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A message from the President...

Dear IAWJ Members,

As we come to the end of the year, we have good cause to be proud of what we have achieved together for IAWJ. A wonderful biennial conference in Buenos Aires; participation in international panels at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, the World Bank, UNODC and the International Association of Jurists. Our knowledgeable interventions have brought a unique gender perspective to a range of issues, from judicial ethics, to the rights of persons with disabilities, to human trafficking and violence against women.

IAWJ is a collective effort that brings together the experiences and skills of judges, member associations and the expertise of IAWJ's professional staff. It is a powerful combination of energy, dedication, and purpose that comes from engagement with real-life issues that make a difference to women and girls. Our network of judges and member associations leads us to learn from each other and bridges countries and regions.

The new year beckons with challenge and opportunity for IAWJ. We will bid a grateful farewell to Executive Director Lisa Davis and have launched a search for a new Executive Director. Please spread the word so we can attract excellent candidates to lead IAWJ's executive office. We will explore new funding sources that will bring needed stability to IAWJ's operations. And we will continue to develop innovative programs that make a difference.

With best wishes for the holiday season and looking forward to a fruitful new year,

With my warm regards,

Hon. Vanessa Ruiz
IAWJ President
The National Association of Women Judges of Nigeria (NAWJN) held their Biennial Conference in Abuja with the theme: "Life after the Bench: the Judge Emeritus."

The Tanzania Women Judges Association (TAWJA) organized a moot court where they called for the enactment of a domestic violence law, the establishment of family courts in Tanzania, and a recognition of sexualized forms of corruption.

The Association of Women Judges of Argentina (AMJA) held a Federal Conference for the Elimination of Gender Based Violence.

The Tunisian Women Judges Association (TWJA) conducted training on the new law for the elimination of violence against women in Tunisia, law 2017_58 approved on August, 2017.

Women Judges from Kenya, Liberia, Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Somalia, and Zambia committed to tackling Gender Based Violence (GBV) with the creation of an International Association of Women Judges-Africa Region Forum.

The Haitian Chapter of the IAWJ hosted a Day of Awareness to mark the International Day of Human Rights.

IAWJ commemorated the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

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International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

NOVEMBER 25, 2018


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• The **Spanish Association of Women Judges** (AMJE), was featured in eldario.es discussing the persistent disparities in women judges’ access to high ranking judicial positions.

• **CHAIFEJ** held a media training workshop for journalists called “Let's fight human trafficking in Haiti” in Port-au-Prince. The Chapter also conducted training for judges on human trafficking.

• The **Association of Women Judges of Argentina** (AMJA) conducted four activities on human trafficking in October. Among them, a debate on “Violence in the Workplace: Gender and Access to Justice” and a Training on Trafficking in Persons for the Purpose of Sexual and Labor Exploitation.

• IAWJ held an evening discussion on **Attacks to Judicial Independence** featuring IAWJ member, **Judge Klaudia Lozyk** from Poland. The event was hosted by IAWJ President Hon. Vanessa Ruiz and around 18 of our judges attended.
• IAWJ Board Secretary, Hon. Mina Sougrati represented the IAWJ at the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Marrakesh where, on the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 164 nations voted to support the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

![Image of Mina Sougrati at the conference]

• Resource of the month
  IAWJ Member, Chief Justice Gita Mittal's court order, led to the recognition of sextortion as a criminal offense in Jammu and Kashmir punishable with 3-5 years of jail time plus a fine. Jammu and Kashmir has become the first Indian state to recognize sextortion as a separated criminal offense.

• Women Judges in the Spotlight
  IAWJ Former President, Hon. Teresita Leonardo de Castro, wrote an Op Ed for the UNODC's Global Judicial Integrity Network titled "Exposing and Preventing Sextortion in the Judiciary."
  IAWJ Members, Hon. Adisa Zahiragic from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Hon. Sanji Monageng from Botswana, Hon. Hyunhee Han from the Republic of Korea, David Sachar from the US, and former IAWJ Presidents Hon. Teresita de Castro from Philippines and Hon. Eusebia Munuo from Tanzania, along with IAWJ Senior Advisor Nancy Hendry, participated in UNODC's Expert Group Meeting on Gender-Related Judicial Integrity Issues on December 5 and 6 in Seoul.

• IAWJ Member, Hon. Sanji Monageng, published an Op Ed for the UNODC titled "Effective Judicial Selections and Appointments."
Women Judges in the Spotlight

- IAWJ Board Member, Hon. Esther Agelan Casasnovas, represented the IAWJ at OHCHR's Expert Group Meeting on Legal Capacity and Access to Justice for persons with disabilities.

- IAWJ Members represented their judiciaries in the XVII Ibero-American Meeting of Magistrates of the Highest Judicial Bodies.

- IAWJ Board Member and President of the Tunisian Women Judges Association (TWJA), Hon. Saida Chebili, presented on IAWJ's Regional Perspective on Human Trafficking at the United Kingdom Association of Women Judges' (UKAWJ) Annual Conference in Liverpool on November 9th.
Women Judges in the Spotlight

- IAWJ member and founder of IAWJ’s Spanish chapter (AMJE), Magistrate Mar Serna, will be a member of the next General Council of the Judiciary (CGPJ) in Spain.

IAWJ Projects Update

- IAWJ staff joined our member association in Malawi, Women Judges of Malawi (WOJAM), in a series of activities to assess our program’s results in improving response to sexual violence.

![Image of women judges in Malawi](image_url)

Professional and Leadership Opportunities

- The United Nations Democracy Fund opened its call for proposals to civil society. The application deadline is January 15, 2019.
- The United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women is accepting applications for its 22nd grant cycle (2018). The application deadline is January 18, 2019.
- USA only: Apply for Free Assistance from the Center for Court Innovation Launching a New Community Court.
Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- **IAWJ 2019 Asia Pacific Regional Conference**: “Justice...in the Hearts of Women”, hosted by the Philippine Women Judges Association (PWJA), will take place in Alona Beach, Panglao Island, Bohol, Philippines from February 27 to March 1, 2019. You can register for it [here](#).
- The IAWJ will host a delegation for the 63rd annual meeting of the UN Commission on the Status of Women from March 11 - 15, 2019, in New York, USA.
- **IAWJ 2019 Europe, Middle East, and North Africa Regional Conference** will be hosted by the Association of Women Judges of Spain (AMJE) on April 25 and 26 in Seville, Spain.
- The Annual Meeting of the Canadian Chapter of the IAWJ will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia from April 30 to May 2, 2019.
- **IAWJ 2019 Africa Regional Conference** will be hosted by the Ivory Coast Section of the International Association of Women Judges from June 3 - 7 2019 in Abidjan.
- The National Association of Women Judges' 41st Annual Meeting will take place in Los Angeles, California, US, from October 15 - 19, 2019.
- **IAWJ 2019 Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Conference** will be hosted by the Association of Women Judges of the Dominican Republic (AJURD), from November 23 - 25, 2019 in Punta Cana.
- **IAWJ's 15th Biennial Conference: "Celebrating Diversity"** will be hosted by the New Zealand Association of Women Judges (NZAWJ) in Auckland, Aotearoa, New Zealand from May 7 - 10, 2020.

Don't forget to check out our Calendar of Events for more information!

Please send us information about events, projects, resources, opportunities, and latest accomplishments to office@iawj.org!