

SECOND PART: APPLICATION FORM IN WORD FORMAT
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
Appointment to be made by the Human Rights Council at its 46th session

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 29 DECEMBER 2020 AT 12:00 NOON GREENWICH MEAN TIME

- The application process consists of two compulsory parts:
(1) online survey¹ (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/111898>)
and
(2) application form in Word format² (to be downloaded from <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC46.aspx>)
- Once fully completed, the Word application form should be submitted by email to hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.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. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.
- 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.**
- Eligible for Working Group mandates are only nationals of the States belonging to the [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/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx> and <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx>
- In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Family (last) name: ADJOVI	5. Year of birth: 1971
2. First (given) name: Sètonджи Roland	6. Place of birth: Cotonou, Bénin
3. Other name, if any: Jean-Baptiste	7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Bénin
4. Gender: M	8. Any other nationality: Togo

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.

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.

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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)

Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; 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.)

Postgraduate Degree in Human Rights
Master's Degree in Public Law
Master's Degree in Political Science
Bilingual (French and English)

2. RELEVANT EXPERTISE (200 words)

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.)

2014-2020 Member of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention.

2009-2020 Practitioner in Human Rights, with a focus on Africa.

2003-2009 Various legal positions at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and at the International Criminal Court.

1998-2020 Teaching Human Rights with a focus on African System, in various universities.

3. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)

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

Human Rights Expert (1998-2020), with various relevant experiences especially through cases before the African Court and the ECOWAS Court of Justice, and membership in the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention.

International Law Expert (1998-2020), various positions in this field worldwide, in academia and in international organizations (African Union and United Nations).

4. 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 participated in relation to the mandate.

4.1 Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Title of publication:
Journal/Publisher:

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Date of publication:

Web link, if available:

2. Title of publication:

Journal/Publisher:

Date of publication:

Web link, if available:

3. Title of publication:

Journal/Publisher:

Date of publication:

Web link, if available:

If more than three publications, kindly summarize (200 words):

4.2 Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Event organizer:

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Web link, if available:

2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Event organizer:

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Web link, if available:

3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Event organizer:

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Web link, if available:

If more than three, kindly summarize (200 words):

5. FLEXIBILITY/READINESS AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME (200 words)

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 special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approximately three months per year to the work of a mandate.

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 salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of "experts on mission".

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I am prepared to dedicate the necessary time and resources to deliver to satisfaction on this mandate.

6. 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):

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III. MOTIVATION LETTER

(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below and not sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be drafted and signed (i.e. with a typed signature) by the candidate himself/herself even if nominated by another entity.)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to submit my application for the position of special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions.

I have developed an extensive expertise in human rights, through my education and my career, both in teaching, in private practice and in international organizations. I have been interested in the right to life as a cornerstone of the fundamental rights for as long as I could remember. That was the ground for me to learn about the law of armed conflicts and about death penalty in order to broaden my understanding. It was also the ground for me to move to the international criminal law to better understand the ways in which the international community has embarked on sanctioning some of the major abuses of rights. This led me to a position in international criminal justice where I first assisted the judges in assessing the evidence to ascertain that any conviction is supported by the facts and their legal assessment, before working for the victims before the International Criminal Court.

In this vacant position of Special Rapporteur, I hope to bring the combination of good understanding of human rights and criminal law into play to support the Council in exposing the violations of the right to life in all its forms, and whenever it occurs.

I am prepared to elaborate further on any aspect of my education and career in relation to the mandate, at your convenience.

Thanks in advance for considering my application, and best regards.

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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 or Not 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: **No** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

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V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

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 row below, separating them by a blank line.

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):	Place and country:
Diplôme d'université « Etudes Supérieures : Les droits fondamentaux », 3ème cycle = Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights], with honours, University of Nantes	1999-2000	Nantes, France
Diplôme d'études approfondies, Etudes africaines option Science Politique = Postgraduate Diploma in African Studies, concentration Political Science, with honours, University Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne	1996-1997	Paris, France
Certificat d'études juridiques internationales = Certificate of International Legal Studies, with honours, Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales, University Paris II, Panthéon-Assas	1996-1997	Paris, France
Maîtrise en droit public – Option Droit international et européen = Master Degree in Public Law, University Paris XIII, Villetaneuse	1995-1996	Villetaneuse, France
Maîtrise en Science Politique = Master Degree in Political Science, University Paris X, Nanterre	1995-1996	Nanterre, France

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VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate's current (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 row below, separating them by a blank line.

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:
UNODC/GMCP, International Law Adviser	2020-2021	Bénin, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo
Arcadia University, Assistant Professor	2009-2020	Arusha in Tanzania and Glenside in USA
UNICTR, Senior Legal Officer	2008-2009	Arusha, Tanzania
ICC/OPCV (Office of Public Counsel for Victims), Legal Officer	2006-2007	The Hague, The Netherlands
UNICTR, Legal Officer	2003-2006	Arusha, Tanzania
Université Paris II, Panthéon Assas, Attaché temporaire d'enseignement et de recherche	2000-2002	Paris, France
Université de Bouaké, Moniteur de l'enseignement supérieur	1998-1999	Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire

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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. To your knowledge, 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.

None

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:

None

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:

None

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 the candidate will take.

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VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION

To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate's behalf. 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 (hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org).

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

Name: Adjovi, Sètondji Roland

Date: 23 December 2020
