



Fatsah Ouguergouz | Class of 1991

Of Algerian origin, Fatsah Ouguergouz held various positions in the field of international law, notably in the peaceful settlement of disputes (judiciary, arbitration, conciliation and mediation) within and outside the United Nations, such as Judge at the Administrative Tribunal of the African Development Bank and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Secretary of the International Court of Justice, or Chairperson of the International Commission of Inquiry on Burundi established by the United Nations Human Rights Council. He kept close ties with academia, authoring numerous publications and serving as visiting professor at several law schools, Rector of the African Institute of International Law, Associate Editor of the African Yearbook of International Law or Member of the Institut de droit international.



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In 1994, Ouguergouz served as Investigator in Rwanda during the very first field mission dispatched by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; here, photographed by his colleague, the late Omran Ahaman, on their way back from Cyangugu to Kigali to document the report which led to the creation of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.



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On 29 February 2000, as a Secretary of the Court, Ouguergouz met French President Jacques Chirac during an official visit at the World Court in the Peace Palace under the watchful eye of former presidents of the Court.



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From 2006 to 2016, Ouguergouz sat on the very first bench of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (Arusha), as Judge and Vice-President; here, reading a judgement.

