

Justice Nathalia P. Kimaro

Justice Nathalia P. Kimaro is a Justice of the Court of Appeal of Tanzania.

She is a graduate of the University of Dar Es Salaam, receiving her LL.B degree in 1980 and her LL.M degree in 1990. She first became a Resident Magistrate in Tanzania in 1981, rising to the position of Principal Resident Magistrate in Charge from 1992 to 1997. She served as the Registrar of the High Court from 1997 to 2000, when she moved to the position of Judge of the High Court of Tanzania. As a Judge of the High Court, she served at the Dar Es Salaam Registry until March 2003, when she joined the Commercial Division, where she served until July 2006, when she was elevated to the Court of Appeal of Tanzania.

She is a member of the International Association of Women Judges Association (IAWJ) and has been an active trainer in the IAWJ's Jurisprudence of Equality Program (JEP) in Tanzania. From 2001 to January 2005 she conducted seven seminars for judges, magistrates of all grades and 2nd year Diploma in Laws students. Because of her leadership in the Jurisprudence of Equality Programme (JEP), which was supported by the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, she has also served as an observer of JEP seminars for new trainers both inside and outside of Tanzania, as well as a reviewer of training manuals for JEP programs. Her own court decisions have been highly regarded, as she has implemented in her own courtroom the international human rights treaties, particularly CEDAW. She has applied international law to cases involving property and inheritance rights of women in Tanzania as well as discrimination in the election law. She has also shown that violence against women is a human rights issue and not a family matter.

Justice Kimaro has participated in various seminars and trainings on a range of topics, including alternative dispute resolution, in Tanzania, other African countries, the United States, Ireland, Australia and the Netherlands. She has served as an executive Member of the Tanzania Women Lawyers Association. She is also a member of the Tanzania Women Judges Association, Tanzania Judges & Magistrates Association, along with her membership in the IAWJ.



Justice Nathalia P. Kimaro delivers [remarks](#) during the Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, 16 February 2007, ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters. (Photo: UNIFEM/Malcolm Linton.)