



# Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal

## Official Transcript: Angeline Djampou (Part 6 of 10)



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### Interview Summary

Angeline Djampou describes the facilities provided by the ICTR library and the different groups using library services. She speaks about embedded prejudices towards Hutus at the Tribunal, and the challenges of working with detainees, drawing attention to the importance of the presumption of innocence. Djampou reflects on travelling to Rwanda as part of her ICTR induction and stresses the importance of this experience for her work. She notes that many of those working at the Tribunal have never travelled to Rwanda.

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## Part 6

- 00:00**     **Ronald Slye: Okay, I am, I'm Ron Slye. I'm a Law Professor at Seattle University and just continuing the interview. I just wanted to ask a couple of follow up questions on the, on the library. What materials were the most useful in the collection?**
- 00:22     The materials that are most useful? Any material on international criminal law is useful. In the beginning we used a lot of case law; Nuremberg. But I think over the time there has been quite an amount of case law built by ICTR and ICTY, so the Nuremberg is being less and less used and the jurisprudence from ICTR and ICTY are being used plus just books on, on genocide, less on genocide but on in-, international criminal law, yes.
- 01:01**     **RS: And do you find that different judges want different types of materials, or different prosecutors or defense counsel?**
- 01:10     There are some materials that the judges, they all want a copy. For instance this one called Archbold. Judges all want their own copy of the Archbold by their desk and they don't want to be loaning or returning. And so . . .
- 01:31**     **RS: And Archbold is, what is that?**
- 01:33     (\_\_\_), Archbold you have – Archbold is the, a reference material in international, you have actually, it's a reference material in international criminal law. You have one that deals with international criminal tribunal and one that deals with criminal pleading. So judges, they want their own copy and we had a, a major problem with that in the beginning because it's a very expensive material and we cannot have one copy for each judge.
- 02:05     So what we did, fortunately there is a CD ROM version of the Archbold. We purchased the CD ROM and installed it on judges' computers. But also, you have judges who really like books. They don't want to use the CD ROM so for those, we al-, we've, we've tried to see who are those and we tried to give them a copy of the Archbold.
- 02:33     When we have an urgent request from somebody, we will loan that from the judge to attend another person's request, then we will return it to them. But others more increasingly are getting more familiar with the CD ROM version.
- 02:50     Then we have also dictionaries that they all use, and other than these very specific publications they will actually just use the library as normally as possible.
- 03:07**     **RS: Is there anything that you didn't have or don't have that you think you should have had or would have liked to have had earlier?**
- 03:22     Nothing that I think of, really. Nothing that I think of because we had a very strong collection from the beginning so I can't think of anything that I should have had because

our aim was also to, to be strong and to monitor what's happening in this field and buy. And as I mentioned before, we have a reasonable budget so it's not a problem.

- 04:01 So, what we try to adjust when we are short of budget is on the periodicals. We have access to online legal databases for instance, so we will cut down on periodicals to eliminate those periodicals that are covered by the online legal databases so that we can put the resources to buy what's really important, w-, th-, the other resources that, that are really important for our judges and parties to the trial.
- 04:38 So as of today, to be honest I, I don't think of any legal resources that we should have had and that we don't have. And when, whenever somebody comes to us with a request that we don't have, we will buy – even if it is by DHL, we will buy. And it has happened. We do it by credit card.
- 05:00 We've applied for a credit card and I think the library is the only section in ICTR with a credit card because the UN pro-, UN procurement rules are very complicated. What happens is that when you want to buy something, a book or an equipment, you have to submit three quotations. Then you have to subm-, to select one and justifying why you selected.
- 05:29 Then, you place the order and it takes, it can take three months. Three months for the order to arrive. Sometimes we have somebody, a party to a trial who said, "This, there is a book that has been cited in court. I need it." And you cannot wait for three months to have, so these are the sort of arguments that we put forward to New York to justify that we need a book.
- 05:54 When a party to a trial needs a book, if we should order it by DHL, we have to order it by DHL. So I think we've been very fortunate in that regard.