

Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf | Class of 1980

Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf was appointed the President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in 2018 for a three-year mandate before resuming his functions as a judge on the court. Prior to his presidency, he held various positions in multilateral bodies and international organisations in Vienna, Geneva and New York. Committed to spreading the theory and practice of international law as seen from an African perspective, he also founded the African Yearbook of International Law in 1993 and the African Foundation for International Law in 2003.



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Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, President of the International Court of Justice, gives his report on the International Court of Justice during the 74th Session of the General Assembly at the UN General Assembly in October 2019.



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Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, President of the Court, presides over the opening of ICJ Hearings in the case of The Gambia v. Myanmar. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), held public hearings from 10 to 12 December 2019 on the case concerning Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar) at the Peace Palace in The Hague. The case brought the first judicial scrutiny of Myanmar's campaign of murder, rape, arson and other atrocities against Rohingya Muslims.



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Judge Yusuf, as Vice-President of the ICJ, led a delegation of judicial institutions based in the Hague and was received by Archbishop Tutu at his residence in Pretoria, South Africa.



