Lilian Obuo-Okumu, of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions of Kenya, is hereby awarded the IAP Special Achievement Award. As a twenty-three-year prosecutor and Chief of Staff for the DPP, Lilian Obuo-Okumu has, over time, taken on greater leadership and management challenges within the Office of the DPP.

Lilian Obuo-Okumu is the contact person in the Office of the DPP for international engagement and cooperation. Under her leadership, the prosecution service has increased both its regional and international footprint, including through the development of agreements with various countries to facilitate mutual legal assistance and exchange best practices.

Lilian Obuo-Okumu spearheaded a wholesale review of practices and policies within the Office of the DPP, leading to important institutional reform, including new policies in respect of the decision to charge, plea bargaining and diversion. She updated the service’s products for the training of prosecutors and led the development of a policy related to human rights abuses and violence by police.

Her efforts have allowed the service to install a new, modern automated case management system, which has now become integrated with the country’s e-filing system for criminal matters. Lilian Obuo-Okumu has also taken on a public advocacy campaign to better inform the public about the role of the prosecution service and their rights. The IAP congratulates Lilian Obuo-Okumu on her achievements.