

# NUST lecturer recognized as ICC investigator

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Dr. Pilisano Masake, a lecturer and deputy head of department of social sciences at the Namibian University of Science and Technology (NUST), was recently added to the list of professional investigators of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The ICC is a permanent institution with the mandate to prosecute and punish serious criminals on an international scale. The institution supports national courts and strives for justice.

In a letter to Masake, Mr. Esteban Peralta Losilla, head of the ICC's Advocate Support Division, that he meets the necessary requirements to be added to the coveted list of persons eligible to take part in court proceedings.

His duties as a listed professional investigator include investigating international crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

"I have investigated crimes locally and it has always been my aim to show my criminal investigation skills outside Namibia. So this is a huge achievement for me. I want to learn and be exposed to new investigative techniques and skills in the field of criminal investigation," Masake said.

Masake served as a detective in the Namibian police for 15 years. Since 2017, he has been offering various courses at NUST, including in crime investigation, criminal procedure law and criminal law.

"My exposure to international criminal investigations and international criminal justice procedures will now enable me to acquire further knowledge and skills, which can again be included in the courses I offer. In this way, international criminal law can be used to the benefit of our own law students," he said.

Professor Alinah Segobye, dean of the faculty, said: "As the faculty and indeed the university, we are honored by this recognition of dr. Masake's expertise. We hope that this will lead to more praise for his already very successful career. "