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**First Meeting of African Women** **Judges**

***"The presence of African women in the judiciary: Assessment and perspectives” from 2 to 6 May 2023***

Libreville, Gabon

**PROGRAM**

| **Tuesday, 2 May 2023** | |
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| **19:00** | -Arrival and reception of delegations at Léon Mba International Airport.  -Welcome cocktail offered by the President of the National Assembly at the Palais Léon Mba, seat of the National Assembly. |

| **Wednesday, 3 May 2023** | | |
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| **Hour** | **Article** | **Moderators/Presenters/Presenters** |
| **10:00** | Solemn sitting of the Constitutional Court of the Gabonese Republic, in which the delegates to the 1st Meeting of African Women Judges will take part. | |
| **11:00 – 12:**0 **0** | **Official opening of the First Meeting of African Women Judges** | |
|  | Welcome address by **H.E. Mrs. Marie-Madeleine Mborantsuo,** President of the Constitutional Court of the Gabonese Republic.  Address by H.E**. Mr Dieudonné KAMULETA BADIBANGA**, President of the Constitutional Court of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Vice-President of the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa (CCJA);  **Opening address by H.E. Ali BONGO ONDIMBA, President of the Gabonese Republic.** | |
| **12:20 – 12:30** | **Group photo** | |
| **12:30 -14: 00** | **LUNCH (at the restaurant** **of** **the Constitutional Court of Gabon)** | |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | Address by United Nations specialized agencies | **Ms. Nadine Rugwe,** UNDP Regional Service Center for Africa Governance and Rule of Law Team leader (5mn)  **Dr. Aissata Ba,** UNODC Media and Communications Officer (5mn) |
| 14:15 – 14:30 | Overview of the sessions for the event | **H.E Danièle Darlan**, former President of the Constitutional Court of the Central African Republic |
| **14**:**30 – 18:00** | **Session 1: "Overview of the *State of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the Judicial System: Existing Experiences, Best Practices and Identification of Barriers to the Promotion of Women Judges in Africa"*** | **Moderator:** Ms. Aijana Bekkulieva, Rule of Law, Security and Human Rights Policy Officer, UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa    **Rapporteur:** Constitutional Court of the Gabonese Republic; |
|  | Overview and definition of the objectives of the session | **Ms. Aijana Bekkulieva,** Ruleof Law, Security and Human Rights Policy Officer, UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa |
| (15 min) | The situation of women in the judiciary in Africa: putting it in context | **Ms. Atchere Asuah-Kwasi,**  Institute for African Women in Law (IAWL) |
|  | Communication from **Mrs. Marie Anne MBOGA**, Deputy Attorney General at the Court of Cassation of the Gabonese Republic | |
| (10 mn) | The High Court of Justice of Benin and a woman judge | **H.E. Cécile Marie José** de **Dravo – Zinzindohoue,** President of the High Court of Justice of Benin |
| (10 mn) | Women in the Angolan judicial system - existing experience | **H.E. Victoria da Silva Izata** - Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Angola |
| (10 mn) | Existing experience, best practices, and identification of obstacles to the advancement of women judges in The Gambia | **Judge Z. Jawara Alami -** Judge of the Supreme Court of The Gambia |
| (10 mn) | Closing Gender Deficits in the Ethiopia’s Judiciary: Highlighting the Efforts of the Federal Supreme Court of Ethiopia | **H.E Abeba Embiale,** Deputy Chief Justice , the Federal Supremem Court of Ethiopia |
| (10 mn) | Public policies to promote gender equality in Mozambique | **H.E. Lucia Ribeiro,** - President of the Constitutional Council of Mozambique |
| (10 mn) | Accession of Egyptian women to the post of magistrate in Egypt | **H.E. Fatima El Razzaz** - Vice-President of the Supreme Constitutional Court of Egypt |
| (10 mn) | Comorian women's access to the judiciary | **H.E. Harimia Ahmed Ali, -** President of the Constitutional and Electoral Section of the Supreme Court of the Comoros |
| (10 mn) | Judicial rooting of equality and parity in the light of the judiciary Moroccan Constitutional | **H.E. Latifa El Khal,** Judge at the Constitutional Court of Morocco |
| (10 mn) | Experience of a woman judge in a system with low gender representation | **Judge Maymun Muse Mohamed,** Somalia |
| (10 mn) | The history of women in the judiciary in Guinea. | **Ms. Mariama Souadou DIALLO,** Counselor at the Supreme Court, First female Prosecutor of the Guinean Judiciary |
| 16:40 – 18:00 00 | **Q&A/ Plenary discussions** | |
| **18:00** | **END OF DAY 1** | |
| **20:00** | **Dinner hosted by H.E. the Prime Minister, Head of Government (Hotel NOMAD)** | |

| **Thursday, May 4, 2023** | | |
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| Hour | Article | Moderators/Presenters/Presenters |
| **9:00 – 12:30** | **Session 2** *"****Women in the Justice Sector: Good Practices and Learning Experiences"*** | **Moderator: MsArmania Embaye,** Rule of law specialist, UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States  **Rapporteur:** Constitutional Court of the Gabonese Republic; |
|  | Overview and definition of the objectives of the session | **Ms. Armania Embaye**, Rule of Law Specialist, UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States |
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|  | Best practices in promoting gender parity and equality at the regional level through regional organizations – ECCAS example - ECCAS | **H.E. Kapinga Yvette Ngandu**  Commissioner for Gender, Human and Social Development of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) *(online presentation)* |
|  | UNDP regional initiatives on gender justice and tools for its promotion at the regional level | **Ms. Lorena Mellado,** Gender Justice Policy Officer UNDP |
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|  | "Why not me, Women in the judiciary: a gender response to transnational organized crime and human trafficking in Sahel, West and Central Africa**"**. | **Dr. Aissata Ba,** UNODC Media and Communications Officer |
| **11:30-12:30** | **Q&A/ Plenary discussions** |  |
| **14:30**  – **16:30** | **Session 3** *"****Identification of actions to be developed to promote women in judicial systems across Africa and ensure progress and transparency in access to judicial jobs"*** | **Moderator:**  Representative of the Constitutional Court of the Gabonese Republic.  **Rapporteur:** Constitutional Court of the Gabonese Republic. |
|  | Overview and definition of the objectives of the session | **Hon. Justice Danièle Darlan**, - former President of the Constitutional Court of the Central African Republic |
|  | Strategies to overcome gender discrimination and build models of female leadership in the justice system | **Judge Seynabou Ndiaye Diakhaté**, Senegal |
|  | Identification of actions to be developed to promote women in judicial systems across Africa and ensure progress and transparency in access to judicial jobs | **H.E. Elizabeth Gwaunza,** - Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Zimbabwe |
|  | Promoting gender equality and access to justice in Malawi's legal system | **Justice Dorothy Nyakaunda Kamanga,** Judge of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Malawi |
|  | **Q&A** | |
| **17H00** | **Plenary and Closing Ceremony** | |
|  | **Presentation of the General Report and recommendations by one of the rapporteurs of the sessions** | |
|  | Presentation of the *"****Libreville Declaration"***and next steps | **By the Secretary General of the CJCA** |
|  | Closing remarks | **H.E**. **Mr Dieudonné KAMULETA BADIBANGA**, President of the Constitutional Court of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Vice-President of the CJCA. |
| **20:00** Gala dinner offered in honor of the participants, by **H.E. Mrs. Marie-Madeleine Mborantsuo,** President of the Constitutional Court of the Gabonese Republic.  **Venue:**  *Banquet* *Hall of the Constitutional Court* | | |