge of the Federal High Court of Nigeria sitting in Abuja, Binta Fatima Nyako has been on the bench for 18 years. She presides over all federal offences, both civil and criminal.

Vice President of the IAWJ.

Binta Fatima Nyako is a Muslim from the Northeast of Nigeria, and a mother of three. Her husband is a retired naval officer and now full time farmer.

Helen Moronkeji Ogunwumiju | Nigeria

Born 23-03-1957. Graduated University of Lagos 1977. Called to the Nigeria Bar 1978. Worked with the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria for several years and as Assistant Director helped to establish Legal Aid Offices and Programs in several States in Nigeria. Appointed a Chief Magistrate in 1991. Appointed Probate Registrar, then Chief Registrar in 1997. Appointed a Judge of the High Court in 1998 with unlimited jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters. Elevated to the Court of Appeal, Nigeria in 2005. The Court has unlimited jurisdiction on all appeals from the various High Courts, other Courts and Tribunals in Nigeria.

Presently, Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Benin Division. As President of the National Association of Women Judges (2014-2016), facilitated training of Police Officers and Law Officers in the investigation and prosecution of rape/defilement; abduction/kidnapping and like offences. Also facilitated in 2014 the establishment by the Nigeria Police of the Special

Victims Desk in all Divisional Police Stations to be manned by trained personnel to handle cases of Sexual Based Violence. Served on the Board of the International Association of Women Judges.

Also Chair, Board of Trustees, West African Regional Centre for Law and Religion Studies facilitating several Law and Religion roundtable conferences in the West African sub-region. Fellow, Salzburg Seminar, Session 390. Lord Chancellor, Ibadan Diocese, Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion. Enjoys playing Golf, Chess and Sewing

Cecilia M.A. Olatoregun | Nigeria

Hon. Justice C.M.A. Olatoregun, of the Federal High Court, Nigeria, was born in 1954.

Former Chief Registrar of the Federal High Court, and former Admiralty Marshal of Nigeria, she is a member of the Nigeria Bar Association, Associate Life, Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association, International Association of Women Judges in Nigeria, and International Dispute Resolution Institute (IDRI). Participant in the African Leadership Forum Farm House Dialogue, Ota, and Trustee in the Non-Governmental Organization HELP. Her hobbies include reading, travelling and photography.

Maureen Adaobi Onyetenu | Nigeria

Currently the presiding Judge of the Federal High Court Osogbo Division, Osun State of Nigeria.

She holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife and a Master's Degree in Law from the University of Lagos.

Judge Onyetenu is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Theology.

She has also attended and been a speaker at both local and international conferences on all aspects of law.

Ayesha A. Malik | Pakistan

Mrs. Justice Ayesha A. Malik studied law at the Pakistan College of Law and did her LL.M from Harvard Law School. She was elevated as Judge of the Lahore High Court, Lahore in 2012.

Justice Malik is a green judge of the Lahore High Court hearing environmental matters in constitutional jurisdiction. She has authored several notable judgments with specific reference to the rights of women holding gender quotas to be discriminatory, based on stereotype roles and social expectations.

Justice Malik has worked on automation and case management to oversee the pace of litigation for effective and speedy dispensation of cases. Currently she chairs the Judicial Officers Female Supervisory Committee which looks at all issues related to female judicial officers. As member of the Board of the Punjab Judicial Academy she developed a course on gender sensitization for court processes and put together a handbook on environmental laws for the benefit of the courts dealing with environmental matters.

Vivian Margarete Solomon | Republic of Sierra Leone

Presently, she is a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Sierra Leone, a Judge of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone. Since December 1989, she is a Senior Lecturer at the Law Department, Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, Fourah Bay College. Since 2006

she has been a Tutor at the Sierra Leone Law School. She is Chair of the Refugee Status Appeal Committee in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee of the General Legal Council Sierra Leone; Supervisor of the Fast Track Commercial Court; the Magistrates Courts and the Judicial and Legal Training Institute Sierra Leone. Honourable Justice Vivian Margarete Solomon has received constellations of awards and recognitions for her services to the community and in the legal profession.

Anipha Abass Mwingira | Tanzania

Born in March 1979 in Songea District, Ruvuma Region, Tanzania, Hon. Anipha Abass Mwingira is currently a resident magistrate stationed at Kinondoni District Court Dar-es-salaam Tanzania. Before her promotion to the current post she was a Primary Court Magistrate.

Hon. Anipha graduated LL.M on Telecommunication and information technology from Open University Tanzania in collaboration with International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and United Kingdom Telecommunication Academy (UKTA) In 2013, LL.B (hons) in open university of Tanzania in 2011 and Diploma in law at The Institute of Judicial Administration (IJA) In 2007. Apart from being a resident magistrate, Anipha is a wife and mother of two sons. She is an active member of TAWJA (Tanzania Women Judges Association) and IAWJ.

Jacqueline Joas Rugemalila | Tanzania

Resident Magistrate since 2007 sitting at Bunda District Court, before she was sitting at Kinondoni District Court, Kisutu Resident Magistrates' Court and Singida Resident Magistrates' Court in United Republic of Tanzania. LL.B (Hons) from Tumaini University and LL.M in Judicial Practice and Administration from Bagamoyo University. She has attended several International conferences for Judges and Prosecutors in combating Human Trafficking. Jacqueline Joas Rugemalila has participated on drafting the National Anti Human Trafficking regulations and standard operating procedures for victims of Human Trafficking.

Sophia A. N. Wambura | Tanzania

Resident Magistrate at the Judiciary of Tanzania since 1985, after graduating in LLB at the University of Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania in 1984. She attained a Post Graduate Diploma in European Integration in 1987 at Europa Institute of University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Member of the Christian Professionals of Tanzania: International Association of Women Judges, Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association; Council Member of the East African Magistrates Association: Judges and Magistrates Association of Tanzania, Tanzania Women Judges Association and Catholic Women Association of Tanzania. She is also a trainer in Public and Judicial Ethics, Human Rights, Juvenile Justice and Labour laws.

Her hobbies are reading, cooking, gardening, swimming and dancing.

Afef Chaabane | Tunisia

Deputy Attorney General at the Minister of Justice in Tunisia, and a member of the National Criminal Law Reform Commission, in March 2016 Afef Chaabane was elected member in the Tunisian Commission for the

Prevention of Torture. Founding member and president of the Tunisian Association of Women Lawyers (established in 2011) and active member in the IAWJ, she holds many certificates of training and is a national expert in the field of human rights.

Feten Chakroun | Tunisia

Judge of the Court of First Instance in Béja, Tunisia, since 2010, Feten Chakroun studied Law and Political Science in Tunis.

Sana Soltani | Tunisia

Wife and mother, since 2012 Sana Soltani is the Substitute of the Public Prosecutor in the Court of First Instance of Jendouba, Tunisia, in charge of cases relating to Human Trafficking.

Among others, she has Certificates of Training in “Strengthening the Framework of the Arab Region to Prevent and Combat Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling” (UNODC 20-22 Feb 2017), “The role of the judiciary to fight against human trafficking in Tunisia” (UNODC and Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa March 2018), “The Istanbul Protocol” (DCAF April 2015), “Practical Application of Tunisia’s new Trafficking Association of Women Judges”, Tunis May 2017.

Vicky Nabisenke | Uganda

Ag. Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions who has worked at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Uganda for the last 13 years, Vicky Nabisenke has vast experience in the prosecution of all manner of domestic, transnational and international crimes. Ms Nabisenke holds a Master of Public Administration degree, a Bachelor of Laws degree, and is currently pursuing a Master of Laws degree with special emphasis on the fields of human rights, environmental law and humanitarian law. She is also an active Rotarian (PHF), a loving wife and a dedicated mother.

Anessie M. Banda-Bobo | Zambia

Judge of the High Court of Zambia since July 2010, Mrs. Anessie M. Banda-Bobo has served as Registrar and CEO of the Patents and Companies Registration Office (PACRA).

She has attended numerous International and Regional meetings, workshops and seminars in the field of Intellectual Property and International Law, has represented the Zambian Government as a delegate or as delegation leader, and has participated in negotiations of International Treaties on behalf of the Zambian Government.

She is married, with 4 children.

Roydah Mwanakulya Chinungi Kaoma | Zambia

With a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zambia and a Master of Laws degree from the University of London in Public International Law, Judge Kaoma was admitted to the Zambian Bar in 1990. She joined the Zambian Judiciary in 1991 as Resident Magistrate and rose to the position of Deputy Registrar of the High Court of Zambia. She was appointed High Court Judge in August, 2002 and Judge of the Supreme Court of Zambia in June, 2014. She is a trained Court Mediator and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Zambia Branch. She is also a member of the International Association of Women Judges, the

Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association, the President of the Zambia Association of Women Judges and the Chairperson of the Zambia Law Development Commission.

Sylvia Munyinya Okoh | Zambia

Born in Lusaka, Zambia in 1982. Sylvia Munyinya Okoh obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the Zambian Open University in 2012 and a Legal Practitioners Qualifying Certificate from the Zambia Institute of Legal Education in 2014. She is currently pursuing a Master of Laws (LLM) with the University of South Wales. Upon her admission to the Zambian Bar in 2014, she joined the Judiciary of Zambia where she is currently working as a Resident Magistrate at the Subordinate Court.

She has adjudicated on Human Trafficking cases, and is a member of The Zambia Association of Women Judges and The Magistrates and Judges Association of Zambia.

Ann Claire Williams | USA

The Honorable Ann Claire Williams recently retired from the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. In 1999, Ann Claire Williams was appointed by President William J. Clinton to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. She became the first judge of color appointed to the Seventh Circuit and the third woman of color to serve on any United States Court of Appeals. Before assuming that position, Williams, appointed by President Ronald Reagan, served on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois for fourteen years. She is still the youngest woman of color ever appointed to a federal judgeship. Judge Williams has a longstanding commitment to education and training. She has led trainings in Ghana, Indonesia, Liberia, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda to train judges and lawyers on topics such as domestic and gender-based violence, judicial ethics, case management, alternative dispute resolution, and trial advocacy.

In 1992, Judge Williams co-founded the Just The Beginning – A Pipeline Organization (JTB-APO), initially created to celebrate the integration of the federal judiciary, but which has evolved into a pipeline organization that creates programs for students from middle school through law school that inspires and equips students of color and other under-represented groups to pursue legal and judicial careers. Judge Williams has been the recipient of numerous awards.



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SURVIVORS | GHANA

Abeiku and his friends have been rescued and are in a shelter. Most are making remarkable recoveries fueled by three big meals a day, medical care, counseling and kindness. They are learning to read. Many survivors are remarkably resilient. But some of them, like Abeiku, have visible scars on their heads where their master hit them with a paddle. They have even deeper hidden scars.

Their journey to health will be longer.

MOTHER AND BABY | NAMIBIA

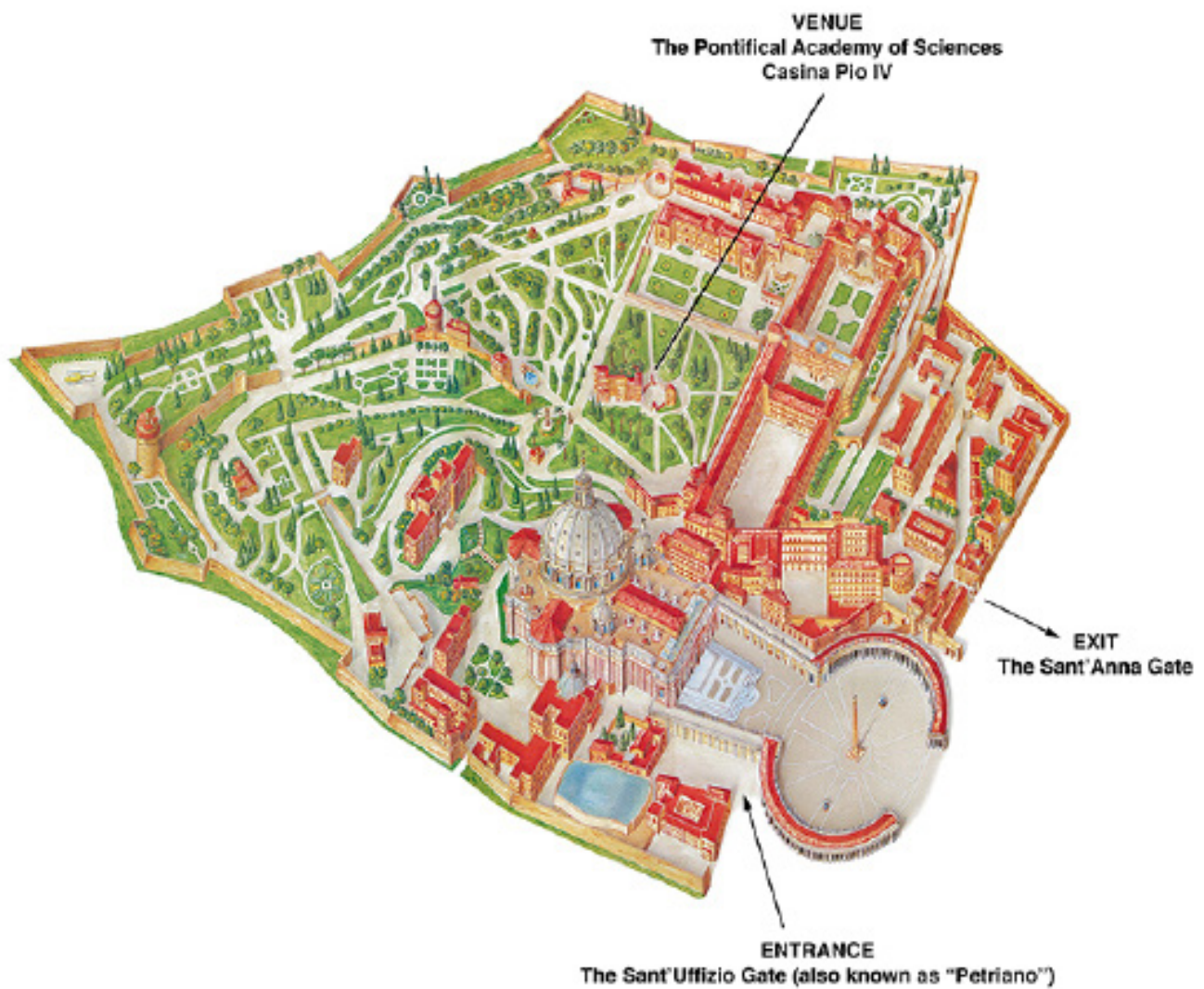
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