***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 29 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME***

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/741841*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/741841)*)   
  and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc52*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc52)*)*
* *Once fully completed, in English or French only, the Word application form should be submitted by email to* [*ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org*](mailto:ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org)
* *A maximum of up to three optional reference letters may be attached to the email (in Word or PDF format).*
* *No additional documents (e.g. CVs, resumes or additional reference letters) will be accepted.*
* *Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email when both parts of the application process, i.e. the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received by the Secretariat.*
* *Applications will only be considered if both parts and all sections of the Word application form have been completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline.* ***No incomplete or late applications will be accepted****.*
* *Candidates eligible for Working Group mandates are only nationals of the States belonging to the* [*regional groups*](https://www.un.org/dgacm/content/regional-groups) *for which specific vacancies have been advertised.*
* *General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at* [*https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/nominations*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/nominations) *and* [*https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/basic-information-selection-independent-experts*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/basic-information-selection-independent-experts)*.*
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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** NONONSI | **5. Year of birth:** 1964 |
| **2. First (given) name:** ARISTIDE | **6. Place of birth:** GOUMERE |
| **3. Other name, if any:** | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** BENIN |
| **4. Gender:** MALE | **8. Any other nationality:** CANADA |

**II. MANDATE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE**

**NOTE: Please describe why the candidate’s competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:**

1. **QUALIFICATIONS** (200 words limit)

**Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; and good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish).**

I am an experienced an bilingual (Fench-English) jurist specialized in international development, human rights, and international labor law. An influential thought leader, respected director, with strong ethics, project management and human resource management expertise, and an engaging leadership style. I held significant positions in international organizations in Switzerland, Algeria, Côte d’Ivoire, Tunisia, Gambia and Mali, as well as in a leading academic institution in Canada.

A persuasive, educated and skilled advisor with outstanding communication and client service and relationship management skills with extensive experience as a jurist specialised in international development, international human rights and international labour. I am currently Manager at the Human Rights Office at the University of Ottawa. I directed the Lawyers Without Borders Canada Regional Office for Africa, I have also directed one of Africa’s premier human rights and development organization interacting with the African Union, the European Union, UN special agencies, regional NGOs and donor communities. I also taught international development law, human rights at the Faculty of Law while directing the Center for Development Area Studies at Mc Gill University in Canada from 2007 to 2011. I held the position of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Sudan from 2014 to 2020.

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200 words limit)

**Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles (please state how this was acquired). Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations’ work in the area of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate (please state how this was acquired).**

**Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate (please state years of experience).**

I have significant knowledge and experience international development, right to development, labor law and social security law, programme development. During my time at Mc Gill University, I taught International development law, human rights law and the law of international organizations. I have implemented a valuable exchange program on human rights protection, women and developmnt, access to justice for researchers at McGill University while directing the Centre for Development Studies Area. As Executive Director of McGill’s Centre for Developing Area Studies for four years, I coordinated several programs on development, and power sharing in several developing countries. I have also worked extensively for the African Development Bank (8 years) and the International Labour Office (6 years) in the field of human rights and development. I am also Member of the McGill Centre for Human rights and legal Pluralism.

1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200 words limit)

**Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights (please explain how such competence was acquired).**

I have significant experience in research, investigation, programme management and continue to publish occasional scholarly contributions in both French and English on international development, human rights, acces to justice. I have regular and sustained interaction with ambassadorial and ministerial officials, donor communities, national human rights institutions, NGOs and civil society actors. I have designed, coordinated and managed programs and projects on child labour, access to justice, in Africa, legal empowerment of women, transitional justice, peace and reconciliation in Mali. I have worked closely with colleagues in a range of UN agencies, including UNICEF, UNHCR, OHCHR, and UNDP, as well as the World Bank and various international, regional and local NGOs.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events in which the candidate has participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:** La réalisation du développement par le droit en Afrique : Contextes et enjeux, in Jean-Bruno Mukanya, (dir), Les relations entre le Canada, le Québec et l’Afrique depuis 1960,

**Journal/Publisher:** L’Harmattan,

**Date of publication:** 2012

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Title of publication:** The protection and welfare of working children in fragile Sub-Saharan African States

**Journal/Publisher:** Edward Elgar

**Date of publication:** 2015

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Title of publication:** Le droit au développement en Afrique : Réflexions sur un droit de l’Homme subordonné à la re-legitimation de l’État

**Journal/Publisher:** Revue juridique et politique

**Date of publication:** 2012

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three publications, kindly provide a summary of the rest** (200 words limit):La participation des organisations régionales africaines à l'élaboration du droit international social, in Jean-Marc Thouvenin & Anne Trebilcock, (dir), Manuel de droit social international, Pédone, Paris, 2013

La protection du bien-être et la protection de l’enfant au travail en Afrique, McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy, Vol. VI, No. 01, September 2010.

Francophonie et relations internationales : les potentialités d’un champ de recherche. Revue internationale des mondes francophones, (RIMF) No.02, Printemps-Été 2010.

Les mutations de l’État post colonial et l’évolution du droit du travail en Afrique francophone : de la protection des travailleurs aux droits de l’homme au travail, Revue Penant, No. 871, Paris, Avril-Juin 2010.

L’évolution du droit du travail maritime dans les pays de la CEMAC et de l’UEMOA : Entre dépendance, autonomie et soumission au droit du travail terrestre, Revue du droit maritime français, No. 703, Paris, Mai 2009

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in with respect to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:** Paris Peace Forum

**Event organizer:** French Government

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:** 2019

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:** European Parliament

**Event organizer:** European Union

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:** 2018

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:**

**Event organizer:** Les relations entre le Canada et l"Afrique depuis 1960

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:** 2011

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three, kindly provide a summary of the rest** (200 words limit):La partcipation des femmes aux processus de Justice transitionnelle au Mali, 2022

L'acces a la justice des femmes et filles au Mali, 2022

Canadian Commission of International Law, 2022

Workshop on summary or arbitrary Execution in the preparation of the Public hearings of the Malian Thruth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission, 2021

Conference régionale sur les commissions vérité en Afrique,2022

African Union

McGill University

University of Ottawa

Malian Government conferences on Peace, transitional justice and reconciliation

Human Rights Council

1. **flexibility/readiness and AVAILABILITY of time** (200 words limit)

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York; travelling on two country visits per year; drafting reports according to established deadlines; organizing and participating in consultations and meetings; addressing allegations of human rights violations with all concerned; providing advice to States and other stakeholders on issues related to the mandate; and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated time of four to six months per year to the work of a mandate depending on its workload.**

**Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive a salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.**

I hold the mandate of UN Independent Expert in Sudan for 6 years. I became very familiar with the OHCHR procedures.

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

**Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):**

**Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is self-nominating)**

**Governments**

**Regional groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems**

**International organizations or their offices**

**Non-governmental organizations**

**National human rights institutions**

**Other human rights bodies**

**Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only)** (200 words limit)**:**

**III. Motivation Letter, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF THE MANDATE**(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below; cannot be sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be written by the candidates themselves even if nominated by another entity.)

Dear Madam

Dear Sir,

I would like to apply for the position of Special Rapporteur on the right to development.

I am a multilingual jurist and political analyst with over 20 years of relevant experience in research, international development law, access to justice, transitional justice, dispute resolution and human rights. I am currently managing the students rights and code of conduct at the Human Rights Office in the University of Ottawa. I directed the Lawyers Without Borders Canada Regional Office for Africa and implemented four projects on Governance, women legal empowerment, gender based violence, acces to jusctice and transitional justice in Mali. I have also directed one of Africa’s premier human rights and development organization interacting with the African Union, the European Union, UN special agencies, regional NGOs and donor communities: the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA). I also taught international law; human rights and international development at the Faculty of Law while directing the Center for Development Area Studies in the Institute for the Study of International Development Studies at Mc Gill University in Canada from 2007 to 2011.

My curriculum vitae attests to the fact that I have significant knowledge and experience in human rights, international development law, access to justice, women protection, fight against impunity and programme management. As Executive Director of McGill’s Centre for Developing Area Studies for four years, I coordinated several research programs on human rights and development, strategic litigation before international and regional human rights bodies. I have also worked extensively for the African Development Bank (8 years) and the International Labour Office (6 years) in the field of human rights at the work place.

As UN Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, I had d regular and sustained interaction with ambassadorial and ministerial officials, donor communities, national human rights institutions, NGOs and civil society actors. I have worked closely with colleagues in a range of UN agencies, including UNICEF, UNHCR, OHCHR, and UNDP, as well as the World Bank and various international, regional and local NGOs. I am also keenly attentive to the impact of technical projects on vulnerable populations, including children, women, girl child and migrants. I consider that strategies must incorporate a gender-inclusive approach, and have been consistently attentive to these questions while implementing, monitoring and evaluating programs.

Finally, I have significant experience in research, international development, programme management and policy development, and continue to publish occasional scholarly contributions in both French and English. I have cultivated the ability to combine respectful yet clear communication with good interpersonal skills to achieve understanding and support for project implementation. Moreover, I have gained a reputation as a trustworthy, attentive professional who exercises good judgment and is able to work discreetly and collegially, including in inter-cultural and at times low-trust settings.

Thank you.

**IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Fon**

**2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:**

**Arabic:** Yes or no: **NO** If yes,

**Read:** Easily orNot easily:   
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **Speak:** Easily or Not easily:

**Chinese:** Yes or no: **NO** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**English:** Yes or no: **YES** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Easily**

**French:** Yes or no: **YES** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Easily**

**Russian:** Yes or no: **NO** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**Spanish:** Yes or no: **YES** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **not easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **not easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **not easily**

**V. EDUCATION**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country)*. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:** | **Years of attendance**  (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003;  for ongoing education, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Degree obtained** (please indicate YES or NO): | **Place and country:** |
| Doctorate in Law -University Bordeaux4 | 1998-2003 | YES | Bordeaux, France |
| Doctorate in Political Science-Science Po Bordeaux | 1989-1992 | NO | Bordeaux. France |
| Master in Social law -University Bordeaux 1 | 1989-1991 | YES | Bordeaux, France |
| Master in Political science -Science Po Bordeaux | 1988-1989 | YES | Bordeaux, France |
| Maitrise de droit -Universite Nationale du Benin | 1984-1988 | YES | Abomey Calavi, Benin |

**VI. EMPLOYMENT**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate’s current (or most recent) occupation.** **Also, indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of employer,**  **functional title,**  **main functions of position, full- or part-time:** | **Years of work** (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005;  for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Place  and country:** |
| University of Ottawa -Manager at the Human Rights Office- (Full-time)- Provide support and assistance to students and managers related to harassment, prevention of discrimination and others, training class. | 2022-present | Ottawa, Canada |
| Lawyers without Borders Canada -Head of Mission- (full-time)Reported to Director general, managed a staff of 40 professional lawyers, consultants and experts on several projects on access to justice, rules of law, gender-based violence, women’s empowerment, strategic litigation, legal aid, transitional justice and reconciliation. | 2018-2022 | Bamako, Mali |
| OHCHR- UN Independent Expert -Appointed to a politically-sensitive mandate, which was renewed annually by the UN Human Rights Council, and required sustained, high-level engagement with the Government of Sudan to assess, verify and report on the human rights situation. (part-time) | 2014-2020 | Geneva, Switzerland |
| National Judicial Institute- Consultant (part-time) -Provided advice and expertise in the design, development and delivery of a course to judges of Supreme Courts across the African continent entitled “The Role of the Judiciary in a Democratic Society” | 2015-2016 | Ottawa, Canada |
| Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa -Executive Director (full-time)- Reported to the Board of Directors, managed a team of 20 professional human rights lawyers, research fellows, accounting, Directed the research, the advocacy and the capacity building program. | 2012-2014 | Banjul, Gambia |
| McGill University- Executive Director & Senior Fellow in International Development Law-(full-time) Provided executive direction to the Centre for Developing Area Studies (CDAS) through its development into the Institute for the Study of International Development (ISID); co-led meetings with the academic director, centre members, and students; provided guidance to graduate students and post-doctoral candidates assigned to the Centre. Served on Doctoral Defence committees.• Delivered graduate courses at the Faculty of Law on the Law of International Organizations and International Development Law to students. | 2007-2011 | Montreal, Canada |
| African Development Bank-Secretary to the Staff Appeals Committee (full-time)-As Head of Appeal Committee Unit, reported directly to the Vice-President, ensured the autonomy and respect of the Staff Appeals process including the integrity of its application of international administrative law principles; supervised and managed the work program of the Staff Appeals Committee Unit; participated in the drafting and review of decisions | 1999-2007 | Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Tunis, Tunisia |
| International Labour Office- (full-time) -Labour Law and Child Labour Specialist - • Interfaced directly with diverse constituents on child labour, international labour standards, and labour law reform, writing reports and scholarly articles • Successfully encouraged states to ratify fundamental labour standards, redress the worst forms of child labour and adopt specific measures to avoid gender disparities in child labour, and identify labour law reform that fostered development. | 1993-1999 | Algiers, Algeria, Geneva,Switzerland, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire |

**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS   
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf.***

**1. Does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.**

NO

**2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate’s ability to act independently in discharging the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

NO

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in the past, that could call into question the candidate’s moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which the candidate discharges the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

NO

**4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1? (please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation).**

***Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.***

***Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate holders will act in their personal capacity.***

YES

**5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, the candidate will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures that the candidate will take.**

YES

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION  
*To be completed by the candidate. The candidate’s name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.***

**I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.  
  
Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by   
email (**[**ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org**](mailto:ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org)**).**

**Please review the application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.**

**Name:** Aristide Nononsi

**Date:** 2022-11-25

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1. The short **online survey** is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity. The same name, gender and nationality must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The **application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). The application form should be completed in English or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form will be used as received to prepare the public list of eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)