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Judges End Plenary, Elect Justice Renate Winter as President



The Judges of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone ended their Plenary on Friday with the election of Justice Renate Winter of Austria as President. She succeeds Justice Philip Nyamu Waki of Kenya, who had served as President since the Court commenced operations in 2014.

Justice Winter served as an Appeals Judge of the Special Court for Sierra Leone from 2002 to 2013. She previously served as international judge of the Supreme Court of Kosovo, as part of the United Nations interim civilian administration. She was appointed a Judge of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone in 2013.

The Judges also elected Justice Elizabeth Ibamda Nahamya of Uganda and Justice Emmanuel Ekundayo Roberts of Sierra Leone as Vice-President and Staff Appeals Judge, respectively.

Justice Waki presided over the Plenary, and formally welcomed newly-appointed judge Justice Desmond Babatunde Edwards to the Court.

During their two days of meetings, the Judges approved a Practice Direction on the early release of prisoners, received briefings from court officials and from the Working Group on Enforcement of Sentences, and deliberated on the 2016 Annual Report.

The Judges also considered a number of proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, and approved several Rule changes relating to the smooth functioning of the Court.

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The Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone is responsible for the ongoing legal obligations of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, which concluded its mandate in December 2013. These include supervision of prison sentences, witness protection and support, maintenance and preservation of the archives, and assistance to national prosecution authorities.

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