



**Cour
Pénale
Internationale**

**International
Criminal
Court**



Justice Dr. Deo John Nangela

**Tanzania's Candidate for Judge of the International
Criminal Court (2027–2036)**



**“Strengthening Judicial Integrity through an
inclusive and efficient court”**

1. STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT

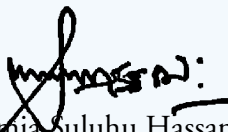
I wish to express my full and unequivocal endorsement of Justice Dr. Deo John Nangela, the candidate of the United Republic of Tanzania for election to the office of Judge of the International Criminal Court for the term 2027–2036.

Justice Dr. Nangela is a jurist of high moral repute, impartiality, and integrity, possessing the essential qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Tanzania. His distinguished service as a Justice of the Court of Appeal of Tanzania, former Judge of the High Court, Prosecutor, and legal scholar demonstrates his recognized competence in criminal law and procedure coupled with his deep commitment to the rule of law and the fair administration of justice.

I have full confidence in his ability to discharge the responsibilities of a Judge of the International Criminal Court with independence, professionalism, and dedication to international justice. I am certain that he meets all the requirements set out under Article 36 of the Rome Statute and that his experience, judgment, and judicial disposition equip him to contribute meaningfully to the mandate, values, and judicial standards of the Court.

If elected, Justice Dr. Deo John Nangela would become the first national of the United Republic of Tanzania, a founding State Party to the Rome Statute, to serve as a Judge of the International Criminal Court. His election would therefore carry particular significance, reflecting Tanzania's long-standing commitment to the Rome Statute system and upholding rule of law at the international level.

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania respectfully commends his candidature for the consideration of the States Parties to the Rome Statute.



Samia Suluhu Hassan

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

2. VISION STATEMENT

I envision an International Criminal Court that faithfully upholds the foundational principles of complementarity, fairness and objectivity. One that fosters meaningful cooperation among States, delivers justice for victims of atrocious crimes, and contributes decisively to the global fight against impunity.

Central to this vision is the Court that commands the confidence and trust of States Parties across all regions, while embracing innovation in judicial practice to enhance efficiency, consistency, and accessibility.

KEY PRIORITIES:

- **Upholding Accountability and Justice for Victims**
Ensuring that the voices and rights of victims remain central to proceedings, while safeguarding fairness and due process.
- **Promoting Fairness, Integrity, and Judicial Independence**
Applying the law impartially and without external influence, in strict adherence to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
- **Strengthening Complementarity and Cooperation**
Supporting constructive engagement between the Court and national jurisdictions, in line with the principle of complementarity.
- **Ensuring Efficient and Timely Proceedings**
Contributing to expeditious trials without compromising the quality and integrity of judicial outcomes.
- **Fighting Impunity**
Reinforcing the Court's role as a key institution in ensuring accountability for the most serious crimes of concern to the international community.
- **Advancing Innovative Judicial Practices**
Encouraging the adoption of modern, efficient, and context-responsive approaches to judicial work to enhance the Court's effectiveness and accessibility.

“A credible Court must combine independence with efficiency, fairness with accountability, and legal rigor with a deep commitment to justice for victims.”

Justice Dr. Deo John NANGELA,

Date of Birth: 06 November 1971

Nationality: Tanzanian.

Regional Criteria: African Group (List A)



3. EDUCATION

- ◆ Doctor of Philosophy in Law from the University of Cape Town, South Africa (2011)
- ◆ Master of Laws in Public International Law from the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies, UK (2001)
- ◆ Bachelor of Laws from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (1997)

4. WORK EXPERIENCE

- i. Justice of the Court of Appeal of the United Republic of Tanzania (2025 to date)
- ii. Judge of the High Court of the United Republic of Tanzania (2019-2025)
- iii. Director of Compliance and Chief Legal Counsel/Secretary to the Fair Competition Commission (2008)
- iv. Special Prosecutor, Office of the Attorney General (2008)
- v. Lecturer, University of Dar es Salaam (2002 – 2008, 2009-2012)
- vi. Senior State Attorney, Attorney General's Chamber (1998-2002)

5. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Judge in charge of the High Court of the United Republic of Tanzania, Sumbawanga Zone (2023–2025)
- ◆ Chairperson of the Capital Markets Tribunal of United Republic of Tanzania (2019-2023)
- ◆ Director of Compliance and Chief Legal Counsel (2012-2019)

6. OTHER QUALITIES

- ◆ Beyond my professional commitments, I have served as a preacher, teacher, and lay pastor for over 20 years within my local communities. I currently serve at the Great Commission Church (GCC), a Bible-based Pentecostal congregation in Iyumbu, Dodoma, affiliated with the Tanzania Assemblies of God.
- ◆ I have further contributed to faith-based and educational development through organizing annual pre-university camps for students of all faiths under the theme “*Catalysts for National Transformation.*”



7. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- i. *Navigating Global Fragility: The ICC as a Pillar of International Criminal Justice*, (2024) Vol. 51(2) Eastern Africa Law Review, pp.1-37
- ii. *The “Death” to Death Penalty Project*, Consultancy Report, Tanzania Law and Human Rights Centre (2007)
- iii. *Terrorism and the Law in Tanzania*, Workshop Paper (2003)
- iv. Institutional Democratic Practice, Openness, Accountability and Human Rights and the rule of Law: (‘The State of Human Rights Practices in the Prisons Services Department in Tanzania: An Outsider’s View ‘(2017) Vol.2 The *LST Law Review Journal* (2017)
- v. *Human Rights and Business (2012) A Research Report Published by LHRC*. (The Report Examines, among other things, Issues regarding the effects of extractive activities to Land, Environment, Labour and Human rights in Tanzania)
- vi. *Tanzanian Courts and Enforcement of Fishery Laws: A Need for Reforms?* Seminar Paper (2006)
- vii. Harmonization of Competition Laws in the East African Community (EAC): Some Reflections’ in Devolving. J. Majamba, H.I. Opong, R.F. and Wantizken, U(editors), *Harmonization of Laws in the East African Community: The state of Affairs with Comparative Insights from European Union and other Regional Economic Communities*, TGCL Series 5, Law Africa Publishing (K) Ltd, (2018)
- viii. Harmonization/Unification of Laws in the Context of SADC Regional Integration: “Analysing the SADC’s initiatives in the Era of E-Commerce” (2013) (3) (1) SADC, *Law Journal*, pp. 80-103

8. SELECTED SEMINARS AND PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS:

- ♦ **2026** – The 7th International Criminal Court Judicial Seminar and Official Opening of the Judicial Year, The Hague
- ♦ **2023** – Judicial Reforms in Sub-Saharan Africa (Regional Conference)
- ♦ **2021** – African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights: *Building Trust in African Judiciaries*, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- ♦ **2018–2019** – Cartel Investigation Training, African Competition Forum, Dar es Salaam
- ♦ **2016** – WTO Seminar on Trade and Competition Policy, Geneva
- ♦ **2015** – EAC–SADC–COMESA Negotiations on Regional Competition Law, Nairobi
- ♦ **1999** – Human Rights Training for Legal Professionals, Ministry of Justice, Tanzania



9. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- ◆ East African Magistrates and Judges Association (EAMJA)
- ◆ Tanzania Magistrates and Judges Association (TMJA)
- ◆ Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) – Non-Practicing Member
- ◆ Institute of Directors in Tanzania – Certified Director

10. AWARDS AND HONOURS

- ◆ **2023** – Recognition for Excellence in Judicial Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Services (*Judiciary of the United Republic of Tanzania*)

Key Commitment

“If elected as Judge of the ICC, I will work to deliver meaningful justice and provide sound and consistent legal guidance to the international community, independently and impartially”





“The candidacy is endorsed by SADC”