



Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as amended (see General Assembly resolution 50/155)

Election of nine members of the Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 28 February 2025

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In conformity with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the twentieth meeting of States parties to the Convention will be held at the invitation of the Secretary-General at Headquarters on 23 May 2024.
2. The curricula vitae of the 16 candidates submitted before 3 April 2024 are reproduced in document CRC/SP/56.
3. The annex to the present document contains the curricula vitae of other candidates received after 3 April 2024.



Annex

Curricula vitae*

[Original: French]

Sêmèdé Chrystelle Cédrine Adonon (Benin)

Date and place of birth: 15 August 1983, Cotonou, Republic of Benin

Nationality: Beninese

Working language(s): French (fluent) and English (read and understand)

Current position/function:

I have been a judge since 2009. To date, I preside over the division for offences committed on the grounds of sex against minors under the age of 13 at the Court for the Prevention of Financial Offences and Terrorism.

Main professional activities, in particular related to children’s rights:

I began my career as a juvenile court judge at the Abomey-Calavi Court of First Instance (2010–2017). There, I developed a holistic programme to support minors in conflict with the law, with a network of social actors to help them reintegrate into society, and to support children who have been victims of various forms of violence to help them recover. This experience led me to seek to deepen my expertise in children’s rights. Then, from 2020 to 2021, I was President of the Allada Court of First Instance, where I was able to deal with cases relating to children in family settings. I have continued to work with the social services in this area. Lastly, since 2020, I have been assigned to the Court for the Prevention of Financial Offences and Terrorism and, since August 2022, I have presided over a special division that has jurisdiction over (i) violence against minors under the age of 13, (ii) forced or early marriage and (iii) bullying of schoolchildren by teachers.

From 2014 to 2017, I worked with a colleague for the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Benin Country Office to create a child-friendly environment (child-friendly courts) and we trained other judges to do the same.

I am also a member of the Association béninoise des juges des mineurs (Benin Association of Juvenile Judges), the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates (IAYFJM) and the International Association of Women Judges.

Educational background:

2024 Master of Advanced Studies in Children’s Rights, University of Geneva (in progress)

2020 Diplôme d’études approfondies (diploma of advanced studies) in private law, University of Abomey Calavi

2015 Certificate of achievement, forty-sixth annual study session of the International Institute of Human Rights, on children and international human rights law

2009 Postgraduate degree in judicial studies, École Nationale d’Administration et de Magistrature (National Civil Service and Judiciary Training School)

2005 Master’s degree in business law, judicial careers stream, University of Abomey Calavi

Various national and international training courses in areas of expertise.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Relevant expertise on children's rights

I have developed a good command over all issues relating to children in judicial practice in Benin, by implementing various provisions of the Convention, which is incorporated into Beninese positive law, whether it concerns children in their family or social environment, children who are victims of violence or children in conflict with the law.

List of most recent publications in the field of children's rights:

2024 Dissertation on the voice of the child before the courts in Benin (in progress)

2021 "Child Participation in Family and Child Protection Matters in Benin" (IAYFJM)

2020 Final thesis (diplôme d'études approfondies), "Valeur juridique de la parole de l'enfant dans les procédures civiles en République du Bénin" (Legal value of the voice of the child in civil proceedings in the Republic of Benin)

2017 Leaflet on the roles and functions of the actors in the child protection system with regard to the Children's Code in the Republic of Benin, under contract with the World Bank Institute, Wallonie Bruxelles International (<https://www.wbi.be/>)

2009 Paper on the effective application of educational measures by juvenile courts

Lastly, as a judge, I write hundreds of substantive decisions every year.

Joseph Ndayisenga (Burundi)

Date and place of birth: 17 November 1974, Gitega, Burundi

Nationality: Burundian

Working languages: French, English

Current position/function:

I have been Director General for National Solidarity at the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender from 22 July 2006 (date of presidential decree) to the present. In this position, I oversee the coordination of the three directorates, responsible for: social integration; children and family affairs; and humanitarian action and relief for disaster victims.

Main professional activities, in particular related to children's rights:

Coordinating the organization of days relating to national solidarity, including the Day of the African Child on 16 June

Fostering a culture of mutual aid and solidarity among all sections of the population and partners of the Government

Coordinating, monitoring and assessing all measures taken in the areas of social integration, children and families, humanitarian response and relief for disaster victims

Contributing to the promotion of social protection systems

Advocating and coordinating measures by partners of the Government and the community in providing assistance to persons in need

Educational background:

1. Doctoral student in educational sciences with a thesis on the effectiveness of children's right to participation in the Burundian education system through student committees;
2. Complementary master's degree in human rights and peaceful conflict resolution;
3. Bachelor's degree in psychology and educational sciences, (bac + 4) (baccalaureate and four years' further study).

Relevant expertise on children's rights

Member of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child for 10 years, elected at the ordinary session of the Executive Council of the African Union, held in May 2013 in Addis Ababa, and then re-elected in 2018 for a second term until 2023

Chairperson of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, elected in 2019 for a two-year term, then re-elected in 2021 for another two-year term until 2023 (2019–2023)

List of most recent publications in the field of children's rights:

1. "De l'effectivité du Droit à la Participation des enfants à travers le Forum National des Enfants au Burundi" (The effectiveness of children's right to participation through the National Children's Forum in Burundi) (University of Burundi, UNESCO Chair, September 2020);
2. "The Pedagogy of Integration, the Child in the Center of Education: Participation of the Child in the Schooling Program" (*Applied Mathematical Sciences*, 2023);
3. "The Implementation of the Child's Right to Participation in the Context of a Student-Centered Education System in the Pedagogy of Integration and Decision Making" (*Open Journal of Social Sciences*, 2023).