

Nominees for the 2017 ICC judicial election as of 30 June 2017

	African States	Asia-Pacific States	Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)	Eastern European States	Western European and Other States (WEOG)
Female	ALAPINI-GANSOU, Reine Adelaide Sophie Nationality: Benin Nominating State: Benin Nominated for List B**	AKANE, Tomoko Nationality: Japan Nominating State: Japan Nominated for List A	PERALTA DISTÉFANO, Ariela Nationality: Uruguay/Italy Nominating State: Uruguay Nominated for List B	ĐURĐEVIĆ, Zlata Nationality: Croatia Nominating State: Croatia Nominated for List B	PROST, Kimberly Nationality: Canada Nominating State: Canada Nominated for List A
	BOSSA, Solomy Balungi Nationality: Uganda Nominating State: Uganda Nominated for List A*				
	MAJARA, Nthomeng Justina Nationality: Lesotho Nominating State: Lesotho Nominated for List A				
	MENSA-BONSU, Henrietta Joy Abena Nyarko Nationality: Ghana Nominating State: Ghana Nominated for List A				
Male		CHAGDAA, Khosbayar Nationality: Mongolia Nominating State: Mongolia Nominated for List A			AITALA, Rosario Salvatore Nationality: Italy Nominating State: Italy Nominated for List A

* List A includes candidates with competence and experience in criminal law and criminal proceedings.

** List B includes candidates with expertise in the field of international law and extensive experience in a professional legal capacity.

The nomination period closes on 16 July 2017 (CET).

Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice



Election of six new ICC judges

Amongst the criteria required by Article 36(8)(a)-(b) of the Rome Statute for the election of judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is the principle of ‘fair representation’ of women and men, as well as specific legal expertise on violence against women. However, in 2018, six judges, including five female judges, will have completed their respective terms at the ICC. Of the 12 remaining ICC judges, 11 are male and only one is female.

According to the Minimum Voting Requirements (MVRs), and in order for the Court’s Bench to remain fully representative, States should vote for at least:

- 5 female candidates;
- 1 candidate from the African Group of States;
- 1 candidate from the Asia-Pacific Group of States;
- 1 candidate from the Latin American and Caribbean Group of States;
- 1 candidate from ‘List A’ (candidates with competence and experience in criminal law and criminal proceedings); and
- 1 candidate from ‘List B’ (candidates with expertise in the field of international law and extensive experience in a professional legal capacity).

To date, eight female candidates have been nominated. All MVRs should be met with at least twice the number of nominees fulfilling the requirement, meaning that at least ten female candidates should be nominated, at least two candidates from the African Group of States, etc.

Even if all six soon-to-be elected judges were female, we would still see a misbalance of seven female to 11 male judges at the ICC. We thus encourage States to continue nominating and to vote for female candidates at the Assembly of States Parties in December 2017 in order to avoid an even lower number of female ICC judges and ultimately strengthen the gender representation across the ICC Bench.

The nomination period is from 24 April until 16 July 2017 (CET).

For more information, see https://asp.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/elections/judges/2017/Pages/default.aspx.

