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**SENEGAL'S AFRICAN UNION ENDORSED  
CANDIDATE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMITTEE (CCPR) FOR THE TERM  
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## Human Rights Mechanisms

I have outstanding experience with human rights mechanisms in a variety of capacities. I was UN special rapporteur on extrajudicial executions and alerted in 1993 the UN and members states about the forthcoming 1994 genocide of Tutsi in Rwanda and have led numerous investigation mechanisms. I was also the director of the Treaties Division as well as the Human Rights Council division at UN Human Rights (OHCHR). More specifically, I was responsible for launching and supporting the first almost 5-years cycle of the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism that ensured the participation of all 193 members of the UN at the time. This experience, combined with my experience as the director of the OHCHR New York office for 8 years (including before the third and fifth committees), gives me a unique perspective and thorough experience in contributing toward the reformations of the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies System.

## Human Rights Field Work

I have been on Human Rights country visits in all regions of the World, conducted international trial observations and electoral observations in Africa, and have worked with judiciaries, national human rights institutions, governments, parliaments, and grassroots organizations including women's organizations and the youth.



## Judicial and Transitional Justice Experience

I have direct experience with the international justice system. This is due to my work as expert for the International Criminal Tribunal on the former Yugoslavia, where I uncovered a mass grave and the first cases of mass rapes alongside being an expert on the prosecution in Canada of incitement to the 1994 Genocide of Tutsi in Rwanda. Likewise, I was an expert witness of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights about massacres of rural people in Columbia. I also have extensive experience of mediation, reconciliation and Transitional justice including as International Truth and Justice Commissioner (Haiti). I participated in the training of truth, reconciliation and justice commission members in several countries. I am currently advising the DRC on impunity and transitional justice issues as mandated by the UN Human rights Council with extension of the mandate on the Kasai region to the entire country at the government's request.



## Human Rights Research Experience

I am well-rounded in research on human rights and humanitarian law issues. I was Director of the Research and Right to Development division at UN Human rights. I seated on the board of editors of the Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law of the AASSER Institute in the Hague. I was also a board member of the International Council of Human Rights Policy in Geneva and was involved as Senior researcher in a publication on African regional and sub regional mechanisms for the prevention of genocide and mass atrocities. My academic experience also includes articles and giving lectures at an array of universities around the world and prefacing books on human rights.



## Overview of Human Rights Experiences

I have a wide range of experiences at national and international levels in connecting the dots between international human rights standards and their enjoyment by all at national level. I have been a member of the Bar of Senegal for over 40 years and of various national NGOs, and other legal associations. As a lawyer and secretary general of the Bar, I have been involved in legal consultations and judiciary assistance at grassroots levels. I was also involved in reform of the legal profession, in upholding professional ethics and in the granting of refugee status to asylum seekers. My professional experiences also consisted of being a member at board level of international professional organizations and of international human rights NGOs.

