



**IN THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE AT ARUSHA  
FIRST INSTANCE DIVISION**



*(Coram: Monica Mugenyi, PJ; Isaac Lenaola, DPJ; Faustin Ntezilyayo, J;  
Fakihi A. Jundu, J & Audace Ngiye, J)*

**APPLICATION NO.11 OF 2015**

*(Arising from Reference No. 7 of 2015)*

**ALICE NIJIMBERE ..... APPLICANT**

**VERSUS**

**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT ..... RESPONDENT**

**24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015**

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## REASONED RULING OF THE COURT

1. In June 2015, the process for the recruitment of a Registrar for the East African Court of Justice commenced with the publication of an advertisement Ref. EAC/HR/2014-2015/033. The Applicant, a citizen of the Republic of Burundi, was one of the shortlisted candidates in that recruitment process. On the other hand, we understood the Respondent to have been the office responsible for oversight of the recruitment process.
2. On 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the Applicant filed Alice Nijimbere vs. The East African Community Secretariat EACJ Reference No. 7 of 2015, as well as the present Application before this Court. The Application sought purportedly interim orders pending the hearing of the Reference. It specifically sought the following Orders:
  - a. The nullification of the Respondent's decision of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 rejecting the Applicant's request of dispensation to be interviewed at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha rather than in Bujumbura, Burundi.
  - b. The suspension of the recruitment process in reference above until pleadings were closed.
  - c. The relaunch of the interview process as well as 'organization' (sic) of a different interview panel in accordance with the East African Community Staff Rules and Regulations, 2006.

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