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## ***Session Resources Pack Session 6 Surrogacy and Reproductive Rights***

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Patricia Wanjiru Mundia is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, founder of PWM Advocates, Chairperson of the East Africa Law Society Family Law Committee and Partner at Ngigi Mundia Advocates LLP.

She possesses over 12 years of specialized experience and dedicated legal support in family law. Her expertise extends beyond borders.

She represents the Law Society of Kenya as a member of the NCAJ Standing Committee on Access to and Administration of Justice for Children in Kenya.

A certified professional mediator, she is currently exploring innovative approaches to family law particularly what is proposed through alternative justice systems.

**THE HON. MILLIE GRACE AKOTH ODHIAMBO  
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Hon. Millie Odhiambo is a human rights lawyer with a special bias towards children and women's rights issues. She has won several national and international awards and accolades for this work, including a presidential award. She is a graduate of the University of Nairobi and New York University. She is an advocate of the High court of Kenya with over 30 years standing. She is serving her 4th term or mandate in Parliament, thus making her the longest serving Woman MP in the current Parliament. She is serving as the Chief Whip for the Minority Leadership. She has also served in the Pan African Parliament; she has served as Member of international council of Parliamentarians for Global Action and Chair Kenya Chapter. She has served as the President of the Committee on the Rights of Parliamentarians in the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Before joining parliament, she had served as Legal Counsel with Kamau and Kamau Advocates; State Counsel with the Office of the Attorney General, Litigation Counsel with FIDA; Project Officer Gender and Judiciary for ICJ ( K); Regional Manager for Treaty based rights of Women and Children in East and Southern Africa with Le'twal International; Founding Director of The CRADLE and Founding CEO of The Maiden Institute of Leadership, Law and Innovation- The Millie Institute.

She has consulted widely internationally and been in several advisory committees of several UN Agencies; several Ministries of the Government of Kenya; international NGOs, and parliaments.

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Jens is the editor of the International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family and book series editor of the 'Elgar Comparative Family Law Series'. He recently was appointed as independent expert to the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on Access to Origins.