

Biographical Note on the Members of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Dominique Day (United States of America)

Chairperson

Ms. Day is a human rights attorney and the executive director of DAYLIGHT | Rule of Law • Access to Justice • Advocacy. Internationally, her litigation, public policy, research, teaching, and capacity-building work over the past two decades has focused heavily on racial justice, non-discrimination, and human rights advocacy. She has extensive experience in criminal and civil litigation on behalf of individuals and communities within the Black diaspora, in addition to working on rule of law and access to justice issues in post-conflict and transitional States. She holds a bachelor's degree from Harvard University and a juris doctor from Stanford Law School.



Catherine S. Namakula (South Africa)

Vice-Chairperson



Ms. Namakula is a senior lecturer with the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa and Professor in Human Rights and Criminal Justice with the Global Humanistic University, Curacao. She is a published scholar in public law and has served in various positions with expert bodies and organisations. She has made notable scholarly contributions relating to the inclusivity of people in criminal justice processes, promoting the parity of esteem of African languages and ensuring effective interpretative performance. She is also a legal advisor and community leader among immigrant entities and associations in South Africa. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, and a Master's degree in Human Rights Law from the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, among other qualifications.

Miriam Ekiudoko (Hungary)

Member of the Working Group

Ms Miriam Ekiudoko is a motivational and public speaker, facilitator, trainer; an independent expert, senior consultant and artist, with an extensive international experience, a strong vision and sense of mission. She has been a dedicated human and civil rights activist for over 25 years. She has founded and led a number of civil society organizations and currently is a



board member and advisory counsellor of African Diaspora Organizations. She develops and coordinates projects, conducts trainings, delivers lectures and speeches, hosts and facilitates events, workshops and conferences on a regular basis.

Her work focuses on Pan-Africanism • People of African Descent • human and civil rights • justice • equity • inclusion • intercultural- and interfaith dialogue • community, organization and Diaspora development & empowerment • international development • gender equality • migration • refugees • education • combating racism, xenophobia and all forms of discrimination • the promotion of tolerance and equality • sustainable development • enhancing networking and cooperation • the promotion of non-violent values and practices • peace building • conflict resolution • counter-terrorism • combating all forms of discrimination and exclusion • hate violence • domestic violence • child abuse • harmful practices • FGM. Her academic background includes: International studies expert with specialization in National defense and security policy analysis, Counterterrorism, Diplomacy, EU studies, qualified interpreter and translator, as well as trauma research and trauma therapy (PTSD, CPTSD). She is currently working on research for her PHD.