It is with deep regret that the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea announces the death of Judge Tafsir Malick Ndiaye (Senegal).

Judge Ndiaye was a member of the Tribunal since its inauguration in 1996 until 2020 and thus served as a judge for 24 years.

Born on 7 February 1953, Judge Ndiaye received his Doctor of Law from the University of Paris. He was a lecturer at the University of Paris X and at the University of Dakar as well as a visiting professor in several universities. In addition, Judge Ndiaye acted as counsel and co-agent for the Government of Senegal in a number of international cases. Judge Ndiaye was a member of the Ethics Board of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and the Panel of Eminent Persons of the African Union. He also authored many books, monographs, articles and papers in various fields of public international law, in particular the law of the sea, international environmental law, and international organizations and the law of integration.

The members of the Tribunal pay tribute to Judge Ndiaye’s contribution to international law of the sea and will honour his memory.

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