

**Nairobi workshop on the prohibition of incitement to
hatred:
Biography of experts**

Chaloka Beyani

Dr. Chaloka Beyani is a Zambian national and professor of International Law at the London School of Economics. Dr. Beyani has worked and published extensively in the fields of human rights, and international criminal and humanitarian law, as well as on issues relating to humanitarian assistance and population displacements, including internal displacement.

Dr. Beyani has also acted as an advisor to a number of UN agencies and other international and regional organisations. In particular, he drafted and participated in the negotiation of a number of important international instruments including the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, and the African Union Convention on Internally Displaced Persons. Dr. Beyani was appointed as Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons by the Human Rights Council in September 2010 and commenced his functions on 1 November 2010.

Doudou Diène

Mr. Doudou Diène was a prizewinner in philosophy of Senegal's Concours Général, holds a law degree from the University of Caen, a doctorate in public law from the University of Paris and a diploma in political science from the Institut d'Études Politiques in Paris.

Having joined the UNESCO Secretariat in 1977, in 1980 he was appointed Director of the Liaison Office with the United Nations, Permanent Missions and United Nations departments in New York. Prior to this he had served as deputy representative of Senegal to UNESCO (1972–77). Between 1985 and 1987, at UNESCO he held the posts of Deputy Assistant Director-General for External Relations, spokesperson for the Director-General, and acting Director of the Bureau of Public Information. After a period as Project Manager of the 'Integral Study of the Silk Roads: Roads of Dialogue' aimed at revitalizing East-West dialogue, he was appointed Director of the Division of Intercultural Projects in 1993 (currently Division of Intercultural Dialogue).

Between 2002 and 2008, Mr. Diène was appointed United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. At present, Mr. Diène is Vice-Chair of the International Institute of Research in “Politique de civilisation” of Edgar Morin and Chair of the Board of the International Alliance of Sites of Conscience.

Florence Simbiri-Jaoko

Florence Simbiri-Jaoko is Chairperson of the Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights. She is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. She holds an LLB from the University of Nairobi and LLM from the University of Bristol (England). She is a graduate of the Kenya School of Law where she won the Humphrey Slade Award for best student in Professional Ethics. She is an alumnus of the Les Aspin Centre for Democracy and Governance run by the Marquette University and the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (Nova Scotia, Canada).

Prior to joining the National Commission, Ms. Simbiri-Jaoko was a lecturer at the University of Nairobi and the Kenya School of Law. She has served as a Magistrate and a Principal Deputy Registrar of the High Court of Kenya and has extensive experience in judicial and human rights training. She served as a Research Assistant to the Task Force on the laws relating to auctioneers as well as the Secretary to the Committee on Community Service Orders; both initiatives culminated into statutory enactments. She served as the Secretary to the Legal Sector Reform Coordinating Committee and has been a consultant to the World Bank and DFID on legal and judicial reforms. Ms. Simbiri-Jaoko is a member of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ Kenya Chapter), International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA, Kenya Chapter), and International Association of Refugee Judges.

Frank La Rue

Mr. La Rue has been serving as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression since August 2008. He is a lawyer and the current Director of the Centro-American Institute for Social Democracy Studies (DEMOS) in Guatemala. He holds a degree in law from the University of San Carlos, Guatemala, and a postgraduate degree in U.S. foreign policy from Johns Hopkins University. Mr. La Rue has worked extensively on human rights issues, and as founding member and Director of the Centre for Legal

Human Rights Action (CALDH), he was involved in presenting the first Guatemalan human rights case before the Inter-American Court for Human Rights. Mr. La Rue also brought the first case of genocide against the military dictatorship in Guatemala. As a human rights activist, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004.

Mr. La Rue has previously served as Presidential Commissioner for Human Rights in Guatemala (2004 – 2008), Human Rights Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, President of the Governing Board of the DEMOS, and consultant to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. He was also a professor of human rights at the University of Rafael Lavinder de Guatemala.

Githu Muigai

Professor Muigai was appointed as UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in 2008. He is a Kenyan lawyer and academic specializing in Public law. He holds law degrees from Kenya and the United States and has taught law in both countries. He practices law in Nairobi in the law firm of Mohammed & Muigai Advocates, one of Kenya's leading law firms. He also serves as an Associate Professor of Public law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Nairobi. Over the last eighteen years he has been actively involved in the legal profession as a member of the Law Society of Kenya, the International Commission of Jurists, the Institute of Education in Democracy, the East African Law Society, the Commonwealth Lawyers Association, the International Bar Association and, in championing legal and constitutional reforms in Kenya and the region.

Professor Muigai has been involved in numerous consultancies in the region on behalf of individual States and international organizations. He has acknowledged expertise in the areas of justice sector reform generally and constitutional reform specifically. He served as a Commissioner on the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission which prepared the draft Constitution of the Republic of Kenya (2004). He was legal adviser and draftsman to the Somali peace process and was involved in the drafting of the Somali Federal Transitional Charter. He is also the author of several works on law, politics and justice.

Heiner Bielefeldt

Mr. Bielefeldt is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, since 2010. He is also Professor of Human Rights and Human Rights Politics at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, and honorary Professor of Law at the University of Bielefeld. He has held various other teaching positions with the universities of Toronto, Heidelberg, Mannheim and Tübingen.

From 2003-2009, he was the Director of the German Institute for Human Rights. In that capacity he was also the Chair of the Subcommittee on Accreditation of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions (2008-2009). Mr. Bielefeldt has also been the Coordinator for human rights in the German Commission of Justice and Peace.

Mr. Bielefeldt has undertaken studies in philosophy, history, and Catholic theology. He obtained his PhD in philosophy from the University of Tübingen in 1989 and his Habilitation (postdoctoral qualification) in philosophy from the University of Bremen in 2000.

Henry Maina

Henry Maina is the Director of ARTICLE 19 Eastern Africa. He leads programmes on right to information, freedom of expression and press freedom in 10 countries. He is an active member of the Freedom of Information community of practitioners in Africa. In 2010, in partnership with National Cohesion and Integration Commission, he organised the first successful national conference on freedom of expression, equality and non-discrimination. He has spoken and facilitated many a fora on freedom of expression at international, regional and national forums. He has also written articles on freedom of expression, right to information and press freedom in Africa. He previously worked as the Deputy Director of Legal Resources Foundation (Kenya). He holds an LLM degree in International Development and Human Rights (University of Warwick), a Bachelor of Education (Arts) Honours degree (Moi University) and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Mass Communication (University of Nairobi).

Hossam Bahgat

Hossam Bahgat is the founder and director of the Egyptian Initiative for

Personal Rights (EIPR). The EIPR is an independent Egyptian human rights organization which works through research, advocacy and litigation to promote and defend civil liberties and human rights in Egypt, including the rights to privacy, religious freedom, health and bodily integrity. The EIPR has been at the forefront of investigating and reporting on sectarian violence and other violations of religious freedom in Egypt. With training in political science and international human rights law, Mr. Bahgat is also a member of the Board of Directors of both the Fund for Global Human Rights and the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Koku Mauuena Ika Kana (Dieudonné) Ewomsan

Mr. Ewomsan is a Togolese national and member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. He studied philosophy and applied social sciences at the University of Benin.

Since 1992, Mr. Ewomsan is Director for Human Rights Promotion with the Togolese Ministry for the Promotion of Democracy and the Rule of Law. Since 1995, he is also President of the Sub-Commission on human rights, democracy and peace of the National UNESCO Commission.

Mr. Ewomsan has been awarded a diploma of promotor of democratic culture in Africa by the Executive Council of the pan-African Observatory of Democracy.

Omar Faruk

Born and raised in Mogadishu, Somalia, Omar Faruk Osman started practising journalism in 1994 as a radio journalist in Mogadishu. In 2002, he was elected the Secretary-General of the then Somali Journalists Network (SOJON), which under his leadership became an authoritative voice defending press freedom and media professionals' rights in the war-ravaged horn of Africa country. He also spearheaded the process of transforming SOJON into a trade union movement in 2005, which is today the National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ). This transformation was supported by the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ). In 2007, he was elected to the international executive committee of the IFJ. In September 2007, he also became Secretary-General of the Eastern Africa Journalists Association (EAJA).

In November 2008, he was appointed president of the Federation of African Journalists (FAJ), and was re-elected in March 2010. In May 2010, the IFJ's World Congress appointed him again as a member of the Executive Committee. Omar Faruk is a leading press freedom activist and representative of journalists' unions across eastern Africa and Africa as a whole, admired for his commitment and tireless initiatives to safeguard and represent journalists in areas often ignored by the mainstream media.

Ozias Tungwarara

Ozias Tungwarara is a lawyer by training with specialization in human rights, governance and democracy building issues. He has extensive experience working at national, sub-regional, continental and international levels. His experience includes heading the Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights), a leading human rights advocacy NGO in Zimbabwe, working as head of a regional democracy fund – the Southern Africa Regional Democracy Fund (SARDF) based in Gaborone, Botswana –, working as a program officer for the Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) based in Stockholm, Sweden.

Mr. Tungwarara is currently the director of the Africa Governance Monitoring and Advocacy Project (AfriMAP), a project of the Open Society Foundations (OSF). His work involves collaboration with national, regional and international actors to advocate for policy reforms in areas such as rule of law and access to justice, democratization and citizen participation, and effective public services delivery.

Zonke Zanele Majodina

Ms. Majodina, a South-African national, is the current Chairperson and member of the UN Human Rights Committee. She has obtained a BSc Hons in psychology from the University of South-Africa, a M.Phil in clinical psychology from the University of London, and a PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Cape Town. Ms. Majodina is also a clinical psychologist with the Medical School of the University of Ghana. She is a visiting Fellow with the Refugee Studies Programme of the University of Oxford and a Senior Lecturer with the Graduate School for the Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Witwatersrand.

Ms. Majodina is currently National Commissioner of the South-African

Human Rights Commission on the issues of rights of refugees, asylum-seekers and migration policy. She is also a member of the Hague Process on Refugees and Migration (Netherlands), member of the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Institute of South-Africa, and member of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Policy Studies in South-Africa. Ms. Majodina is furthermore member of the Organisation of Women for a Better World (Spain) and Advisor on Human Rights for the organization Congolese Women in the Disapora (South-Africa).