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Office of the Prosecutor

The Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) is one of the four organs of the International Criminal Court (ICC). It is headed by a Prosecutor, who is elected by the Assembly of States Parties (ASP). The Prosecutor is assisted by two Deputy Prosecutors.

The Office is currently led by two Deputy Prosecutors: Mame Mandiaye Niang and Nazhat Shameem Khan, pending any future decisions to be taken by the Assembly. The Deputy Prosecutors were both elected by the ASP on 10 December 2021 and took office on 7 March 2022.

The mission of the Office entails the effective and efficient conduct of preliminary examinations, investigations, and prosecution of perpetrators of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and the crime of aggression. The OTP acts independently, impartially, and objectively, consistent with its statutory duties and core values.

The Office may independently open an investigation upon referral of a Situation by a State Party, or the Security Council acting to address a threat to international peace and security. In addition, the Prosecutor, under *proprio motu* powers, may start an investigation on the territory or against nationals of a State Party, subject to confirmation by a Pre-Trial Chamber of the Court.

It is the policy of the Office of the Prosecutor that investigations focus on those individuals who bear the greatest criminal responsibility for crimes committed in a Situation under investigation. The Preamble of the Rome Statute recognises that the Court itself is but a last resort for bringing justice to the victims of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. Thus, the

Rome Statute assigns the Court and the Office of the Prosecutor a role that is complementary to national systems.

The Rome Statute also provides that the Office of the Prosecutor should act independently. Consequently, a member of the Office of the Prosecutor must not seek or act on instructions from any external source, such as States, international organisations, NGOs, or individuals.

The Office is divided into two prosecution pillars, an integrated services division and a prosecutorial administrative services division.

The Deputy Prosecutors manage the two prosecution pillars which govern an equal division of Situations and cases based on a unified team concept. This structure enhances contact between the leadership and the teams.

The Deputy Prosecutors oversee preliminary examinations, investigations, prosecutions, and, where applicable, appeals proceedings; and provide strategic advice and guidance on each Situation and case under their responsibility, including recommendations on prioritisation and effective use of resources.

The integrated services division centralises the specialised functions that provide cross-cutting expertise and support to the Office.

The prosecutorial administrative services division provides core administrative services, financial and human resources support, and field operations oversight.



MAME MANDIAYE NIANG, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR

Mr Mame Mandiaye Niang was elected Deputy Prosecutor of the ICC on 10 December 2021. He was sworn in on 7 March 2022.

Mr Niang is a graduate of the École nationale d'Administration et de Magistrature in Dakar, Senegal. He has held senior positions in the Senegalese judicial system. He has been Prosecutor General of the Appeals Court of Saint Louis, in Senegal, Director of Criminal Affairs and Pardons at the Senegalese Ministry of Justice, Auditeur at the Senegalese Supreme Court, attached to the Prosecutor General, Trial Attorney at the Regional Tribunal of Dakar, and Magistrate at the Regional Tribunal of Dakar.

Mr Niang has extensive international experience within the United Nations system, having served in various positions at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), as Regional Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Southern Africa, and as judge at the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the ICTR.



NAZHAT SHAMEEM KHAN, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR

Ms Nazhat Shameem Khan was elected Deputy Prosecutor of the ICC on 10 December 2021. She was sworn in on 7 March 2022.

Ms Shameem Khan was born and brought up in Fiji. She studied law in the United Kingdom, at the universities of Sussex and Cambridge. Ms Shameem Khan was called to the Bar of England and Wales at the Inner Temple and at the High Court of Fiji. She practised law as a prosecutor from 1984 to 1999. She was appointed Fiji's Director of Public Prosecutions in 1994. In 1999, she was appointed Fiji's first woman High Court judge. She was responsible for the criminal jurisdiction of the High Court and also sat in the Court of Appeal of Fiji on an ad hoc basis. Ms Shameem Khan left the judiciary in 2009 and opened her own law practice. In 2014, she was appointed Fiji's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva and Vienna, and to Switzerland. In 2021, she was elected President of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

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<u>Public Information Unit</u>	<u>Legal Advisory Section</u>
DEPUTY PROSECUTOR PILLAR A	DEPUTY PROSECUTOR PILLAR B
<u>Unified Teams</u>	<u>Unified Teams</u>
<u>Preliminary Examinations Section</u>	<u>Appeals and Prosecution Legal Coordination Section</u>
<u>Gender and Children Unit</u>	<u>Financial Investigation Unit</u>
DIRECTOR INTEGRATED SERVICES DIVISION	DIRECTOR PROSECUTORIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
<u>Tracking and Information Fusion Section</u>	<u>Financial Planning and Control Section</u>
<u>Forensic Science Section</u>	<u>OTP-Human Resources Office</u>
<u>Information, Knowledge and Evidence Management Section</u>	<u>Planning and Operations Section</u>
<u>Language Services Unit</u>	<u>Administration Support Unit</u>