

Her Excellency Judge Professor (Mrs) Akua Kuenyehia retired in March 2015 from the International Criminal Court at The Hague (the ICC) after serving the maximum possible term of twelve years.

She was elected an inaugural judge of the ICC at the inception of the court in 2003 serving as a judge and First Vice President from 2003 to 2009 and then as a judge of the Appeals Division of the Court from 2009 to March 2015.

Prior to the ICC, Her Excellency was in academia. She joined the law faculty of University Of Ghana in 1972 and rose to become a Professor of Law. She was the first female to be employed by the Faculty, the first female professor of law and the first female Dean of the Faculty of Law. During her tenure as Dean, she started work on a state of the art building for the faculty. In recognition for her work, the building was named after her and the late Professor John Evans Atta-Mills, former President of Ghana.

She has also been a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Temple University, Northwestern University and Imo State University, Nigeria.

While teaching, she concentrated her research on the impact of the law on the lives and rights of women in Ghana, Africa and then globally. Believing that education is an important component in the status of women, she used her influence to advocate for keeping girls in school in order to improve the status of women as well as achieve gender equality.

She has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Order of the Star of Ghana (the highest award conferred by the Government of the Republic of Ghana on an individual).

Her Excellency is an honorary fellow of Somerville College Oxford, her alma mater, and the life patron of the Akua Kuenyehia Foundation, a foundation set up in her honour by her children to support the education of bright underprivileged girls in Ghana.

Born in Akropong, Akuapem, she attended Achimota School and Ghana Secondary School. She holds a bachelor of laws (LLB) degree from the University of Ghana and a bachelor of civil laws (BCL) degree from the University of Oxford. At the Ghana Law School, where she obtained her professional diploma for admission to the Ghana Bar, she was the recipient of the prestigious John Mensah Sarbah Prize for the Best Student.

She has served on a number of local and international boards and committees including the Expert Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women at the United Nations, the boards of Barclays Bank Ghana Limited and Graphic Corporation Limited and the Council of the University of Cape Coast.

She has published widely in leading academic journals, written or edited books and book chapters and delivered over a hundred research papers. Together with Professor Cynthia Bowman of Cornell University she authored "*Women and Law in Sub Saharan Africa*".

She is married with 3 adult children and four grandchildren.

Henry Baye is currently the Head of Retail Banking, Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Ltd, with oversight responsibilities for West Africa (i.e Nigeria, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivoire and Cameroon). Prior to this appointment he was Head of Retail Clients for Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Ltd., with oversight responsibilities for Gambia and Sierra Leone.

Henry has 19 years of banking experience. He commenced his banking career in Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Ltd. in 1997. He has extensive experience in senior roles in various banks. During his first eleven years in Standard Chartered he served in various roles including Branch Manager, General Manager Unsecured Lending, General Manager Distribution and Wealth in Ghana and then General Manager, West Africa.

He also worked for Barclays Bank Ghana Limited as Head of Distribution and for Universal Merchant Bank as Head of Consumer Banking and doubled as Head of Corporate Banking.