

### ANNEX III

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee against Torture  
(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)

Name and first name:..... Balikungeri Mary.....

Date and place of birth:..... 26 December 1953, NYANZA Rwanda .....

**Working languages:** English, French, Kiswahili, Kinyarwanda

**Current position/function:**  
(5 lines maximum)

Founder and Executive Director, Rwanda Women's Network, functioning as gender and development specialist with the organization

**Main professional activities:**  
(10 lines maximum)

- Overseeing RWN programs, i.e., psychosocial and health needs of SGBV victims; human and legal rights; socio-economic empowerment of women survivors of 1994 genocide, as well as developing advocacy and linking policy makers and community actors.
- Support peace-building and development locally and regionally in post-conflict countries
- Act as focal point for regional and International networks locally, and serving on regional and international boards, i.e., PCB UN AIDS, and TDB of UNCTAD, Global Network of Women Shelters and Global Network of Women Peace builders.
- Network and fundraise nationally, regionally and internationally
- Undertake speaking engagements regionally and internationally
- Overseeing and strengthening a network of 52 grassroot partner associations
- and overseeing/supervising 33 local staff, as well as a pool of community facilitators

**Educational background:**  
(5 lines maximum)

Various Diplomas in management and business administration from the Kenya Christian Industrial Training Administration College (CITC); the C.A.V.I.L.A.M Management Institute, Vichy, France; and the Geneva NGO Staff Development Programme. Other qualifications in gender, peacebuilding and conflict transformation, as well as human and legal rights from Eastern Mennonite University, the United Nations University, and the University of Boston

**Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture:**  
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- Running the Polyclinic of Hope that employs the concept of holistic approach to service provision catering for the legal, economic, medical and psycho-social needs of survivors of violence against women
- Networking widely both regionally and internationally as the current Chairperson of the African Network of Women Shelters (ANWS), an affiliate of the Global Network of Women Shelters (GNWS). GNWS was founded in 2009 to unite and strengthen the women's shelter movement globally to make change to end violence against women and their children.
- Prominently working with global initiatives such as Huairou commission and FEMNET to influence policy and programming on women's rights to shelter, land and reproductive health

**List of most recent publications in this field:  
(5 lines maximum)**

Security Council Resolution 1325: Rwanda Civil Society Monitoring Report, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, 2010;

Part of a Team that contributed to Africa Union Peace Security Council and ACCORD Publication titled RESOLUTION 1325 IN 2020 – Looking Forward, Looking Back,

Several Organisational Training Modules/Brochures on Women's Rights to Land and Inheritance, on Women Leadership, and Polyclinic of Hope Replicable Model on Empowering Women, Families and Communities through participatory strategies towards sustainable peace and Zero-tolerance on Gender-based violence.