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**Binta Mansaray Named Special Court Registrar**



The Secretary-General of the United Nations has named Binta Mansaray of Sierra Leone as Registrar of the Special Court. Ms. Mansaray, who was appointed Deputy Registrar in July 2007, has served as Acting Registrar since June 2009.

Binta Mansaray joined the Special Court for Sierra Leone in 2003 as Outreach Coordinator, where she designed the Court's acclaimed grassroots programme to keep the people of Sierra Leone, and later Liberia, informed about the Court and the trials.

Prior to joining the Court, she was a human rights advocate for victims and ex-combatants with a number of organizations. She held the post of Country Representative for the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children in Sierra Leone, worked with the Campaign for Good Governance, and served as consultant with the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) and a number of civil society organizations.

During her time as Acting Registrar, Ms. Mansaray has overseen the end of trials in Freetown and the transfer of convicted persons to serve their sentences, as well as the downsizing of the Court and consideration of residual issues. She has also continued to focus on the legacy of the Special Court and the continuing trial of former Liberian President Charles Taylor in The Hague.

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The Special Court is an independent tribunal established jointly by the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone. It is mandated to bring to justice those who bear the greatest responsibility for atrocities committed in Sierra Leone after 30 November 1996.

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