



## Special Adviser Without Portfolio

### Short Bio. | Judge Dr Sanji Mmasenono Monageng



Judge Dr Sanji Mmasenono Monageng is a distinguished international judicial expert with over 30 years of experience in law, human rights, and international justice. She currently serves as the Botswana High Commissioner to South Africa, a role she has held since November 2022. Dr Monageng was also the President of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Administrative Tribunal until 2024, and has been a Judge on the Tribunal since 2019. She also served as President and member of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges at the International Criminal Court (ICC) until December 2024.

Dr Monageng has a longstanding career in international law, including her service as a Judge at the ICC from 2009 to 2018, where she held prominent roles, including Appeals Division Judge, President of the Appeals Division (2014-2015), and First Vice President of the ICC (2012-2015). She also served as a Judge of the High Court of the Kingdom of Eswatini (2008-2009) and the High Court of The Gambia (2006-2007). Dr Monageng was Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (2007-2009) and a Commissioner from 2003 to 2009.

In addition to her judicial career, Dr Monageng is a founding member and former Chief Executive Officer of the Law Society of Botswana. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and holds numerous professional memberships, including with the International Commission on Missing Persons and the International Association of Women Judges.

Dr Monageng has received several honours for her contribution to the rule of law and human rights, including an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Botswana in 2022 and the Human Rights Award from the International Association of Women Judges in 2014. She has also been a strong advocate for women's rights, children's rights, and international justice throughout her career. Dr Monageng is also an experienced lecturer.

