## Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism

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### **APPLICATION DEADLINE: 13 APRIL 2021 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME**

- The application process consists of two compulsory parts:
  - (1) online survey<sup>1</sup> (<a href="https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/977314">https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/977314</a>)
    and
  - (2) application form in Word format<sup>2</sup> (to be downloaded from https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC47.aspx)
- Once fully completed, in English or French only, the Word application form should be submitted by email to <a href="mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org">hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org</a>
- 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.
- Eligible for Working Group mandates are only nationals of the States belonging to the <u>regional</u> <u>groups</u> for which specific vacancies have been advertised.
- General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx">https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx</a>
- In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (<a href="mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org">hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org</a>) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).

### I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Family (last) name: ABEGUNDE	5. Year of birth: 1982
2. First (given) name: MUYIWA	6. Place of birth: EKITI STATE
3. Other name, if any: VICTOR	7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): NIGERIA
4. Gender: MALE	8. Any other nationality: NILL

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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. <u>The same name, gender and nationality must be used</u> both in the online survey and in the Word application form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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 limit)

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.)

Muyiwa Abegunde, Ekiti Born Albinism Rural Community Advocate Meet Muyiwa Abegunde

### Earrly years

Muyiwa Abegunde was born in Are-Ekiti Irepodun/Ifelodun Local Government Area of Ekiti State Nigeria in West Africa. I attended both Primary and Secondary School Education in the Rural Community of Ekiti State, Nigeria. After my Primary and Secondary Education, I Proceeded to Ekiti State University where I bagged B.Sc. Ed Certificate in Political Science. After my University Education I personally agitated for Government Job engagement based on merit due to the high rate of Albinism Discrimination, Stigmatization, Social Exclusion, Negative believe towards Albinism especially in the rural Community.

### CHANGING VISION

As a Certified Tutor both outside and inside classroom for years back and Being a person living with Albinism, Rural Community Activist and Advocate I took it upon myself started educate the society on albinism, disabilities related issues to change negative mind sets towards persons living with albinism in the rural community especially in Ekiti State across the sixteen Local Government Areas to ensure that no any person born with albinism will experience what I have gone through in the area of Job, Health, Social, Security, Civic rights, Education, Visual Impairment, discrimination and Stigmatization.

### 2. **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.)

Thanks to the United Nations General Assembly for declared June 13 every year as International Albinism Awareness Day, due to widespread of discrimination, dehumanisation, Stigmatization and brutal Killings of persons with albinism Globally.

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Therefore the development of human rights within a country is critical especially in the rural community to ensure stability, welfares and security within the population. When human rights are ignored, the marginalization of persons in a society shall be upset. Persons with albinism face discrimination and barriers in the rural community that restricted their participation in society on an equal basis with others. Due to those many challenges, persons with albinism throughout the Africa are unable to enjoy the full range of human rights and level standards of equality, rights and dignity as others. While some of those challenges are worldwide, others have predominantly been identified in certain regions like Nigeria especially in Ekiti State. There are few legal policy foundations to most of the human rights violations faced by persons with albinism, thus, they have not still been consolidated and there are no specific utensil or guidelines on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism in the rural community areas.

## 3. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words limit)

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

Through the awareness creation about the albinism related issues especially in the area of fundamental human rights to put an end to widespread of stigmatization, dehumanization, social exclusion stigmitization and brutal killings in Nigeria as part of west Africa

### 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: The Rights of Persons with Albinism in Rural Community Context

Journal/Publisher: by Muyiwa Abegunde Albinism Inclusion Rights Advocate

Date of publication: January 2014

Web link, if available:

2. Title of publication: Albinism and Heath solutions

**Journal/Publisher:** Muyiwa Abegunde **Date of publication:** AUGUST 2016

Web link, if available:

3. Title of publication: ASSUMPTION TOWARDS ALBINISM IN THE RURAL COMMUNITY

Journal/Publisher: Muyiwa Abegunde

Date of publication: May 2018

Web link, if available:

If more than three publications, kindly summarize (200 words limit): not

4.2 <u>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:</u>

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

INTERNATIONA ALBINISM AWARENESS DAY **Event organizer:** The Albino Foundation

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: june 13 2014

Web link, if available:

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

Nation General Assembly

**Event organizer:** 

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: 2013

Web link, if available:

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

International day for Disability

**Event organizer:** 

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: 3 December

Web link, if available:

If more than three, kindly summarize (200 words limit): not

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

i am commited to promote the albinism related issues

6. NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):	
<ul> <li>☐ Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is self-nominating)</li> <li>☐ Governments</li> <li>☐ Regional groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems</li> <li>☐ International organizations or their offices</li> <li>☐ Non-governmental organizations</li> <li>☐ National human rights institutions</li> <li>☐ Other human rights bodies</li> </ul>	

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

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### III. MOTIVATION LETTER, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF THE MANDATE

(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.)

Muyiwa Abegunde 20 Behind new CBN Ado-Ekiti State April 12, 2021

Secretariat of the Human Right Council Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am interested in the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rigths. Given my related experience and excellent capabilities I would appreciate your consideration for this job opening. My skills are an ideal match for this position.

As an Albinism/Disabilty Inclusion Rights Advocate in Nigeria with excellent research skills, I am eager to contribute my abilities and experience to Human Rights Council on the Albinism related issues.

Given my extensive training and background, I believe I can help the council to meet its goal of providing only the most accurate and timely information to its context.

Yours Sincerely,

Muviwa Abegunde

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

Please indicate all language skills below.

- 1. Mother tongue: English and Yoruba
- 2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:

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

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

**Chinese:** Yes or 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: If yes,

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

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

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

**Spanish:** Yes or 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 cell 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:
BSC ED IN POLITICAL SCIENCE EKITI STATE UNIVERSITY, ADO EKITI STATE NIGERIA PART-TIME	2008 T0 2012	EKITI STATE UNIVERSITY, NIGERIA

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### **VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, <u>beginning with the candidate's current (most recent) occupation</u>. 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.

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:
STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, ALBINISM/DISABILITY INCLUION RIGHTS ADVOCATE, STATE LEAd part-time	2016 to 2020	Ekiti State, Nigeria

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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.

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 the candidate will take.

THE CANDIDATE SHALL BE PLACE ON SECONDED

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### **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 (hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org).

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

Name: MUYIWA ABEGUNDE

**Date:** 12/04/2021

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