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# ANNUAL REPORT

*Breaking the Cycle of Impunity  
for International Crimes*

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FOUNDATION

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IS AN  
**INDEPENDENT**  
**PROFIT ORGANIZATION**  
ESTABLISHED IN 2014

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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



In 2024, the Wayamo Foundation made significant progress through a wide range of activities, including capacity-building workshops, one-on-one mentorship sessions, public symposia, online training sessions, and several video interviews for our online resource hub. These activities took place across Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Mauritius, and the Netherlands. Our events brought together hundreds of participants among whom were prosecutors, investigators, independent lawyers, human rights defenders, journalists, civil society representatives, students, and members of the diplomatic corps.

Notably, in March 2024, Wayamo organised an inaugural mock trial in partnership with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Kenya. The trial was based on a fictional scenario crafted to examine the application of universal jurisdiction for international crimes within Kenyan courts and the potential application of open-source evidence. The bench, prosecution, and defence teams comprised both international and local experts, facilitating a rigorous exploration of domestic legal frameworks — including Kenya's International Crimes Act and the Evidence Act — in conjunction with international criminal jurisprudence. This interdisciplinary approach provided participants with a comprehensive and practical learning experience. Following the success of the mock trial event, Wayamo intends to expand its efforts by organising similar sessions, further fostering collaboration between international and local legal professionals. These initiatives aim to strengthen the capacity of domestic legal systems to address international crimes and enhance the understanding of international criminal law within local contexts.

Sadly, the armed conflict in Sudan continued unabated in 2024, marked by numerous human rights violations and the commission of egregious international crimes. Through our Sudan project, we support Sudanese human rights defenders and independent lawyers to ethically document these violations and as effectively as possible, ensuring that the information collected can be used in future accountability mechanisms. We work with the understanding that the right kind of information, gathered during conflict, can prove crucial — even years later — in holding perpetrators of the most serious crimes to account.

We also continued to explore universal jurisdiction opportunities across Africa and support the development of cases. In addition, we partnered with the Mauritian Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to host a three-day symposium on different accountability mechanisms for international crimes and using modern forms of evidence. Across all these activities, we have continued to deepen our partnerships with international strategic litigation firms, relevant accountability mechanisms, regional and international civil society organisations, and prosecutorial authorities across Africa.

In Nigeria, we continued our collaboration with the Office of the DPP whom we have been supporting over the last three years to digitize Boko Haram case files. We also organised an International Justice Symposium in Abuja where we delved into ongoing developments in the world of international criminal law and justice, with a special focus on West Africa.



As I look ahead to 2025, I am excited about several new initiatives especially in East Africa, but also in South and West Africa. Expanding our one-on-one mentorship sessions with Sudanese human rights defenders and documenters, supported by more targeted capacity-building training, deepening partnerships with regional prosecution authorities and civil society organisations and further exploring universal jurisdiction venues on the continent.

Needless to say, our activities would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors. We are most grateful to them for their consistent support this past year, which has been essential to our progress. We value their partnership and look forward to our continued collaboration in pursuing justice and accountability for international crimes in the coming year - and beyond!

Last but not least, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Wayamo team who worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure that our activities were a great success.

We look forward to a more hopeful and brighter 2025!

With gratitude,

*Bettina Ambach*

**Bettina Ambach**  
Director, Wayamo Foundation



Wayamo gGmbH is an independent, non-profit organisation established to strengthen the rule of law, and promote justice for international and transnational crimes. It does so by:

- ▶ Building the capacity of national judicial systems
- ▶ Training judges, prosecutors, investigators, civil society actors and journalists
- ▶ Advocating transparency and accountability, often in post-conflict settings
- ▶ Facilitating and supporting dialogue between civil society and government leaders
- ▶ Creating networks of the highest-ranking investigators and prosecutors to combat international and transnational organised crimes.

# ABOUT THE WAYAMO FOUNDATION

# STRENGTHENING JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN NIGERIA

## CONTEXT

Nigeria has been experiencing violent conflict between Boko Haram and government forces for over fifteen years. In 2010, the ICC commenced a preliminary examination into the situation in Nigeria, looking at allegations of crimes against humanity and war crimes committed by both Boko Haram and the Nigerian security forces. Its preliminary examination focused on the existence and genuineness of Nigerian national proceedings relating to these crimes. This is in line with the principle of complementarity, whereby the Court will only investigate serious crimes or prosecute an individual where the state concerned is unwilling or unable to do so itself.

On 11 December 2020, the Prosecutor announced the completion of her preliminary examination of the situation in Nigeria. The next step could be for the Office of the Prosecutor to request authorisation from the pre-trial chamber to open a formal investigation into the situation in Nigeria.

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## PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Wayamo began to work in Nigeria in December 2016, with the aim to enhance domestic capacity to investigate and prosecute core international crimes.

Over the years, Wayamo's training workshops sought to enable Nigerian prosecutors to carry out the prosecution of complex international crimes in a genuine manner. If Nigeria can investigate and/or prosecute the crimes allegedly committed by Boko Haram and the Nigerian security forces domestically, it will be acting in accordance with its international obligations under the Rome Statute and potentially obviate the need for ICC intervention.

All workshops included a strong focus on gender-related issues, aiming specifically to address issues of conflict-related sexual violence, including the commission of rape, sexual assault and human trafficking



## PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

- Prosecutors from the Complex Casework Group (CCG), a specialised unit within the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (in 2024, following restructuring by Nigeria's Attorney General, the specialised prosecutorial team is now called the counterterrorism (CT) prosecution team under the DPP)
- Digitisation experts within the prosecution team under the DPP
- Investigators from the Joint Investigation Centre, Maiduguri
- Nigerian journalists.

COMPLEMENTARITY

Through this project, Wayamo intends to continue its widely recognised work as a facilitator of complementarity, by strengthening the capacity of authorities to address international crimes domestically. ■

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► [wayamo.com/archives/our-projects/nigeria/](https://wayamo.com/archives/our-projects/nigeria/)

2016

- 1 capacity-building workshop for prosecutors

**14**  
TRAINED PARTICIPANTS

2017

- 3 capacity-building workshops for civil and military investigators and prosecutors

**68**  
TRAINED PARTICIPANTS

2018

- 2 capacity-building workshops for civil and military investigators and prosecutors
- 1 Training-of-Trainer workshop

**68**  
TRAINED PARTICIPANTS

2019

- 1 capacity-building workshop for civil and military investigators and prosecutors
- 2 Training-of-Trainer workshops

**57**  
TRAINED PARTICIPANTS

2020

- 1 capacity-building workshop for civil and military investigators and prosecutors
- 2 Training-of-Trainer workshops
  - 1 media workshop
  - 1 high-level meeting on inter-agency collaboration

**93**  
TRAINED PARTICIPANTS

2021

- 9 capacity-building workshops for civil and military investigators and prosecutors
- 1 Training-of-Trainer workshop
- 2 media workshops

**214**  
TRAINED PARTICIPANTS

2022

- 4 capacity-building workshops for civilian and military investigators and prosecutors
- 3 training workshops for the digitisation team
- 1 Training-of-Trainer workshop
- 1 high-level meeting

**79**  
TRAINED PARTICIPANTS

2023

- 1 capacity-building workshop for civilian and military investigators and prosecutors
  - 1 lecture on international criminal law and its domestic application with a special focus on inquiries and investigations
- 1 capacity-building workshop
  - 1 high-level meeting

**81**  
TRAINED PARTICIPANTS

2024

- 1 capacity-building workshop for 24 prosecutors
- 1 symposium on the future of international criminal justice in Africa
  - 1 high-level meeting
  - 12 months of ongoing mentorship for the digitisation team working on terrorism cases

**108**  
TRAINED PARTICIPANTS

Participants attended more than one workshop.

January — December 2024

## **DIGITISING NIGERIA'S TERRORISM-CASES DATABASE AT THE COUNTERTERRORISM (CT) TEAM AT THE DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

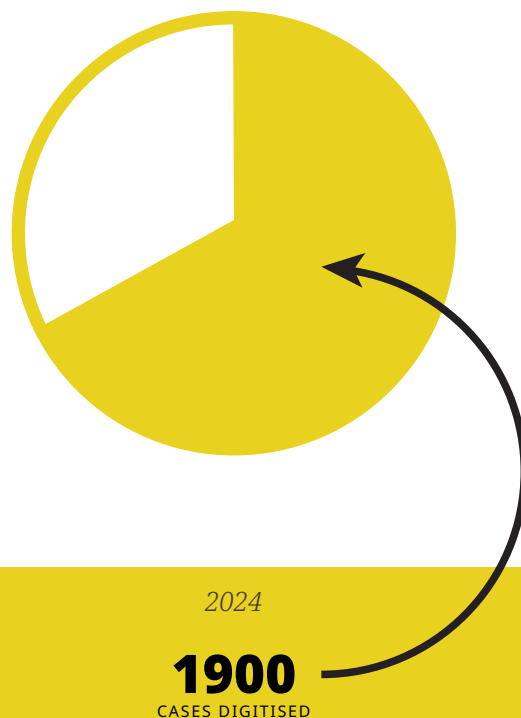
The work of Wayamo's digitisation team in Nigeria continued throughout 2024, with ongoing work on digitising terrorism case files at the Directorate of Public Prosecutions.

Since 2021, Wayamo has assisted Nigeria by developing and building a comprehensive case-management system for terrorism-related cases. The digital database expanded in 2024 with close to 400 new cases added, and to date, approximately 1,900 cases have been scanned and digitised.

Wayamo has continued its mentorship role in this realm with ongoing capacity building on digital case-file management as well as the verification of the digitised materials. Wayamo trainees have become experts within the office of the DPP, and their role continues to expand with **Bezalel Ekere**, the Head of the Digitisation being sent to assist in additional rounds of Kainji trials for terrorism offences in September 2024 and December 2024.

Wayamo's digitisation expert, **Rebekka Manneh Juhos**, has been leading the digitisation and mentorship activities in the project. ■

► **67%** of the 1,900 case files have been fully digitised and verified by the digitisation expert



up to 2024

**1500**

CASES DIGITISED

2024

**1900**

CASES DIGITISED

June 2024

## **INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM IN ABUJA, NIGERIA ON THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN AFRICA**

From 24–25 June 2024, the Wayamo Foundation hosted an International Justice Symposium in Abuja, Nigeria, entitled *“The future of international criminal justice in Africa – The road to where?”*. ►





The symposium was opened by **Lateef O. Fagbemi**, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice of Nigeria, as well as Wayamo Foundation Director, **Bettina Ambach**. Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), **Mame Mandiaye Niang** delivered the keynote address, discussing the ICC Office of the Prosecutor's renewed approach to complementarity and its role within a broader ecosystem of accountability efforts.

The conference explored recent developments in international criminal law and justice, with a particular focus on West Africa. Participants received updates from civil society experts on proposed hybrid courts for prosecuting international crimes in The Gambia and Liberia. The Guinean Deputy Minister of Justice provided insights into the ongoing trial of those accused of the 2009 Stadium Massacre in Conakry, Guinea. The Vice President of the Special Criminal Court in the Central African Republic discussed the tribunal's work, while High Court Lady Justice **Diana Mochache** shared her efforts to establish an International and Transnational Crimes Court in Kenya.



Two panel discussions focussed on key issues in international criminal justice. The first addressed the investigation and prosecution of international crimes in Nigeria and the role of Africa in addressing the crime of aggression. The former panel brought together speakers from the government of Nigeria, the ICC and civil society in a spirited and constructive dialogue over alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by Boko Haram and the Nigerian Armed Forces, which required investigation and prosecution. The second panel explored Africa's role in addressing the crime of aggression, examining the implications of ongoing efforts to prosecute aggression in Ukraine and proposed amendments to the Rome Statute to enhance the ICC's jurisdiction over such crimes ▼



The symposium concluded with reflections from experts, including, among others, **Michael Kanu**, Sierra Leone’s Ambassador to the United Nations, **Meseret Fassil Assefa**, Legal Counsel at the African Union, and International Law professor **Dapo Akande** on the future of international justice in Africa.

International criminal justice should be seen as a multi-layered framework, where national, regional, and international mechanisms all play essential roles, rather than as a hierarchical system with the ICC at the apex. National courts in Africa, along with emerging regional initiatives like the proposed hybrid tribunal in The Gambia and the criminal law section of the African Court of Human and Peoples’ Rights, are crucial for achieving accountability for international crimes.

African leadership in international criminal justice should be recognised for its active and innovative contributions. African states are not merely recipients of international justice, but there are central lessons to be learned from African examples.

The pursuit of international criminal justice is inherently complex. It involves navigating both progress and setbacks, addressing the challenges of perceived double standards, and balancing accountability with other important goals like peace. While these complexities present significant challenges, understanding them more clearly allows for more informed and effective decision-making.

Finally, diverse perspectives should be celebrated as they are crucial for advancing international criminal justice. The involvement of various stakeholders—from prosecutors and judges to civil society members and academics—is essential. Although these roles may sometimes lead to tensions, such frictions are necessary for driving progress. ■

“*Embracing these diverse contributions and the constructive tensions they bring is vital for the future of international criminal law and justice in Africa and beyond.*”

— Dapo Akande, International Law professor



26 — 27 June 2024  
Abuja, Nigeria

## INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW REFRESHER WORKSHOP WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE FOR NIGERIAN PROSECUTORS

The two-day workshop held on 26 – 27 June 2024 in Abuja, Nigeria dealt with the accomplishments and priorities of the work of the digitisation team for terrorism cases and addressed the current challenges in conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) investigation and prosecution. At the end of the workshop, participants agreed on concrete survivor-centred practices and developed case strategies for the effective investigation and prosecution of CRSV. ■



## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Since the project's launch in December 2016, Wayamo has contributed to Nigeria's efforts to achieve complementarity and increased accountability for international crimes. The project has achieved the following concrete outcomes:

- ▶ **Increased knowledge and skills of civilian and military investigators and prosecutors** as regards investigating and prosecuting international crimes and terrorism under Nigerian national law.
- ▶ **Regular and intensified communication between the Federal Ministry of Justice and the ICC.** A senior prosecutor and Wayamo's local counterpart is now operating as the new ICC focal point within the Federal Ministry of Justice.
- ▶ **Enhanced interagency collaboration between JIC investigators and prosecutors** to bring the electronic case-file database for terrorism and international crimes to fruition, while working on case files.
- ▶ **Enhanced knowledge on the drafting of charges addressing ICC criminality by CCG prosecutors**, the new work motto being *"think outside the box"*.
- ▶ **Intensified digitisation of case files to store in the CCG database.** As of 31 December 2024, the CCG had scanned, digitised and verified 1,900 cases in its digital archive.
- ▶ **Successful implementation of Training-the-Trainer workshop sessions for CCG prosecutors** to consolidate project gains and newly acquired skills.
- ▶ **Successful development of new digital tools** for CCG lawyers to assess cases and visualise data in their case archive.

January 2024  
Berlin, Germany

Online Resource Hub:  
Wayamo Foundation  
launches bilingual Sudan  
online justice hub,  
empowering civil society and  
legal community with vital  
resources:

[wayamo.com/archives/sudan-justice-hub-launch](https://wayamo.com/archives/sudan-justice-hub-launch)

August 2024  
Berlin, Germany

Film, Our impact in  
Strengthening Civil  
Society and the Justice  
Sector in Sudan

19 May 2023  
Nairobi, Kenya

International justice  
symposium: Transition  
from where?  
Transition to what?  
Exploring transitional  
justice efforts in an  
ever-changing world

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR  
LAWYERS AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS DEFENDERS



March 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

Wayamo and Kenya's PTI  
host workshop and mock  
trial on accountability for  
international crimes

# CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SUDANESE CIVIL SOCIETY AND LEGAL ACTORS: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF IMPUNITY FOR INTERNATIONAL CRIMES

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Wayamo Foundation commenced its activities in Sudan in early 2022, amid a period of hope for the establishment of a democratic civilian government. Following the ousting of longtime President Omar al-Bashir in April 2019, the country had faced political turmoil as civilian groups agitated for much needed reforms in the governance system. A power-sharing agreement between the military and civilian opposition groups initially led to the formation of a transitional government. However, progress was disrupted in October 2021, when the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces, a paramilitary group, forcibly ousted civilians from the Sovereignty Council and seized control of Sudan.



March 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

Workshop on Advancing  
Accountability through  
Effective Documentation  
Efforts



June 2024  
Kampala, Uganda

Mentoring Sessions for  
Sudanese Civil Society  
Actors and Lawyers

A key area of Wayamo’s programming was aimed at contributing to the delivery of transitional justice processes for the victims of Sudan’s past conflicts by addressing human rights violations and international crimes. The idea behind the intervention was to use the momentum from the proceedings at the International Criminal Court (ICC), particularly in the Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman case (Ali Kushayb) case, and the justice plank of the Juba Peace Agreement, to help initiate further domestic accountability mechanisms, including reparations. Wayamo engaged with and provided training for civil society, prosecutors, journalists, democratic activists and representatives of victim communities, particularly in Darfur to contribute to these efforts. However, with the onset of hostilities between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces in April 2023, all efforts of building capacity for domestic accountability had to be put on hold as the country was plunged into a full-scale internal armed conflict.

Wayamo’s in-country programming was rendered impossible and many of our partners and colleagues were forced to flee Sudan for their own safety. In the face of these challenges, our partners, many of whom were now in the diaspora, demonstrated an unwavering commitment to justice and accountability for historical and ongoing international crimes in Sudan. Within a month of the war breaking out, Wayamo convened an expert meeting in Nairobi on remote documentation and open-source research methodologies with leading experts from the various investigative mechanisms, and international Fact-Finding Missions to motivate and encourage our partners on what can be done for justice and accountability even in the midst of conflict. We have maintained this momentum, organising multiple workshops in neighbouring East African countries of Kenya and Uganda on the documentation of human rights violations, exploring universal jurisdiction options in Africa and beyond, supporting case building, and providing our journalists network with capacity building and in the dissemination of high-quality journalism. ■

PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

In 2024, the project had the following three target groups:

- Legal community
- Civil society actors
- Media representatives

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With the financial support of the German Federal Foreign Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.





## CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MEDIA PROFESSIONALS



*March 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya*

### **Workshop on Responsible Media for Justice and Accountability in Sudan**



*March 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya*

### **Open-Source Investigations Training for Sudanese Journalists and Human Rights Monitors**



*July 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya*

### **Open-Source Investigations Training for Sudanese Journalists and Human Rights Monitors**



*August 2024  
Berlin, Germany*

### **Film - Wayamo in Sudan 2022-2024: Our Impact in Strengthening Civil Society and The Justice Sector**



*September 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya*

### **Workshop on Responsible Media for Justice and Accountability in Sudan**



*November 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya*

### **Trauma-Informed Interviewing and ICC Spokesperson at Workshop for Sudanese Journalists**

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Transitional justice measures are a key pillar in building a solid foundation for states based on the rule of law. Developing the capacity of the legal community, civil society and the media is an important step towards addressing the accountability challenges facing Sudan and advancing the transitional justice agenda. Addressing impunity for international crimes and human rights violations is pivotal when it comes to building a solid foundation for the establishment of democratic institutions, and respect for the rule of law and human rights. Our project aims to strengthen the capacity of civil society and legal actors in Sudan to address core grievances and break the cycle of impunity for international crimes. The danger of reoccurrence of international crimes will remain until the root causes of political exclusion, historical grievances and outstanding justice and accountability demands are addressed through transitional justice measures.

Capacity building in international criminal law, international humanitarian law and human rights law is being provided to the members of our target group. In addition, they are being empowered with knowledge in evidence-collection and documentation of human rights violations, thus helping to build a stronger foundation for accountability for international crimes. Media actors are also receiving training, with the objective of strengthening reporting skills and knowledge on critical justice-related issues. We believe that well-trained journalists and informed citizens able to take a fuller participatory role in their countries' public discourse are crucial for enhancing local ownership of justice and accountability.

Our Sudan online justice hub consolidates print and multimedia resources relating to the current conflict in Sudan, regional and international experiences with transitional justice, and tools that civil society actors can employ in response to ongoing violations in the country. In building this hub, Wayamo has brought together experts and practitioners to share their views on important aspects of international justice in domestic and international contexts, as well as achievements, challenges and opportunities in the international justice space that could be relevant for the Sudanese context. ►



December 2024  
The Hague, Netherlands

**Wayamo Hosts ICC ASP Side Event  
“Disrupting International Crimes in  
Sudan: Views from the Front Lines”**

## COMPLEMENTARITY

Through this project, we at Wayamo intend to continue our widely recognised work as a facilitator of complementarity, by strengthening the capacity of authorities to address international crimes domestically. Through our capacity-building activities for the legal sector, our aim is to cultivate domestic knowledge and skills pertaining to the international crimes framework and available avenues for pursuing justice and accountability. Additionally, we focus on strengthening efforts in documenting human rights violations to ensure that the evidence collected meets the necessary standards for admissibility in a court of law, whether at the domestic or international level. Moreover, we facilitate discussions aimed at encouraging more states to exercise universal jurisdictions, which serves as a complementary approach to delivering justice to victims of international crimes, particularly in contexts where ICC jurisdiction may not be applicable. ■



7 - 8 March 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

## WAYAMO AND KENYA'S PTI HOST WORKSHOP AND MOCK TRIAL ON ACCOUNTABILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL CRIMES



On 7-8 March 2024 in Nairobi, the Wayamo Foundation and the Kenya's Prosecution Training Institute (PTI) co-hosted two events, a one-day workshop on international criminal justice followed by a mock trial on international crimes.

The events, opened by Kenya's Director of Public Prosecutions Deputy Director Public Prosecutions and Head of the Prosecution Training Institute **Alloys Kemo**, and Wayamo Foundation Director **Bettina Ambach**, brought together international and Kenyan experts and prosecutors in a forum for respectful and spirited discussion and debate.

The workshop featured sessions on prosecuting international crimes with a special focus on command responsibility, international criminal investigations, making sense of crimes against humanity, the view from the defence: defending alleged perpetrators of international crimes, the range of different accountability mechanisms for international crimes, and the exercise of universal jurisdiction, both internationally and in the East African region.

It featured contributions from:

► **James Stewart**, former Deputy Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court

► **Ben Gumpert**, QC, Crown Court Judge and former barrister; former Senior Trial Lawyer at the International Criminal Court ►





► **Kirsty Sutherland**, barrister at 9 Bedford Row, acted as defence counsel in several international courts and tribunals

► **Amanda Ghahremani**, Legal Consultant, International Criminal Law and Redress for Survivors of Atrocity Crimes

► **Mark Kersten**, Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University Fraser Valley, Canada and Senior Consultant, Wayamo Foundation

► **Mikel Delagrang**, Senior International Legal Advisor, Wayamo Foundation

► **Linda Bore**, International Criminal Lawyer, Wayamo Foundation



Following the workshop, a mock trial based on a fictional set of circumstances was designed to test the application of universal jurisdiction for international crimes in Kenyan courts. The mock case examined the provisions of the International Crimes Act No.16 of 2008, and brought together preeminent international and Kenyan judges and prosecutors who guided the audience through some of the thornier issues facing lawyers seeking to apply international law domestically. The mock trial aimed to make the International Crimes Act more accessible and actionable for the Kenyan legal practitioners in the audience.

Along with the international experts who collaborated with their Kenyan counterparts, the mock trial featured:

► **Lady Justice Diana Mochache**, Judge, High Court of Kenya

► **Alexander Jami Yamina**, Ag. Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

► **Tabitha Ouya**, Head of Civil Rights Division, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions



THE ANNOTATED MOCK TRIAL IS AVAILABLE IN IT'S ENTIRETY ON WAYAMO'S WEBSITE:

► [wayamo.com/](https://wayamo.com/)

[wayamo-mock-trial-2024](https://wayamo.com/mock-trial-2024)

11 — 13 March 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

## WAYAMO LEGAL WORKSHOP FOR SUDANESE CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS AND LAWYERS ON ADVANCING ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH EFFECTIVE DOCUMENTATION EFFORTS

The Wayamo Foundation held a comprehensive, three-day legal workshop in Nairobi, Kenya, from 11–13 March 2024, on the theme *“Beyond advocacy: advancing accountability through effective documentation efforts”*, bringing together a diverse group of participants including Sudanese lawyers, human rights defenders, and representatives from civil society.



The workshop focused on guiding participants through the transition from documentation efforts primarily geared towards advocacy, to documentation aimed at fostering accountability in international criminal cases. The workshop centred the discussions on the intricate components of international criminal cases, exploring how these building blocks contribute to putting together robust legal cases. The event examined a number of key topics, including international humanitarian law and international criminal law, command responsibility, linkage evidence, minimum standards for documentation efforts aimed at ensuring accountability, and the ethical considerations surrounding unofficial investigations.

**Bettina Ambach**, Wayamo Foundation Director, opened the workshop by expressing her gratitude for the participants’ attendance and their invaluable contributions to the documentation of human rights violations and international crimes in Sudan. She emphasised the importance of their work in eventually pursuing accountability initiatives for Sudan through various avenues, including the exercise of universal jurisdiction. The event also served as an opportunity to launch the Sudan Justice hub, a bilingual English-Arabic platform, supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands and the German Federal Foreign Office. The session was led by **Linda Bore**, International Criminal Lawyer and Project Coordinator and **Samah Mohammed**, Legal Researcher and Project Officer, both of the Wayamo Foundation. The workshop, held under Chatham House rules, fostered an environment conducive to open and candid discussions. The interactive nature of the event facilitated extensive teamwork, allowing attendees to share insights on their work and experiences. ►



Participants engaged with a series of experts, including:

- **Betty Murungi**, Transitional Justice expert, advocate of the High Court of Kenya and member of the Africa Group for Justice and Accountability,
- **Abdalbasit Mohamed**, Legal and Research Officer, Wayamo Foundation,
- **Amanda Ghahremani**, Legal Consultant, International Criminal Law & Redress for Survivors of Atrocity Crimes
- **Bill Wiley**, Executive Director, Commission for International Justice and Accountability
- **Eric Iverson**, Trial Lawyer, Office of the Prosecutor, ICC
- **Bill Rosato**, Senior Investigator, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court (ICC)
- **Mahasin Dahab**, Mnemonic Sudanese Archive
- **Kirsty Hare**, Programme Manager, Legal Action Worldwide.
- **Linda Bore**, International Criminal Lawyer and Project Coordinator
- **Mikel Delagrang**, Senior Legal Advisor Wayamo Foundation.

Furthermore, a representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands observed the workshop proceedings for all three days, underscoring the importance and impact of the discussions and initiatives facilitated by the Wayamo Foundation.

Overall, the workshop served as a platform for lively discussions, knowledge-sharing, and collaborative efforts aimed at advancing accountability and justice in Sudan and beyond. ■



3 — 7 June 2024  
Kampala, Uganda

### **KAMPALA MENTORING SESSIONS FOR SUDANESE CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS AND LAWYERS**

From 3-7 June 2024, the Wayamo Foundation hosted mentoring sessions for Sudanese civil society actors and lawyers in Kampala, Uganda.

Wayamo has been working with this same network of actors since the current conflict erupted in Sudan in April 2023. The network is committed to undertaking documentation for the purposes of “accountability”. Since the outbreak of the armed conflict, Wayamo has invested a great deal of time and effort in holding training sessions on topics ranging from international criminal law and open-source investigations to the application of universal jurisdiction for international crimes. ▼



For this workshop, network members had requested more individual one-on-one time with Wayamo's experts, in order to present the documentation work that they had done to date and receive feedback and counselling on the next steps to be taken in their respective investigations and case building.

Wayamo assembled a panel of experts with a wide range of experience, including international criminal investigations, strategic litigation, and international prosecution and defence, to provide Sudanese lawyers with the in-depth guidance that they need to proceed with their investigative work. The expert team consisted of Wayamo staff, representatives of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Legal Action Worldwide and an experienced defence counsel in international crimes cases.

The pilot edition of the mentorship workshop was widely viewed as a success by the participants, who deeply appreciated the practical, in-depth review of their work and the guidance provided. Similarly, the ICC's involvement as partners and stakeholders was unanimously welcomed. Wayamo succeeded in creating an atmosphere where the different experts worked well together in a collaborative spirit. The Sudanese civil society representatives had come very well prepared, ensuring that optimal value was obtained from the feedback received on their work product.



The mentoring sessions aim to help participants move closer to the goal of developing near-complete case files. These files can then be submitted to prosecuting authorities, whether for the ICC, Sudanese courts (in the future), or universal jurisdiction venues across the East African region. ■



## INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM IN PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS

From 2 to 4 September 2024, the Wayamo Foundation and the Mauritian Directorate of Public Prosecutions held a symposium on “Domestic and international accountability mechanisms for international crimes: new developments and opportunities”, which brought together international and Mauritian experts and prosecutors.



The joint Wayamo-DPP symposium explored timely and pressing questions concerning the tools available to states for addressing past atrocities and ongoing violations. Among other issues, speakers discussed the exercise of universal jurisdiction around the world and in the East African region, the role of digital open-source information and financial investigations, the part played by the International Criminal Court (ICC) and International Court of Justice (ICJ), and Kenya’s experience in applying the International Crimes Act (including its universal jurisdiction provisions).

In his opening remarks, the Mauritius’ Director of Public Prosecutions, **Rashid Ahmine** set the tone for the Symposium with his commitment to pursue the prosecution of international crimes. ▼

“*‘As the head of this country’s prosecution authority, I can affirm that we are committed to fighting crimes in all its forms and more so when it comes to international crimes. We have the relevant legislative framework; willingness and we are committed to this cause. We will address atrocities and deliver justice where we can. Many of you have travelled far to come here today. Know that you have an ally and a friend here. If you think we can help, do reach out. We will play our part. We will cooperate. We will collaborate. We are all in this together.’*

— Rashid Ahmine, Mauritius’ Director of Public Prosecutions



Following Ahmine's remarks, Wayamo Director **Bettina Ambach** briefly outlined Wayamo's overall mission to strengthen justice and accountability efforts in Africa through domestic capacity building, in alignment with the principle of complementarity and in collaboration with international courts, institutions, and domestic accountability mechanisms.

The aim of the events was to reflect on the different accountability mechanisms for addressing serious human rights violations and international crimes, ranging from domestic criminal action to regional courts, UN investigative mechanisms, and international courts. While traditional criminal investigation methods remain essential, new forms of evidence such as open-source information are emerging as crucial ways of complementing and enhancing investigations into international crimes. Furthermore, when it comes to universal jurisdiction, participants explored why the majority of universal jurisdiction cases have taken place in Europe, despite the fact that countries like Kenya, Uganda, South Africa and Mauritius have universal jurisdiction on their statute books. There was great enthusiasm among those in attendance to practice universal jurisdiction, and to tackle international crimes more generally, in the region.

The symposium's immediate goals were to:

- Contribute to accountability for international crimes at the domestic level
- Strengthen the capacity of investigators, prosecutors and judges to think 'outside the box' and use modern forms of evidence
- Sow the seeds of using universal jurisdiction for serious crimes committed in the region.

An audience made up of prosecutors, investigators, civil society, diplomats, academia and representatives from the Prime Minister's and Attorney-General's offices, was addressed by 13 renowned international justice experts from South Africa, the UK, Canada, Kenya, Nigeria, the USA and Mauritius itself.

The event was widely reported in the Mauritian media. ►





## Speakers:

- ▶ **Akingbolahan Adeniran**, former Attorney-General of Ogun State, former ICC investigator and trial lawyer
- ▶ **Adejoké Babington-Ashaye**, International Law Expert
- ▶ **Donald J. Bobbs**, Analyst, Center for Advanced Defense Studies (C4ADS)
- ▶ **Linda Bore**, International Criminal Lawyer & Project Coordinator, Wayamo Foundation
- ▶ **Amanda Ghahremani**, Legal Consultant, International Criminal Law & Redress for Survivors of Atrocity Crimes
- ▶ **Mikel Delagrang**, Senior International Legal Advisor, Wayamo Foundation
- ▶ **Mark Kersten**, Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University Fraser Valley, Canada, Senior Consultant Wayamo Foundation
- ▶ **Christopher Kiyaseh**, Analyst, C4ADS
- ▶ **Nick Leddy**, Head of Litigation, Legal Action Worldwide (LAW)
- ▶ **Lady Justice Diana Mochache**, Judge at the High Court of Kenya
- ▶ **Jagganaden Muneesamy**, Acting Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Mauritius
- ▶ **Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh**, Director of the Africa Programme at the International Commission of Jurists
- ▶ **Bill Rosato**, Senior Investigator, Office of the Prosecutor, ICC
- ▶ **Dire Tladi**, ICJ Judge



## Topics:

- ▶ The Potential for African States to use international law to address international crimes
- ▶ Beyond the International Criminal Court: mapping accountability mechanisms
- ▶ The core crimes of International Criminal Law
- ▶ An introduction to International Humanitarian Law
- ▶ Investigations at the ICC and modern forms of evidence
- ▶ Collaboration between investigators/prosecutors and civil society organisations: how to establish clear protocols and processes from the outset
- ▶ Evidentiary standards in publicly available information
- ▶ Investigating and prosecuting conflict-related sexual violence
- ▶ The concept of Universal Jurisdiction – why is it worth it?
- ▶ The application of Universal Jurisdiction in Mauritius
- ▶ The project of adjudicating international and transnational crimes in Kenyan courts
- ▶ Combating illicit financial networks in Africa and using publicly available information in asset tracing
- ▶ Strategic litigation experiences within the context of Universal Jurisdiction. ■



9 September 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

## WAYAMO AND KENYA'S PTI HOST INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

Monday 9 September 2024 saw the Wayamo Foundation and the Prosecution Training Institute (PTI) hold the third in the current series of International Criminal Justice Symposiums since the two organisations started cooperating in 2023.

This symposium was formally opened by **Alloys Kemo**, Kenya's Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) and PTI Head, and **Bettina Ambach**, Director of the Wayamo Foundation. The participants, made up of some 40 prosecutors and five judges from Kenya and Uganda, engaged in a respectful and spirited discussion and debate.

The first session served to set the tone for the day. In his presentation entitled, *"Advancing the Rule of Law in Kenya: opportunities brought about by the Rome Statute"*, Supreme Court **Judge Isaac Lenaola**, defined the desired requisites for each and every prosecutor in the room as the twin qualities of being courageous and passionate. Noting that Kenya had all the necessary laws at its disposal to investigate, prosecute and adjudicate international crimes domestically, he encouraged those present with the rallying cry of *"Yes, you can!"*



The following speaker, **Anne J. van Dooren**, a prosecutor with The Netherlands National Public Prosecution Service, gave her listeners some practical examples of how international crimes cases could be built using universal jurisdiction. Peer exchange was to be warmly welcomed and would show her Kenyan colleagues that with some additional knowledge of international criminal law and the use of new technologies and open-source investigations, cases involving international crimes committed in other -sometimes remote- jurisdictions could be successfully prepared and prosecuted.

International Law expert and former International Criminal Court investigator, **Adejoké Babington-Ashaye**, then spoke about the prosecution of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) cases. She advised that the collection of SGBV evidence should always be mainstreamed across investigations, and in this respect stressed the key potential of linkage evidence. Her address gave rise to an interesting and relevant discussion about the necessary conditions/context for SGBV to be prosecuted under Kenya's International Crimes Act. ▶



**Justice Susan Okalany**, Judge of the International Crimes Division of the Ugandan High Court, discussed the recent verdict in the long trial of Thomas Kwoyelo, a former Lord's Resistance Army commander who was convicted for crimes against humanity, war crimes and other serious crimes. She was followed in turn by Vincent Monda, Senior Assistant DPP, who dealt with the Kenyan International Crimes Act and explained how it is to be applied in the "*Baby Pendo*" case, the country's first crimes against humanity case which is scheduled to have its day in court in October 2024.



Kenyan High Court Judge, **Diana Mochache**, gave an impassioned speech about the plan of adjudicating international and transnational crimes in Kenyan courts, underlining the fact that Kenya's track record of dealing with piracy and terrorism cases meant that it had already acquired some experience of addressing such complex cases. She went on to reiterate the core message of the morning, namely, that with courage and passion, international crime cases could be heard in national systems such as Kenya's.

The last speaker of the day, **Nick Leddy, Head of Litigation, Legal Action Worldwide**, summarised his organisation's vision as being that of improving access to justice to the most vulnerable in conflict-affected areas through creative legal solutions, which include but are not limited to universal jurisdiction.

In what had been an instructive, productive and stimulating day, it was left to Wayamo Foundation's Senior International Legal Advisor, **Mikel Delagrangé**, to "*bring it all together*". Loosely paraphrasing his speech, his main conclusions were as follows:

► In this process you are not alone. Civil society organisations, open-source information experts... indeed a whole network of actors is willing to help in this communal effort to bring international crime cases to domestic courts. ▼





- Crimes do not happen in isolation. Transnational crimes often have a nexus with international crimes. Put a clamp on the financial resources of criminal gangs and you will inhibit their ability to commit more crimes. There are different pieces to a greater puzzle.
- To prosecute potential international crimes cases which were committed in neighbouring countries in Kenyan courts is not interfering with other states. It is rather telling them that Kenya is not a safe haven for criminals from other countries, and that Kenya wants to be seen as a country which respects the rule of law. There is nothing inherently complex about international criminal law. Kenya can take a leadership role here. Indeed it has already shown the will and courage to do this, as it is doing right now with the “Baby Pendo” case, which will be seeing its day in court in the next month. ■



10 — 12 September 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

## NAIROBI MENTORING SESSIONS FOR SUDANESE CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS AND LAWYERS

From 10-12 September 2024, the Wayamo Foundation hosted a second set of mentoring sessions in Nairobi, Kenya, for its network of Sudanese civil society actors and lawyers. In fact, this Nairobi event was intended, planned and purpose-designed to be a way of building on the momentum generated by the initial intensive session held in Kampala, Uganda, in June 2024.

The network is committed to undertaking documentation for the purposes of legal accountability. Since the outbreak of the armed conflict, Wayamo has invested a great deal of

time and effort in holding training sessions on topics ranging from international criminal law and open-source investigations to the application of universal jurisdiction for international crimes. The new mentoring model was developed in response to a request from network members to have more individual one-on-one time with Wayamo’s experts, in order to present the documentation work that they had done to date and receive feedback and counselling on the next steps to be taken in their respective investigations and case building. ►





Wayamo assembled a panel of experts with a wide-ranging experience of international criminal investigations, international humanitarian law, sexual and gender-based violence, strategic litigation, and international prosecution and defence, to provide Sudanese lawyers with the calibre of in-depth guidance needed to proceed with their investigative work.

The expert team consisted of Wayamo staff, representatives of Legal Action Worldwide and the Clooney Foundation, an expert in investigating conflict-related sexual violence and an experienced defence counsel in international crimes cases.

The second edition of the mentorship workshop was widely viewed as a success. Indeed, participants deeply appreciated the practical, in-depth review of and guidance on their work given by the panel of experts. In the words of one of the participants, *"The interaction with the experts was excellent. They provided detailed and very useful feedback, which allowed us to identify gaps in our work during the meeting and determine what actions are needed to address them."*

As a direct follow-up to the participants' requests at the first mentoring sessions in June 2024, Wayamo

and its experts presented context-specific templates and examples of how to take screening notes (rather than full witness statements), as well as templates for medical reports to be completed by first responders for sexual and gender-based violence.

In the written evaluation of our sessions, one of the participants had this to say about the templates that were shared with them, *"They will be a transformative point to our organisation and to our partners in the documentation processes."*

Another participant felt that the mentorship sessions were *"perfect"*, in that they provided a safe space to discuss confidential information, as well as space to be vulnerable for learning. *"The feedback was constructive and usable; it was also targeted and specific and actually the best part of recent training I've participated in."*

The aim behind the mentoring sessions is to take participants one step closer to the goal of building near-complete case files that can, inter alia, be handed over to prosecuting authorities, whether in the shape of the ICC, Sudanese courts (eventually), or universal jurisdiction venues across the East African region. ■



18 — 21 November 2024  
Kampala, Uganda

## EQUIPPING FOR JUSTICE: KAMPALA WORKSHOP ON TOOLS FOR EFFECTIVE DOCUMENTATION AND CASE BUILDING

From 18-21 November 2024, the Wayamo Foundation held a four-day workshop in Kampala, Uganda, on the theme: *“Equipping for Justice: Tools for effective documentation and case building”*, bringing together Sudanese lawyers, human rights defenders, and representatives from civil society.

The workshop built on the progress made from the one-on-one mentoring sessions with the network of lawyers and human rights defenders that Wayamo established, who are committed to undertaking documentation for the purposes of accountability. In June 2024, Wayamo began mentoring sessions in Kampala, Uganda, which was followed up by a second session in Nairobi, Kenya in September 2024. In these sessions, network members presented the documentation work that they have done to date and receiving feedback and advice on the next steps to be taken in their respective investigations.

The aim of the workshop was to equip lawyers and human rights defenders with specific tools for the effective documentation of international crimes committed in Sudan and for case building. The workshop focussed on key topics including:

- International humanitarian law and international criminal law
- Templates that can be used when documenting international crimes
- Technological tools that can be adopted by members of the network to transfer information from the field and a system to effectively and safely store the information collected.

The training included information sessions, discussion and dialogue, as well as practical sessions to test the newly introduced tools, and case studies.



**Bettina Ambach**, Wayamo Foundation Director, opened the workshop by expressing her appreciation for the participants' commitment to the documentation of human rights violations and international crimes in Sudan. She traced the history of Wayamo's Sudan project and the steps that the organisation has been taking to support the pursuit of accountability for Sudan through various avenues, including the exercise of universal jurisdiction. ►



**Ms. Ambach** also explained that the new mentoring model was developed in response to a request from network members to have more individual one-on-one time with Wayamo's experts, in order to present the documentation work that they had done to date, and receive feedback and counselling on the next steps to be taken in their respective investigations and case building.

During the first day of the workshop **Lujane Benamer**, Legal Programme Manager at the Clooney Foundation led the participants through a session on the importance of screening witnesses and victims as opposed to conducting full interviews with them. She walked the participants through a screening template and showed them how to use this in practice to facilitate the documentation process.

**Mikel Delagrangé**, Senior International Legal Advisor at the Wayamo Foundation supplemented this information by leading participants through a session on streamlining documentation, where he provided additional useful templates for lawyers and civil society actors conducting documentation on the ground.



On the second day of the workshop, **Linda Bore**, International Criminal Lawyer and Project Coordinator at the Wayamo Foundation, led the participants through a refresher session on International Humanitarian Law and core international crimes. She thereafter led them through a session on key considerations in case selection and case building, with some case studies from actual cases being provided.

On the third and fourth day of the workshop, **Rebecca Darnell** and **Abby Schneiderhan** from the Center for Advanced Defense Studies (C4ADS), led participants through a session on how to preserve the metadata on digital information that is shared from the field. They also led participants through a session on safe and secure storage in documentation by introducing them to a database tool.

Thereafter, **Mr. Dahirou Sant-Anna** International Cooperation Advisor, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court, gave an update on the latest developments in the Ali Kushayb trial and ongoing investigations by the ICC in Sudan.

Overall, the workshop served as a platform to share valuable tools and techniques to enhance documentation practices for Sudanese actors. By incorporating these techniques, participants can streamline their processes, better observe ethical practices in documentation, enhance the safety and security of their stored data and enhance the overall quality of their work in a manner that can positively contribute to accountability further down the line. ■

4 — 6 March 2024

Nairobi, Kenya

## NAIROBI WORKSHOP ON RESPONSIBLE MEDIA FOR JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN SUDAN

The Wayamo Foundation held a three-day workshop in Nairobi between 4-6 March 2024 on responsible media reporting of justice and accountability processes in and for Sudan. The workshop brought together Sudanese journalists for in-depth training sessions on reporting on and documenting human rights violations, open-source investigative techniques for journalists, and justice issues surrounding reporting on children in armed conflict in Sudan.

Wayamo drew on its expert network to lead the workshop sessions. Wayamo's Legal and Research Officer **Abdalbasit Mohamed** led a session on children in armed conflict in Sudan and the Sudanese legal framework, while Wayamo's Senior Consultant and Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University Fraser Valley, Canada **Mark Kersten** presented on the dilemmas in international law posed by former child soldiers.

**Robert Nanima**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town provided sessions on grave violations against children in armed conflict. He also elaborated on his role as a Member of the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC) and Special Rapporteur on children.

Wayamo Digital Programmes Manager **Kris Kotarski** led a session on open-source methods in journalism, while **Robin Taylor**, Research Assistant, Crisis and Conflict Division, Human Rights Watch provided in-depth training on open-source investigations.

Nanima, Kotarski and Taylor were joined by Wayamo's Coordinator for East Africa **Judie Kaberia** and Wayamo's Africa Director **Joseph Roberts-Mensah** in training journalists on in-depth strategies for reporting accurately and objectively and conducted practical break-out sessions. All experts supported story building by the journalists. The training also included a media engagement with experts on core issues of international criminal justice. Wayamo's Senior



Consultant **Mark Kersten** was joined by:

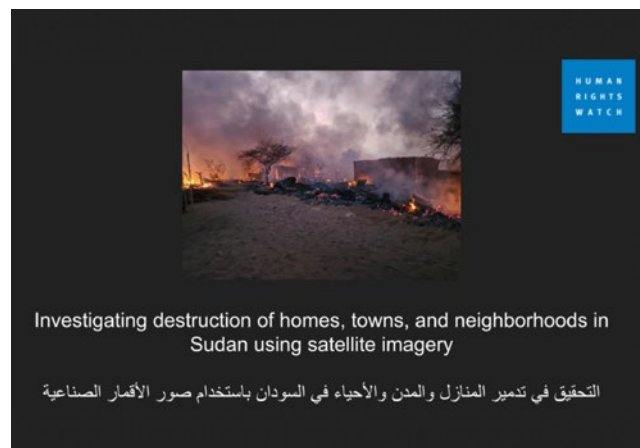
- **Amanda Ghahremani**, Legal Consultant, International Criminal Law and Redress for Survivors of Atrocity Crimes
- **Ben Gumpert**, QC, Crown Court Judge and former barrister; former Senior Trial Lawyer at the International Criminal Court
- **James Stewart**, former Deputy Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court
- **Kirsty Sutherland**, barrister at 9 Bedford Row, acted as defence counsel in several international courts and tribunals. ■

## OPEN-SOURCE INVESTIGATIONS TRAINING FOR SUDANESE JOURNALISTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS

Within the framework of its “Capacity building for civil society and the justice sector in Sudan” project, the Wayamo Foundation held a one-day workshop on 28 May 2024, bringing together Sudanese journalists and Human Rights Monitors for an in-depth training session on the best use of open-source investigative techniques in reporting the conflict and documenting human rights violations.

**Robin Taylor**, Research Assistant, Crisis, Conflict and Arms Division, Human Rights Watch provided in-depth training on open-source investigations, focusing on Google Earth Pro & other free high-resolution satellite imagery. **Taylor** also presented the latest research report from Human Rights Watch: “*The Massalit Will Not Come Home*” — Ethnic Cleansing and Crimes Against Humanity in El Geneina, West Darfur, Sudan, highlighting the role of open-source research in the report.

Wayamo Digital Programmes Manager **Kris Kotarski** and Wayamo’s Africa Director **Joseph Roberts-Mensah** led a discussion on open-source methods in journalism, and storyboarding using the latest NGO research. ■



2 July 2024  
Online Workshops

## OPEN-SOURCE INVESTIGATIONS TRAINING FOR SUDANESE JOURNALISTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS

Wayamo held the second in an ongoing series of online workshops on 2 July 2024, bringing together Sudanese journalists and Human Rights Monitors for another in-depth training session on the best use of open-source investigative techniques in reporting the conflict and documenting human rights violations. This time, **Robin Taylor**, Research Assistant, Crisis, Conflict and Arms Division, Human Rights Watch focused on the investigation of the destruction of homes, towns, and neighbourhoods in Sudan using fire detecting satellite imagery. **Taylor** also presented the latest research from Human Rights Watch: “*Sudan: Unlawful Attacks on Civilians, Infrastructure*”, highlighting the role of open source research in the report.

Wayamo Digital Programmes Manager **Kris Kotarski** and Wayamo’s Africa Director **Joseph Roberts-Mensah** followed with storyboarding for journalists using the latest NGO research. ■



8 August 2024 and 22 August 2024  
Online Workshops

## CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE JUSTICE SECTOR IN SUDAN

Within the framework of its *“Capacity building for civil society and the justice sector in Sudan”* project, on 8 August 2024 and 22 August 2024 the Wayamo Foundation held the third and fourth in an ongoing series of online workshops bringing together Sudanese journalists and Human Rights Monitors for an in-depth training session on the best use of open-source investigative techniques in reporting the conflict and documenting human rights violations.

**Robin Taylor**, Research Assistant, Crisis, Conflict and Arms Division, Human Rights Watch provided in-depth training on open-source investigations, focusing on geolocation. **Taylor** also presented the latest research from Human Rights Watch: Latest research from Human Rights Watch: *“Khartoum is not Safe for Women!”* - Sexual Violence against Women and Girls in Sudan’s Capital.

Wayamo Digital Programmes Manager **Kris Kotarski** and Wayamo’s Africa Director **Joseph Roberts-Mensah** led a discussion on open-source methods in journalism, and storyboarding using the latest NGO research. ■

9 — 12 September 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

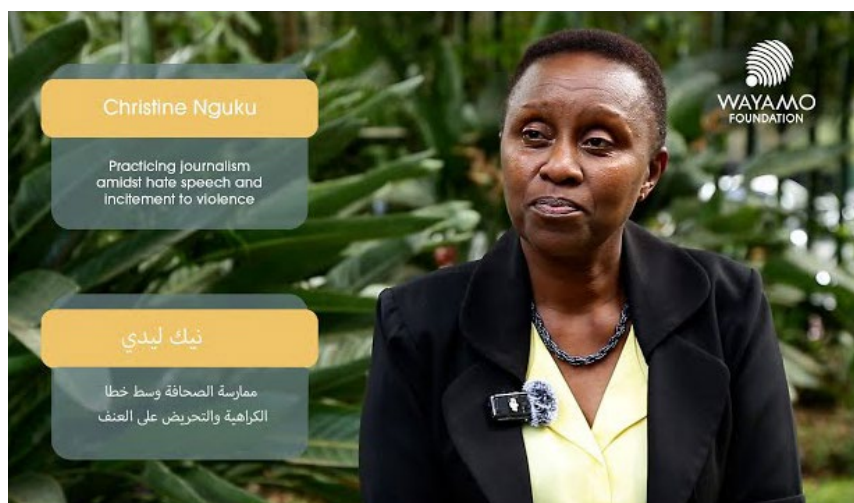
## NAIROBI WORKSHOP ON RESPONSIBLE MEDIA FOR JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN SUDAN

The Wayamo Foundation held a four-day workshop in Nairobi between 9-12 September 2024 on responsible media reporting of justice and accountability processes in and for Sudan. This workshop brought together Sudanese journalists and a limited number of human rights

reporters for training on reporting during times of armed conflict, understanding and dealing with trauma and self-care, reporting responsibly while navigating the complexities of hate speech, and universal jurisdiction for international crimes. ►



The training spanned three days and included both group sessions and practical break-out sessions. Wayamo drew on its pool of experts to establish peer-to-peer training and briefing sessions with Sudanese counterparts and the training was followed by a one-day, one-on-one engagement between Wayamo experts and the participants, aimed at producing well-prepared reports for various media platforms on critical issues discussed during the workshop or those of current importance in Sudan.



Wayamo drew on its expert network to lead the workshop sessions, with **Marine Alneel**, Executive Director Afia for Community and Psychological Wellness Services and Studies, leading sessions on understanding trauma self-care, and trauma and professionalism.

Veteran Kenyan journalists **Christine Nguku**, representing the Media Council of Kenya and **Macharia Gaitho**, Columnist and Former Managing Editor Special Projects at the Nation Media Group led sessions on practising journalism in the midst of hate/dangerous speech, and practical steps newsrooms can take in improving reporting on dangerous speech. **Nick Leddy**, Head of Litigation, Legal Action Worldwide (LAW), contributed a session on the promise of universal jurisdiction, discussing international efforts to achieve justice for crimes committed in Sudan.



Wayamo's team also contributed to the training as well, with Legal and Research Officer **Abdalbasit Mohamed** leading a session on the legal complexities of the armed conflict in Sudan, while Coordinator for East Africa **Judie Kaberia** led a session on reporting safely in Kenya amidst political unrest. Wayamo Digital Programmes Manager **Kris Kotarski** led a session on fact checking around online hate speech and incitement along with **Robin Taylor**, Research Assistant, Crisis, Conflict & Arms Division, Human Rights Watch, while **Gouja Ahmed**, Wayamo Sudan Communications and Logistics Officer co-facilitated a session with **Nasraldeen Eltayeb**, Editor-in-Chief, Ayin Network who led his fellow Sudanese journalists in a lively discussion on improving awareness and not becoming part of the problem on hate speech.

Finally, Wayamo's Africa Director **Joseph Roberts-Mensah** led the trainees and his fellow presenters through a full day story workshop, working on in-depth strategies for reporting accurately and objectively. ■



25 — 27 November 2024

Nairobi, Kenya

## TRAUMA-INFORMED INTERVIEWING AND ICC SPOKESPERSON AT WORKSHOP FOR SUDANESE JOURNALISTS

The Wayamo Foundation held a three-day workshop in Nairobi between 25-27 November 2024 on responsible media reporting of justice and accountability processes in and for Sudan. This workshop brought together Sudanese journalists for training on reporting during times of armed conflict, trauma sensitive interview techniques, and reporting on the International Criminal Court anticipating the conclusion of the prosecution and defence arguments in the trial of Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman (*“Ali Kushayb”*) taking place in December 2024.

The training spanned three days and included both group sessions and practical break-out sessions, as well as an interview session with the spokesperson of the International Criminal Court. Wayamo’s Legal and Research Officer **Abdalbasit Mohamed** began the first day of the workshop with an update on the legal situation in Sudan. ▶







His session was followed by **Mikel Delagrange**, Wayamo's Senior International Legal Advisor, who discussed how lawyers at international tribunals use journalistic reports and journalists to contribute to accountability processes, focusing on how reports are used to prove perpetrators' knowledge in sexual violence and torture cases in particular.

Wayamo's in-house reporters, Digital Programmes Manager **Kris Kotarski** and Coordinator for East Africa **Judie Kaberia** drew on their years of experience covering the International Criminal Court and other tribunals to conclude the first day with a session on reporting effectively on judicial proceedings.

On the second day, Wayamo drew on its expert network to lead the workshop sessions, with **Marine Alneel**, Executive Director Afia for Community and Psychological Wellness Services and Studies, leading practical role plays on trauma informed interview techniques. Her sessions were followed by presentations from the International Criminal

Court with **Greta Barbone**, Outreach Policy Officer, Public Information and Outreach Section and **Amina Hamila**, Associate Outreach Officer, discussing the background of the court, the "*Ali Kushayb*" case where closing statements will take place on 11-13 December 2024

This was followed by a press conference with **Fadi El Abdallah**, Spokesperson and Head of the Public Affairs Unit, International Criminal Court who answered journalists' questions about the court on the record.

The final day of the conflict focused on modern storytelling for justice, with Wayamo's **Kris Kotarski** contributing a session on responsibly presenting interviews with victims of violence, before Wayamo's Africa Director **Joseph Roberts-Mensah** and his colleagues led the trainees through a practical story workshop, drafting story outlines and providing peer feedback. ■

# HIGHLIGHTS — SUDAN PROJECT

August 2024

## FILM - WAYAMO IN SUDAN 2022-2024: OUR IMPACT IN STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE JUSTICE SECTOR

In August 2024, the Wayamo Foundation published two videos which showed the impact of our work in strengthening the capacity of the civil society and the justice sector in Sudan. A link to the video is available [here](#): and the Rapid Support Forces in April 2023, all efforts of building capacity for domestic accountability had to be put on hold as the country was plunged into a full-scale internal armed conflict.

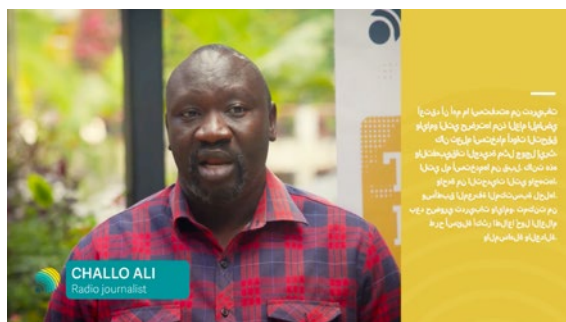
The film highlights our efforts in strengthening the capacity of civil society and legal actors from Sudan to address core grievances and break the cycle of impunity for international crimes. Addressing impunity for international crimes and human rights violations is key to building a solid foundation for the establishment of democratic institutions, respect for the rule of law and human rights. The danger of reoccurrence of international crimes will remain until the root causes of political exclusion, historical grievances and outstanding justice and accountability demands are addressed through transitional justice measures.

The impact of our work can be also felt among media professionals, where media actors have received training with the objective of strengthening reporting skills and building their knowledge about critical justice-related issues. We believe that well-trained journalists and informed citizens able to take a fuller participatory role in their countries' public discourse are key to enhancing local ownership of justice and accountability.

### *Anecdotes from our beneficiaries on the impact of Wayamo's capacity building activities*

Participants indicated that they had improved their knowledge in documenting human rights violations through the application of modern forms of evidence, including open-source information, the exercise of universal jurisdiction and enhanced networking, peer learning and cooperation amongst Sudanese and East African legal communities.

Here are some quotes from the lawyers and human rights defenders who were interviewed for this video:



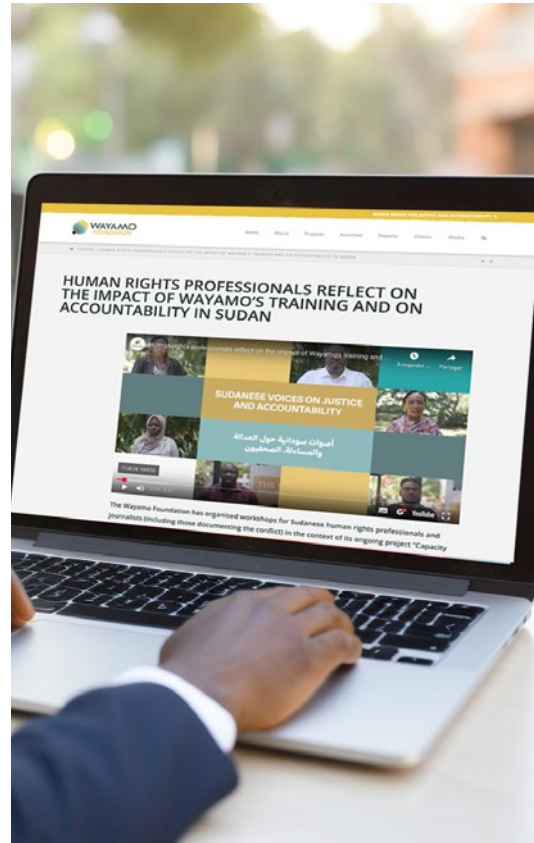
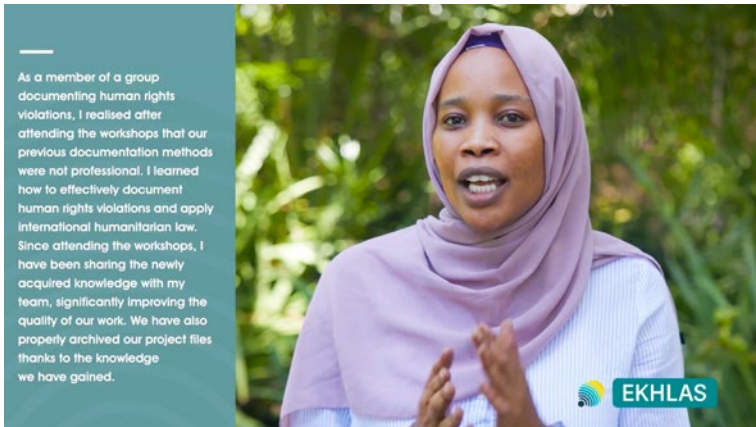
► “One of the most pressing needs in Sudan, particularly in the aftermath of the outbreak of the war, is justice. The Sudanese judicial system is unable and unwilling to deliver the much-needed justice. As lawyers, we now find ourselves scattered across various countries. Learning about universal jurisdiction has been very useful for me, as I now see that it is possible to pursue justice on a regional level in East Africa.” ►

FOLLOW THE LINK TO WATCH THE VIDEOS:

► [wayamo.com/archives/sudan-impact-2024](https://wayamo.com/archives/sudan-impact-2024)

► *“As a documenter of human rights violations, I realised that our previous documentation practices were unprofessional. I learned how to effectively document violations and apply international humanitarian law. Since attending the workshops, I have been sharing the newly acquired knowledge within my team, significantly improving the quality of our work.”*

► *“These workshops have significantly enhanced my skills in investigations, especially through collecting open-source information. I have also learned how to use this evidence in my advocacy work.”*



## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

► In January 2024, Wayamo launched the Sudan online Justice hub (link: [sudan-justice-hub.wayamo.com](https://sudan-justice-hub.wayamo.com)) for Sudanese lawyers, human rights defenders, journalists and civil society actors. By December 2024, the hub contained over 42 videos with various experts including judges, strategic litigation experts, open-source information experts, information on documentation of human rights violations, various crimes and avenues for justice.

► By the end of 2024, a total of 138 Sudanese lawyers, human rights defenders, journalists and other civil society actors received capacity building on effective documentation of human rights violations, including what to do in special situations involving vulnerable victims (sexual gender-based violations, children, and other traumatised persons)

► A total of 218 participants attended awareness raising sessions (symposia) on justice and accountability themes related to Sudan.

► By the end of 2024, 52 media representatives received capacity building on conflict sensitive journalism, recognising and countering hate speech, as well as international criminal law and international humanitarian law.

► By the end of 2024, 90 news articles on international justice and accountability have been published in various Arabic and English language newspapers and media channels by our network of journalists. ■



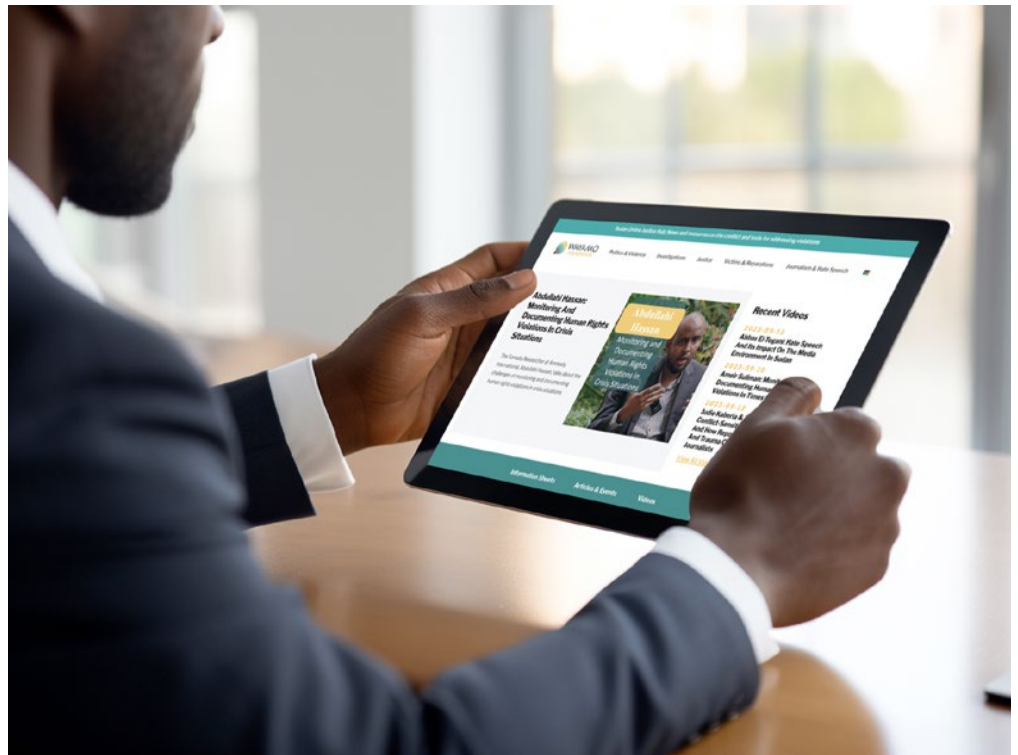
# SUDAN JUSTICE HUB

January 2024

## WAYAMO FOUNDATION LAUNCHES BILINGUAL SUDAN ONLINE JUSTICE HUB, EMPOWERING CIVIL SOCIETY AND LEGAL COMMUNITY WITH VITAL RESOURCES

In January 2024, the Wayamo Foundation launched its Sudan online justice hub. The hub, which has been several months in the making, is a bilingual English and Arabic website that provides a comprehensive platform consolidating print and multimedia materials relating to the ongoing conflict in Sudan, regional and international experiences with justice, and tools that empower civil society actors to respond to ongoing violations in the country.

The hub features content designed for human rights defenders, civil society organisations, journalists, university students, academics, researchers, and all those with an interest in international criminal justice in Sudan. The platform is also designed to serve as a valuable resource for Sudanese lawyers and, potentially, for investigators, prosecutors and judges. ►



FOLLOW THE LINK TO VISIT THE HUB:

► [sudan-justice-hub  
.wayamo.com](https://sudan-justice-hub.wayamo.com)

### Key features of the Sudan Justice Hub:

#### 1. COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE

The hub focuses on justice and accountability resources for Sudan, offering insights into regional and international experiences with justice. This includes a wealth of resources to aid civil society actors in responding to ongoing violations in the country.

#### 2. EXPERT INTERVIEWS

Experts in investigations, international justice, and domestic prosecution of international crimes offer unique perspectives and insights for the Sudanese audience and beyond.

#### 3. FACT SHEETS

Quick introductions to complex justice-related themes provide a nuanced starting point for understanding the challenges and opportunities facing Sudanese civil society and journalists.

#### 4. SKILL BUILDING

The hub focuses on practical information to empower individuals and organisations with the necessary tools to contribute effectively to justice initiatives.

#### 5. WAYAMO JOURNALISM NETWORK

The hub features information on journalistic best practices, such as conflict-sensitive reporting, as well as journalistic contributions from members of the Wayamo Journalism Network and partner organisations, which will enhance comprehension of the current situation in Sudan and its implications for international criminal justice.

The Sudan Justice Hub reflects Wayamo's commitment to fostering knowledge, skill-building, and collaboration among diverse stakeholders involved in the pursuit of justice and is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands and the German Federal Foreign Office. ■

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# THE AFRICA GROUP FOR JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY



AGJA

The **Africa Group for Justice and Accountability (AGJA)** is an independent group of senior African experts on international criminal law including political figures, members of international and domestic tribunals, and human rights advocates. It was established on 23 November 2015 with the mandate to *“strengthen justice and accountability measures in Africa through domestic and regional capacity building, advice and outreach, and enhancing cooperation between Africa and the International Criminal Court”*.

One of its unique features is its independence from governments, the International Criminal Court and other organisations. This has been indispensable to the Group’s mandate. AGJA has shown its ability to gain the trust of African states, diplomats, and institutions across the international criminal justice spectrum.

The Wayamo Foundation is the Africa Group’s secretariat and convener.





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14 August 2024

### **AGJA statement on landmark crimes against humanity conviction in Guinea**

The AGJA welcomes the trial and conviction of those responsible for the 2009 Stadium Massacre in Conakry, Guinea. The Group congratulates the Guinean authorities involved in this historic decision, sincerely hopes that it will provide a sense of justice and closure for the victims and their loved ones and stresses the importance of reparations being delivered to those who suffered from the 28 September 2009 attack.

On 31 July, a court in Conakry pronounced the conviction of former President Dadis Camara, his aide-de-camp, Aboubacar Diakité, and former Secretary of State, Moussa Thiegboro Camara, on charges of crimes against humanity. The charges included torture, kidnapping and rape.

AGJA extends its congratulations to civil society organisations and groups representing victims on their outstanding efforts in pushing for accountability, including but not limited to the Association of Victims, Parents and Friends of the September 28 Massacre, the Guinean Human Rights Organisation, and the International Federation for Human Rights. AGJA commends these groups and others on their ongoing crucial work of addressing the full scope of atrocities committed in Guinea and holding all perpetrators to account. AGJA further emphasises the importance of the Guinean government responding to the concerns of its legal professionals in a manner that reflects and respects the rule of law.

The trial and conviction reflect the critical role played by national justice systems in addressing international crimes, including those perpetrated by senior state officials. In 2009, the International Criminal Court initiated a preliminary examination into the alleged atrocities committed on 28 September of that year. The examination was concluded in 2022, when it became clear that Guinea was active, as well as willing and able, to genuinely and effectively investigate and prosecute those responsible for the deaths of over 150 people, and the violence waged upon many others. The trial and conviction are therefore a vindication and an indication of the ongoing relevance of the principle of complementarity, a central feature of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

AGJA trusts that the justice achieved will promote healing for victims of the Conakry Stadium Massacre. Crucially, with the conviction secured, reparations must now follow. Indeed, the court awarded a sum of 200 million to one billion Guinean francs for this purpose, and AGJA underscores the importance of ensuring that these awards are duly paid out to the victims. ■



19 August 2024

## AGJA statement calls for productive engagement by African states on Crimes Against Humanity Treaty

AGJA calls on African states to engage productively and supportively in the ongoing negotiations over a Crimes Against Humanity Treaty. Such a treaty would offer an important additional tool for those engaged in the fight against international crimes around the globe.

At the 79th session of the UN General Assembly's Sixth Committee which will take place later this year, the Draft Articles on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity prepared by the International Law Commission will be discussed and debated. Should states proceed and the treaty subsequently be adopted, a stand-alone convention on crimes against humanity would join others already addressing war crimes and genocide.

Some African states have already indicated their support for treaty negotiations. AGJA lauds the position taken by these states and encourages others, especially those that have yet to adopt an official position on the matter, to support the adoption of a Crimes Against Humanity Treaty and engage productively in building consensus on adopting the treaty during this year's meetings of the General Assembly's Sixth Committee. ■



### AGJA ACTIVITIES

Africa Group members continued to advocate for justice and accountability for international crimes. During Wayamo events in Nairobi, AGJA member **Betty Murungi** spoke about the role of fact-finding missions in the context of *"Transitioning to accountability: how advocacy and fact-finding initiatives can be conducted with future accountability processes in mind"*.

AGJA member **Dapo Akande** was one of the main experts at Wayamo's International Justice Symposium in Abuja and spoke about the future of international criminal justice in Africa. ■





# INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

4 December 2024  
The Hague, Netherlands

## **WAYAMO HOSTS ICC ASP SIDE EVENT “DISRUPTING INTERNATIONAL CRIMES IN SUDAN: VIEWS FROM THE FRONT LINES”**

On 4 December 2024, the Wayamo Foundation hosted a side event entitled, *“Disrupting international crimes in Sudan – Views from the front lines”*, at the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, co-hosted by Germany.

The panel discussion focused on ways to address mass atrocities committed in Sudan and how to identify and disrupt criminal networks responsible for international crimes, using a wide range of creative methods.



The event was moderated by **Mark Kersten**, Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University Fraser Valley, Canada and Senior Consultant, Wayamo Foundation and featured:

- ▶ **Rashid Ahmine Esq.**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Mauritius
- ▶ **Hala Alkarib**, Regional Director, Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA) Network
- ▶ **Yasmin Chubin**, Legal Advocacy Director, Clooney Foundation for Justice
- ▶ **Mikel Delagrance**, Senior International Legal Advisor, Wayamo Foundation ▶
- ▶ **Antonia Mulvey**, Executive Director, Legal Action Worldwide (LAW)
- ▶ **Pubudu Sachithanandan**, Head of Unified Team at the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

The speakers stressed the fact that they saw their role as contributing to the collective goal of addressing atrocities in Sudan. Indeed, the panel discussion made it clear that, rather than representing individual organisations, the diverse actors presented a united front of international and regional civil society actors, national prosecuting authorities and the International Criminal Court, all committed to pursuing justice and accountability in Sudan. Turning to those cases where accountability was not immediately possible, the panellists went on to explain how the very ability of perpetrators to commit international crimes could be disrupted.

In line with the theme of “*disrupting international crimes*”, there was therefore a spirited discussion on how to:

- ▶ Inhibit the main belligerents from travelling around the continent as statesmen
- ▶ Interfere with financial and weapon flows from neighbouring countries to Sudan
- ▶ Use universal jurisdiction to pursue accountability for the crimes committed in Sudan.

One Sudanese civil society actor said, “*The current belligerents have been invited by South Africa and Rwanda on official visits, including to the Rwandan Genocide Museum, which is an insult to the people of Sudan .... they have turned our entire country into a genocide museum!*”

One of the key takeaways from the event was the description of efforts currently under way to document international crimes for the purposes of future accountability efforts, including universal jurisdiction (UJ) cases. Work is also being done to sensitise new UJ venues (apart from the established venues in Europe) to the need to engage in the greater fight against impunity and impair the ability of those accused of international crimes to travel freely. In line with Wayamo’s programming and raison d’être, the event endeavoured to further the ongoing conversation over creativity, complementarity and the role of the ICC in working proactively with national authorities to investigate and prosecute international crimes. Finally, together with international civil society partners and regional prosecuting authorities, efforts are currently being undertaken to investigate, track and trace financial flows tied to the commission of crimes in Sudan.

As demonstrated at the ASP, the Wayamo Foundation is seeking to form a coalition to engage in the fight against impunity in Sudan, a mission eloquently endorsed by Mauritian Director of Public Prosecutions, **Rashid Ahmine**, when he said, “*May justice –be it domestic or international– always prevail!*” ■



# LIST OF 2024 ACTIVITIES

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## SUDAN JUSTICE HUB

Wayamo launches [online platform](#) with vital resources for civil society and legal community in Sudan and the diaspora

May 2024  
Online

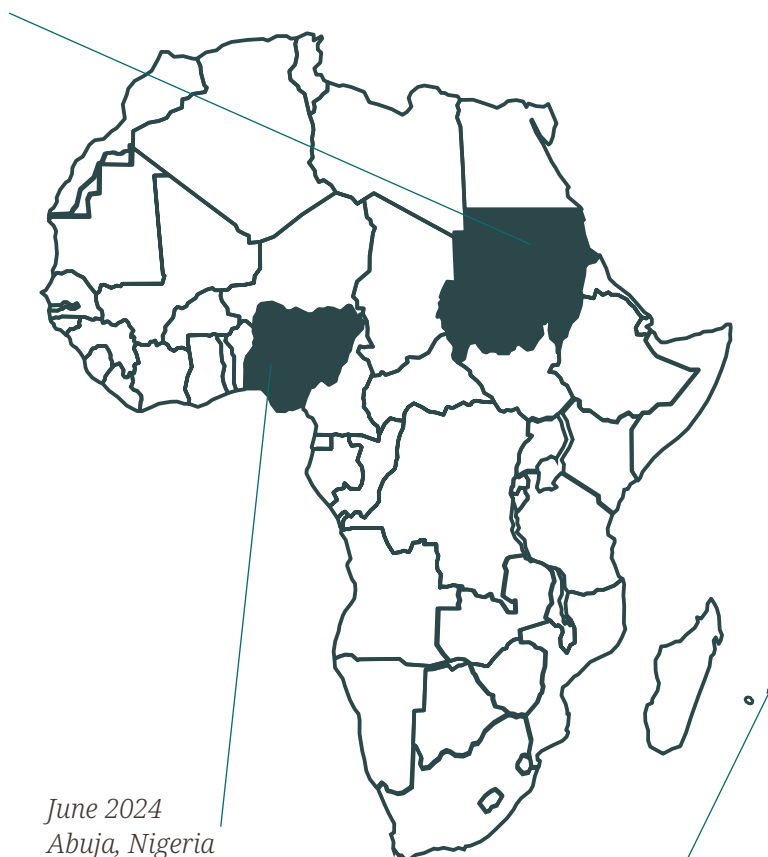
## OPEN-SOURCE INVESTIGATIONS TRAINING FOR SUDANESE JOURNALISTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS IN KENYA, UGANDA AND SUDAN

July 2024  
Online

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August 2024  
Online

## OPEN-SOURCE INVESTIGATIONS TRAINING FOR SUDANESE JOURNALISTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS IN KENYA, UGANDA AND SUDAN



June 2024  
Abuja, Nigeria

## INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM ON THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN AFRICA

September 2024  
Port Louis, Mauritius

## INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

December 2024  
The Hague, Netherlands

## ICC ASP SIDE EVENT "DISRUPTING INTERNATIONAL CRIMES IN SUDAN: VIEWS FROM THE FRONT LINES"

August 2024  
Berlin, Germany

## FILM: OUR IMPACT IN STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE JUSTICE SECTOR IN SUDAN



March 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

**WAYAMO LEGAL WORKSHOP  
FOR SUDANESE CIVIL SOCIETY  
ACTORS AND LAWYERS ON  
ADVANCING ACCOUNTABILITY  
THROUGH EFFECTIVE  
DOCUMENTATION EFFORTS**

March 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

**WORKSHOP ON ADVANCING  
ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH  
EFFECTIVE DOCUMENTATION EFFORTS**

March 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

**WORKSHOP ON RESPONSIBLE MEDIA  
FOR JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY  
IN SUDAN**

September 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

**WAYAMO AND KENYA'S  
PTI HOST INTERNATIONAL  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM**

September 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

**NAIROBI MENTORING  
SESSIONS FOR SUDANESE CIVIL  
SOCIETY ACTORS AND LAWYERS**

September 2024  
Nairobi, Kenya

**WORKSHOP ON RESPONSIBLE  
MEDIA FOR JUSTICE AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY IN SUDAN**



June 2024  
Kampala, Uganda

**MENTORING SESSIONS  
FOR SUDANESE CIVIL  
SOCIETY ACTORS AND  
LAWYERS**

November 2024  
Kampala, Uganda

**EQUIPPING FOR  
JUSTICE: KAMPALA  
WORKSHOP ON  
TOOLS FOR EFFECTIVE  
DOCUMENTATION AND  
CASE BUILDING**

# WHAT SETS US APART

Wayamo gGmbH is an independent, non-profit organisation established to strengthen the rule of law, promote justice for international and transnational crimes and foster transparency through judicial capacity building, mediation and informed journalism.

Wayamo does this by:

- ▶ **Building** the capacity of national judicial systems
- ▶ **Training** judges, prosecutors, investigators and journalists
- ▶ **Advocating** transparency and accountability, often in post-conflict settings
- ▶ **Facilitating and supporting** dialogue between civil society and government leaders
- ▶ **Creating** networks of the highest-ranking investigators and prosecutors to combat international and transnational organised crimes.

## 1 OUR MODEL - FOUR-IN-ONE

Wayamo projects are based on a four-pillar model:

- ▶ Effective and context-sensitive capacity building for investigators, prosecutors and judges
- ▶ Top-level research on global justice issues
- ▶ High-profile public symposia and conferences
- ▶ Advanced media training.

We are the only NGO that can claim to do all of these as part of a unique, coherent and complementary model.

## 2 OUR FOCUS - HOLISTIC CAPACITY-BUILDING APPROACH

The model of our capacity-building workshops is based on the conviction that law enforcement agencies, prosecution authorities and the judiciary, all need to work in an integrated fashion. Bringing these actors together to work and train in a practice-oriented environment is what makes our model unique. Furthermore, our capacity-building programming combines training in international and transnational organised crimes, as well as the linkages between them.

## 3 OUR PARTNER - THE AFRICA GROUP FOR JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Wayamo has demonstrated its unique ability to respond to the 'pulse' of international justice with creative and ground-breaking projects, such as the formation of AGJA. Our focus is to identify the problems and bring together the right constellation of actors to address them.

## 4 OUR APPROACH - PRIORITISING THE LOCAL

In all of its projects the Wayamo Foundation works closely with partners on the ground and prioritises local buy-in, thereby ensuring that each project is locally embedded, supported and sustained. Our achievements are possible due to the network of trusted partners which we have built up over the years and with which we work at all levels: domestic, regional and international.

## 5 OUR TEAM - SMALL SIZE, LARGE FOOTPRINT

The Wayamo team is lean, agile, and highly committed, bringing together a diversity of voices and expertise from the fields of international criminal law, media, international relations and civil society. We punch above our weight.

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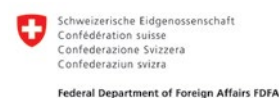
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