

## Curriculum Vitae

### Francis M. Ssekandi

#### **Current Position:**

Director and Founding Member, IPM Associates.

Adjunct Law Professor at Columbia University (2001-current).

#### **Previous Positions Held:**

- Former Deputy Director in the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (1981-97);
- Visiting Professor of International Law, Wayne State University (1979-80);
- General Counsel of the African Development Bank (1997-2000);
- Justice of Uganda Supreme Court (1974-79).

#### **Academic Qualifications and Bar Admissions**

- Holder of LL.B (Hons.) London (1965), LL.M (Columbia), 1966.
- Admitted to Uganda Bar and can practice and provide legal advice in most African Countries.
- Admitted to New York Bar and Federal Court of Appeal (Southern District).

#### **Relevant Past Experience**

As Deputy Director, General Legal Division, Office of Legal Affairs of United Nations and General Counsel of African Development Bank, managed, directed and supervised other Attorneys in discharging the legal work of two International, Inter-Governmental institutions.

#### **A. United Nations**

- In course of 17 years of service in the United Nations, was responsible to providing legal support to United Nations Offices away from Headquarters, including the Offices of the Regional Commissions, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS;
  - Negotiated Basic Cooperation Agreements with Governments for the development agencies, UNICEF and UNDP (in South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Eritrea etc), Agreements for acquisition of premises for construction of the ECA and ESCAP Secretariat buildings, the Agreement with Germany for the relocation of UNV in Bonn;
  - Drafted and negotiated Trust Fund Agreements and Management Services Agreements with Governments and International Finance Institutions, for use in United Nations programme;
  - Provided advice and assisted in drafting legal instruments and resolutions for establishment of UN subsidiary institutions, such as UNOPS and UNAIDS.
  - Provided advice, negotiated and drafted complex commercial and contractual arrangements between the United Nations and commercial firms and negotiated settlement of claims arising from such arrangements;
  - Provided legal opinions and advice on the application and protection of the United Nations Privileges and Immunities and on the resolution of disputes in which the United Nations is a party.

- Representing the Secretary-General in judicial and arbitral proceedings in which the United Nations is a party.
- Acted as lead Counsel for the UN (DPKO) in negotiations with States representatives for developing and drafting the standard MOU with troop contributing countries (approved by the General Assembly), for supply of equipment to peacekeeping missions, including development of Annexes dealing with, *inter alia*, equipment specifications.

**B. African Development Bank**

- As General Counsel of the African Development Bank directed the legal work of the Bank, including:
  - i. Providing advice on the application of the Bank's Constitutive Instruments in the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors;
  - ii. Reviewing and clearing Loan Agreements with the Bank's Borrowers (Governments and Private Firms) and clearing all commercial transactions in which the Bank was a party;
  - iii. Developed General Conditions for the Bank's loans and grants including standard documentation for use in procurement by Governments, recipient of the Bank's loans;
  - iv. Representing the Bank in judicial and arbitral tribunals in actions arising from its borrowing activities;
  - v. Protecting the Privileges and Immunities of the Bank in all forms.

**C. Other Relevant Experience**

- IPMA and other Activities:
- UNDP Senior Legal Advisor to the Government of Rwanda (2001): advised on the restructuring of its justice sector including a new judicial structure and constitution;
- UNDP Senior Legal Advisor to the Government of Timor Leste/East Timor (2002-3): drafted and negotiated Development Cooperation Agreements with Donor Governments and International Finance Institutions and advised Government on major procurement and commercial contracting projects for the energy sector;
- Chaired a United Nations Board of Inquiry into the downing of UN chartered aircraft in a peacekeeping mission;
- Provided Legal advice to UNDP on outsourcing and provided legal support on relationship arrangements with its managed Funds under its administration.
- Provided advanced training to senior procurement staff on various aspects of commercial contracting and dispute resolution.

**Other Information**

- Member: American Bar Association; American Society of International Law;
- Trustee: International Institute for Rural Reconstruction; Board Member:
- Board Member: Play Soccer

Born: September 29, 1940