



## Biography of Panel Speakers

### **Mr. Allan Ngari**



**Allan Ngari is the Director of Advocacy, Africa Division at Human Rights Watch.**

He has extensive experience and expertise on Africa's human rights landscape and the advocacy opportunities and challenges now and in the coming years. Previously at the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, whereas the Advocacy Programme Manager since June 2022, he facilitated a knowledge agenda on transitional justice and human rights, and provided strategic leadership to secure multi-stakeholder cooperation, partnerships, and funding for the Center's work with the African Union, regional economic communities and mechanisms, as well as with AU member states, civil society organizations, victim groups and associations, and women and youth groups. Prior to that, Allan was the Dakar, Senegal-based West Africa Regional Coordinator for the ENACT Project at the Institute for Security Studies, where he implemented a multi-Euro EU and German Foreign Office funded project with ECOWAS Commission and ECOWAS Member States on knowledge management and response to organized crime in West Africa.

Through his work, over 6 years, with the Institute for Security Studies in South Africa, Allan researched issues and coordinated projects to advance the fight against impunity for serious crimes and human rights violations in Africa. Among many other roles at the ISS, he coordinated the work plans of the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum's East Africa and West Africa Working Groups, which involved policy research, advocacy, and technical assistance to Central, East, Horn, and West African countries to develop and implement processes relating to radicalization, violence, and violent extremism. Before the ISS, Allan worked at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town -South Africa, running projects on the Great Lakes (Burundi, DRC, Rwanda, and Uganda) and Greater Horn, and then led the Kenya and International Justice desks on transitional justice and reconciliation, gender justice, electoral reform, and civic education, as well as reparations for victims of human rights abuse, and the impact of mass trauma.

A prolific writer and public analyst, Allan has published in English and French- dozens of reports, policy briefs, working papers, media articles and opinions. He holds a law degree from the University of Nairobi and a Master of Law degree from Stellenbosch University and speaks Kikuyu (his native Kenyan language), Swahili, English, French and basic Portuguese.

***Ms. Sulaima Ishaq Elkhalifa***



**Sulaima Ishaq Elkhalifa is the Director of Combating Violence against Women Unit at The Transitional Government.** She is a Child Protection and Young People Mental Health Expert & Gender-Based Violence Mitigation and Prevention Specialist. She led the Ahfad Trauma Center; the psychosocial support for GBV survivors in the aftermath of the sit in dispersal June 2019. Before joining the Transitional Government, she was a Lecturer at the School of Psychology at Ahfad University for Women; Senior Child Therapist at Ahfad Trauma Center and Heads the Trauma Outreach Office (TORCH) managing various collective healing projects conducted by TORCH targeting vulnerable women and communities affected by war and conflict. Also, she led projects dedicated to enhancing Mental Health services under the umbrella of peacebuilding and projects aimed to improve community resilience and self-reliance. Sulaima has 21 years of experience working on Psychosocial Support Projects for children and communities affected by war and conflict or living in underprivileged situations in Sudan, working with different UN agencies, INGOs and NGOs. Currently, Sulaima is finalizing her PHD Project, which focuses on establishing a Curriculum of Comprehensive Protection and Psychosocial Support Program for Professionals who works with children with disability. Sulaima is also an activist on Child protection, Gender-Based Violence, Human rights, development initiatives and Using Art as a medium of social change. She is a member of the INSAF Campaign of Transitional Justice. Sulaima is married, a mother of four children and lives with her family in Omdurman.

***Ms. Sufiya Bray***



**Sufiya Bray is Technical Expert and Project Manager for African Governance Architecture Support Project at the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM).** Prior to that, she served as a Senior Advocacy Officer and Project Manager at the Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVr). She is a human rights defender and practitioner with a background in Law. Her work focuses on the development and implementation of policy and institutional reforms on conflict transformation, peacebuilding, transitional justice and torture. Her experience includes advocacy, research, training, capacity building, policy analysis, policy development and project management in the peace, security, reconciliation, justice, gender mainstreaming and sexual and gender-based violence fields. She has worked extensively with continental and national policymakers, civil society actors and academics in post-conflict and transitional countries in Africa and the Middle East.