ICC documents.

Bossa was one of six new judges elected to the 18-member international court during the 16th session of the Assembly of States Parties held at the UN head offices in New York on Tuesday.

Set up in 2002 by the Rome Statute, to which Uganda is signatory, the ICC has a mandate to people for crimes genocide.

The pay for ICC judges is marginally higher than that of judges of the International Court of Justice, also based at The Hague in the judge's pension. The ICC judges are, however, responsible for their own health insurance.

Each of the ICC judges is entitled to a round trip from his or her declared

Court of Uganda, a position she still holds. She becomes the second female Ugandan judge to serve at a world court in recent years, after Sebutinde who is a judge at the ICC.

Nigerian investors seek jobs for their countrymen

By Betty Amamukirori

A delegation of 13 Nigerian investors who are in the country on a fact-finding mission, have instead asked Ugandan companies for job offers for their fellow countrymen.

While on a site visit to Roofings Rolling Mills Limited, Chief Michael Awunor, the leader of the delegation, told the company's plan manager, Santosh Tiwari, that in case of any job openings, he should not fear to tap human resource from Nigeria.

"Nigeria is a big economy with over 186 million people. Any time you feel you need experts to help in any chain of business, it can be production or distribution, just come to Nigeria," he said.

Awunor, who is also the president of the Nigeria Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture, said Nigeria has a big human resource base with expertise in every sector.

The visit was organised yesterday by the Uganda Investment Authority (UIA) to orient the prospective investors on the available space and how to acquire land at Namanve industrial park. While at Roofings, Tiwari took them through the process of making the different types of iron sheets, some of the challenges they face and the production rate per day.

The remarks by Awunor were a repeat of his call on the Government on Wednesday, to give priority to members of Nigeria Chamber of Commerce in all international contracts and jobs because they have the financial strength and expertise.



The Rtd Maj. Gen. Am Jibril, the chairperson of Barcelona International Limited, Edward Nkwegu, the president Nigeria, Uganda Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture, chief Michael Awounor and the senior investment executive, UIA's Hope Waira exchanging business cards during a business meeting for the development of Uganda and Nigeria held at UIA head offices in Kampala on Wednesday. Photo by Shamim Saad

In an interview with *New Vision*, the Nigerian businessmen revealed that they are interested in the agriculture, tourism, pharmaceuticals, oil and gas, manufacturing and the construction sector.

Awunor said he is into gold mining, tourism and consultancy in Nigeria and Mali and would like to extend the same in Uganda. He noted that they are in the country to know the business terrain before they can invest.

Dr. Eke Donatus, a representative from Cheks Consults Nigeria, said they want to invest in the extractive industry with a focus on skills training and corporate marketing.

Sarkin Kibiya, the chairperson of Lanyo Group of Companies, with interests in farming, travel and security in Nigeria, said he wants to invest in real estate, dairy farming and manufacture of suit cases.

"I am impressed by the support the Government has given to investors and the great legal and policy frameworks put in place, that favours investments," Kibiya said. He owns 40 hectares of rice and 100 hectares of maize farms in Nigeria.

Nnamdi V. Ozonweke, the chief executive officer of Vitagracia Investment Ltd, a real estate company and Andy Young Aluminium Co. Ltd, a roofing company, said Uganda is virgin in investments with fertile soils and expressed interest in the construction sector.

Muhammad Rabin Danshard, the proprietor of Sub-Labb Link Ltd in Nigeria, said he has his eyes on real estate development, cocoa and maize farming, mining and transportation.

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However, Awunor said their investment interests are threatened by the lack of a direct flight from Nigeria to Uganda, saying it might cause delays. He also noted that Uganda, being a land-locked country, they might find delays and difficulties in transportation.

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The investors are expected to also hold talks with officials from the trade ministry before returning to Nigeria.

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