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Roland Adjovi joined Arcadia University in September 2009 as the Resident Director for the Center in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania (East Africa). He served as a Resident Scholar for The College of Global Studies in 2013-2014 and joined the Department of Historical & Political Studies on a full-time basis beginning in 2014. Africa is the focus of Adjovi’s research, with an international law and conflict resolution perspective that combines his knowledge in political science and legal studies. Arcadia courses he teaches include Comparative Politics, the Politics of the Developing World, International Human Rights, International Law, Model United Nations, and Transitional Justice & Reconciliation. He also worked as a jurist, assisting the judges in their mandate at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and assisting victims in cases before the International Criminal Court. He continues to work at the United Nations as an expert sitting on the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (2014-2017). Adjovi has also been the lead counsel for Rev. Mtikila before the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights, successfully litigating the issue of independent candidates in elections in Tanzania. He has recently represented the administration of the International Court of Justice in a labor dispute before the United Nations Appeals Tribunal. Adjovi also sits on editorial committees for the legal publications African Yearbook of International Law of the African Foundation for International Law and the International Legal Materials of the American Society of International Law.

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Daniel Bekele is the Executive Director of the Africa division of Human Rights Watch, where he oversees a global staff and supervises research and advocacy. He also represents the organization
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In the 2005 parliamentary elections in Ethiopia, Daniel was actively involved in promoting human rights, and independent election monitoring, as well as peace initiatives in the aftermath of the post-election crisis. However, he was arrested by the authorities and spent more than two years in prison. He was internationally recognized as prisoner of conscience, and in 2009 received the Alison Des Forges Award for Extraordinary Activi

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Dr. Robert Eno is a national from the Republic of Cameroon. He was recruited to the Registry of the Court, as Deputy Registrar in July 2010, and appointed in January 2011 to serve as Acting Registrar. In January 2012 he was appointed Registrar of the Court. He is a holder of a Bachelors Degree in Law from the University of Yaoundé II, Soa, Cameroon (1993), a post-graduate Diploma in Human Rights Law from the University of Zambia (1995), a Masters in Law from the University of South Africa (1999) and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from the University of the Witwatersrand (2007). Dr. Eno has had over sixteen years of uninterrupted work experience in the human rights and related fields, working with NGOs, national human rights institutions, the academia and intergovernmental bodies. He worked as Senior Legal Officer for protection at the Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights from July 2006 to June 2010. In 2009, he taught Public International Law, Conflict of Laws and Constitutional Law, on a part time and voluntary basis, at the Department of Law, University of The Gambia. From July 2006 – August 2007, he served as Acting Executive Secretary (Officer-in-charge) of the African Commission. From June 2003 – June 2006, he served as Legal Officer with the African Commission with responsibility to assist various special mechanisms of the Commission, including the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa, the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa, the Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, IDPs in Africa, the Working Group on Torture and the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression in Africa. From May 2001 – May 2003, he served as Executive Assistant to the Chairperson of the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC). From October 1999 – April 2001, he taught Human Rights and Public Liberties, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Public International Law and Banking Law at the University of Buea, Cameroon, and also served as Secretary of the Department of Law. From February 1998 – March 1999, he served as Programme Officer with the African Commission. From April 1997 – December 1997, served as Legal Officer with the African Commission and from February 1995 – March 1997, he served as Executive Director of the Legal Resources Foundation (LRF), a Zambian-based NGO promoting human rights and providing free legal services to victims of human rights violations. Dr. Eno has a number of publications to his credit, including the UN Peacekeeping Operations and respect for Human rights - published in the South African Year Book of International Law, Vol. 24, 1999; and the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights in the New African Dispensation - published in the African Security Review, Volume 11 Number 2, 2002.

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Honorable Judge Sylvain Oré

Justice Sylvain Oré is a national of Côte d’Ivoire. He was elected Judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights in 2010 for a four-year term. He has been an Advocate and Member of the Ivorian Bar since 1998. He is a holder of a Master’s degree in Law and an Advocates Proficiency Certificate (CAPA) obtained from the University of Abidjan-Cocody. He is also a holder of a Postgraduate degree (DESS) in Human Rights awarded by the “Institut de la dignité et des droits humains” of the Centre for Research and Action for Peace (Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire). He attended an advanced course in human rights litigation at the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Court of Justice in Abuja, Nigeria. He also pursued higher studies in international and comparative law of human rights at the International Institute of Human Rights (Strasbourg, France). In 2001, he won the public speaking competition for Advocates organized by the Ivorian Bar and was awarded the prestigious title of “Secrétaire de Conférence”. Justice Oré is the author of a postgraduate dissertation on “The protection of human rights by the ECOWAS Court of Justice”.

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