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**Curriculum vitae of Ambassador Minata SAMATE CESSOUMA
For the**

Post: (Indicate the Title of the Position for which you are applying)

Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development

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Vision Statement (In a thousand (1,000) words maximum, describe how, in this position, you intend to fulfill the aspirations set out in Agenda 2063 and address the most urgent issues facing Africa and the Commission)

• **Vision**

The Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development (HHS) contributes to the fulfilment of the Aspirations of Agenda 2063, particularly the one that envisions an Africa with a strong cultural identity, a common heritage, and shared ethics and values. My ambition, if I am elected Commissioner, is to make this Department an effective instrument for promoting inclusive and harmonious social development, an essential condition for the Africa we want.

B. Strategic Approach

Policies rooted in social values will be necessary to realise the Aspirations of the African Agenda and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. My action will be focused on 6 main priorities:

• **Promote Employment, Decent Work and Regular Migration**

The political upheavals of the past decade have shown that the stability of the Continent is also dependent on the employability of African youths. I will endeavour to promote decent work and employment through the implementation of the Ouagadougou +10 Declaration and Plan of Action on Employment, Poverty Eradication and Inclusive Development; the Ten-Year Plan of Action 2020-2030 on the Eradication of Child Labour and the Social Protection Plan for the Informal Sector.

Social development policies must take into account the specific rights of people living with disabilities, the elderly and children. Sustained attention will be given to the implementation of related instruments.

Poor governance, socio-political conflicts and natural disasters are factors that aggravate poverty, social discrimination, unemployment and irregular migration.

If elected, the implementation of the revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa (2018-2030) and its Plan of Action, the Joint AU/ILO/IOM/ECA Programme on Labour Migration, Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants will be a priority.

To this end, the three Migration Centres will be used, in cooperation with State and non-State actors and partners to address the root causes of the migration phenomenon.

The implementation of the Protocol on Free Movement of persons and the issuance of the African Passport will be essential.

I will ensure better protection of the Diaspora investments and facilitation of the remittances and transfer of knowledge in order to better contribute to the fulfilment of the aspirations of Agenda 2063.

• **Strengthen the Fight against Drug Trafficking and illicit use of narcotic drugs and Crime prevention**

The scourge of drugs transcends the regions of Africa, which has become a transit and consumption space. There is an urgent need to implement the Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023) to tackle their trafficking and illicit use.

3. Promotion and Protection of African Cultural Industry and Heritage

African arts, culture and heritage contribute to African development and renaissance. I will continue to implement the Roadmap for the 2021 theme on "Arts, Culture and Heritage: Levers for Building the Africa We Want".

The growth of the African cultural economy requires :

- The promotion of cultural initiatives and industries;
- The fight against the illicit trafficking of cultural goods;
- The repatriation of African works of art;
- The promotion of cultural diversity and the development enhancement of tangible and intangible cultural heritage;

- Building the institutional capacities of the cultural sector.

- **Promote the development of sports**

Sport has a qualitative impact on health, well-being and development. It is a vector for social cohesion and for bringing people together.

My action will aim at the implementation of the Policy Architecture and Framework for the sustainable development of sport, with particular focus on sport for people living with a disability and the campaign against discrimination and stigmatization in sport

- **Establish more efficient Health Systems**

Africa is the region most affected by HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, infectious and chronic diseases and other pandemics. Some of these, such as obesity and heart disease, have become common. They have a negative impact on development, social cohesion, political stability, life expectancy and human dignity. They entail heavy burdens for the Continent.

To this end, the Union has adopted several Strategies to improve the health of African populations. I will work to:

- Encourage universal access to quality basic social services;
- Implement the African Strategies for nutrition, the fight against the Coronavirus, the reduction of maternal mortality and the Saleema initiative to eradicate FGM;
- Pursue the Zero Malaria Campaign, the common position on tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS;
- Coordinate the Continental response to public health threats and promote a Health Early Warning System;
- Operationalise the African Medicines Agency, encourage the development of a local Pharmaceutical Industry and the implementation of National Medicines Manufacturing Plans;
- Encourage investment by Member States in health care.

- **Situation of Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, Returnees and eradicate Statelessness**

The scale of forced displacement on the African Continent remains at unprecedented levels due to multiple factors including weak development and deficit of governance, human rights violations, poverty, inequality, unemployment, violent conflicts, environmental degradation and climate change-related disasters.

Finding durable solutions to address the root causes of forced displacement will include:

- Operationalising the African Humanitarian Agency;
- The eradication of statelessness;
- The positioning of humanitarian issues at the centre of the concerns of the States;
- The search for funding for an adequate response to humanitarian situations;
- Humanitarian Early Warning and preventive diplomacy;
- Ratification and domestication of relevant legal instruments to strengthen protection and assistance to displaced persons.

Framework Profile: *(In three hundred (300) words maximum, give a summary and strong points of your competencies, experiences, objectives and achievements)*

The post of AU Commissioner requires a good knowledge of African and international issues. My academic background, training and over three decades of professional experience in senior positions will enable me to effectively lead the Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development.

Most of my diplomatic career in Ethiopia has given me a good knowledge of the OAU/AU.

The expertise acquired over the years and the four years spent as Commissioner for Political Affairs are an asset. I have achieved concrete results in the areas of democratic governance, human rights, justice, civil service and humanitarian issues.

This position also enabled me to jointly manage migration, health and social issues with the Department of Social Affairs and to be a member of the Board of Directors of Africa CDC. This experience will be useful in the accomplishment of my mission.

I have submitted to the AU Policy Organs studies on the impact of COVID on governance in Africa, the humanitarian situation and guidelines on the conduct of elections during a pandemic.

My experience through regular contacts with the Member States, regional and international actors and AU Organs will facilitate the fulfillment of my responsibilities.

During my career, I have been trained in leadership, drug issues and familiarised myself with social development, health, humanitarian and human rights issues. This will facilitate the execution of the tasks of the Department.

As a member of Organising committees for cultural events such as FESPACO and the National Week of Culture in Burkina, I have been able to be directly involved in cultural issues.

I have always encouraged communication, worked in a multicultural environment, in teams and focused my action on driving for results.

Membership of Professional Associations: *(List of professional organizations of which you are a member, specify the function, if necessary)*

Member of the African Women Leaders Network since its establishment in 2017

Member of the Association of Former Ambassadors of Burkina Faso

Network of African Women Ministers and Parliamentarians

Academic and Professional Qualifications: *(List your Academic and Professional Qualifications, beginning with your highest qualification)*

Name of Institution	Address of the Institution (Postal address, Telephone numbers and website)	Qualification	Year obtained

Université de Paris 1 - Panthéon - Sorbonne	Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne 12 Place du Panthéon, 75231 Paris, France https://www.pantheonsorbonne.fr/	Post Graduate Diploma of Specialised Studies (D.E.S.S.), 'International Administration	1996
Institut International d'Administration Publique de Paris	IIAP was passed on to Ecole Nationale d'Administration de Paris 2, Avenue de l'Observatoire 75272 Paris Cedex 06 Tél: +33 (0)1 44 41 85 00 https://www.ena.fr	I.I.A.P. Diploma International Relations Section	1994
Ecole Nationale d'Administration et de Magistrature	Tel : 00226 25 31 42 64/65 et 25 41 70 67	E.N.A.M. Diploma Diplomacy section	1988
Université de Ouagadougou	Université Joseph Ki Zerbo (Université de Ouagadougou) 03 B.P. 7021 Ouagadougou 03 Tel : +226 25-30-70-64/65 https://www.univ-ouaga1.gov.bf/	Master in Juridical Science, Option Public Law	1985
Université de Ouagadougou	Université Joseph Ki Zerbo (Université de Ouagadougou) 03 B.P. 7021 Ouagadougou 03 Tel : +226 25-30-70-64/65 https://www.univ-ouaga1.gov.bf/	Degree in Juridical Science, Public Law	1984
Université de Ouagadougou	Université Joseph Ki Zerbo (Université de Ouagadougou) 03 B.P. 7021 Ouagadougou 03 Tel : +226 25-30-70-64/65 https://www.univ-ouaga1.gov.bf/	Degree in General University Studies	1983

Other relevant training (List the other certified / courses that you followed and which are relevant to this function)

Title of training course	Certifying Organisation or Institution	Address of the Institution (Postal address, Telephone numbers or website)	Year of participation
Training Certificate on « Transformative Executive Leadership Program »	LEORON Professional Development Institute	PO Box 390601 Dubai -UAE	Cairo- Egypt 6-9 August 2018

Certificate of participation in the preparation of the Livingstone Syllabus on Humanitarian Law	African Union Humanitarian Architecture/UN High Commission for Refugees		Livingstone, Zambia
Senior Leadership Programme on UN Peacekeeping aspects, problems and , challenges	United Nations Organisation	United Nations Organisation 405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY, 10017, USA Tél : (+ 1) (212) 963-9999 Site web : https://www.un.org/	New York 02 - 6 March 2015
The Senior Mission Leaders (SML) for persons called upon to take high responsibilities heading a Mission, including the responsibilities of Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG), Deputy SRSG and in UN Peacekeeping Missions	United Nations Organisation	United Nations Organisation 405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY, 10017, USA Tél : (+ 1) (212) 963-9999 Site web : https://www.un.org/	Geneva 6-19 October 2014
Training in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Principles	Institut de Renaissance Africaine		8-12 November 1999 :
Second Advanced Training course in Preventive Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution in Africa	Egyptian Training Centre in Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping		Cairo, Egypt 16 March -April 1996
Summer Training Session of The Hague International Law Academy on International Public Law	The Hague International Law Academy	Palais de la Paix Carnegieplein 2 2517 KJ La Haye Pays-Bas Tel : 0031 - 70 - 3024242	The Hague, The Netherlands 25July- 12 August 1994
Practical Diplomatic internship at the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office	Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office	Villa Les Ormeaux, Route de Pregny, 36 CH-1292 Chambesby-Genève Tel : 0041 22 758 91 13	1 April - 30 May 1994 Geneva, Switzerland
UN Training courses on Drug issues	ONUDC		Ouagadougou 1993 Abidjan 1994

Professional Experience (List your Professional experience beginning with the most recent to the earliest one. Give a complete history of employment and include/amend the Table accordingly to reflect your Professional experience)

Name of Organization/Employer: African Union

Address of the Organization/Employer (Postal address: PO Box 3243, Telephone numbers and website: www.au.int) African Union Commission

*Post occupied
(Title of Post)* Commissioner for Political Affairs

*Duration
(From
beginning date
to the end)* 8 March 2017 to 14 March 2021

*Number of
persons
supervised* Forty four (44)

Responsibilities Coordinate and contribute to the achievement of the aspirations of the Agenda 2063 of the African Union "The Africa we want", "An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens, representing a dynamic force in the international arena" more specifically:

- Aspirations 3 and 4 for an Africa of Good Governance, Democracy, Observance of human rights, Justice and the Rule of Law, stable, peaceful and secure;
- Aspirations 2 and 7 of the Agenda 2063 which respectively envisage an integrated Continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance and Africa as a strong, united, resilient and influential global player and partner.
- Aspiration 6 which aims at building an Africa, whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential of African peoples, especially its women and youths and caring for children.

Achievements The following achievements were made during my term:

- Deepening of democratization and substantial reduction in levels of election-related political violence;
- Technical assistance to Electoral Management Bodies and the development of guidelines for elections during COVID 19;
- The entrenchment of a culture of human rights;
- Adoption of the guidelines for Public Service, Local Government, Urban Development and Decentralization

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The adoption of a Transitional Justice Policy and support to Member States; • Development of guidelines on Constitutional amendments in Africa; • Support to Post-conflict processes; • Development of a Strategy for the inclusion of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance in school curricula; • The successful implementation of the Themes of the year 2018 on Combatting Corruption, Year 2019 on Displaced Persons in Africa and Year 2020 on Silencing the Guns; • The ongoing operationalization of the African Humanitarian Agency; • Assistance to countries affected by humanitarian crises; • The adoption of the Protocol on free movement of persons; • Development of guidelines for the design, production and issuance of the African passport; • Launching of the Plan of Action on the participation of Women in Governance and Politics; • Operationalization of the PRC Sub-committee on Governance and Human Rights; • Assistance to the Committee of Heads of State and Government on the Reform of the Security Council; • Participation in campaigns for the election of African candidates in the international system.
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Name of Organization/Employer: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation	
Address of the Organization/Employer (Postal address, Telephone numbers and website) : 03 BP 7038 Ouagadougou 03, 00226 25 332013	
<i>Post occupied (Title of Post)</i>	Chargé de Missions in the office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation
<i>Duration (From beginning date to the end)</i>	22 June 2016 – 8 March 2017

<i>Number of persons supervised</i>	The Chargé de Missions works under the direct supervision of the Minister and is accountable only to him.
<i>Responsibilities</i>	Performed tasks assigned by the Minister including the follow up of Cooperation Programmes and activities, the implementation of activities delegated by the Minister.
<i>Achievements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes for the Minister on issues relating to the Foreign policy of Burkina Faso • Advise the Minister on specific issues • Represent the Minister at meetings and National events
Name of Organization/Employer: United Nations-African Union Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID)	
Address of the Organization/Employer (Postal address: PO Box 59, El Fasher, North Darfur, Republic of The Sudan, Telephone number +249 9 2244 6000 and website	
<i>Post occupied (Title of Post)</i>	Director of the Joint Coordination Mechanism in Support to the hybrid United Nations/African Union Mission in Darfur, known by the acronym JSCM/UNAMID in Addis Ababa.
<i>Duration (From beginning date to the end)</i>	From 2 June 2014 to 30 July 2015
<i>Number of persons supervised</i>	Twelve (12) persons
<i>Responsibilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent UNAMID in Addis Ababa ; • Facilitate the coordination and cooperation between the African Union and the UN on issues relating to the implementation of the mandate of UNAMID; • Participate in the negotiations and meetings on Darfur/The Sudan ; • Improve and maintain working relations with the African Union, the Government of the Sudan, the armed movements, the troop-contributing countries, partners, Embassies, international NGOs on issues related to UNAMID and Darfur.
<i>Achievements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful coordination and cooperation between the African Union and the UN on UNAMID; • Hold briefings for the members of the Peace and Security Council on the Mission and promote information sharing and exchanges between the AU, UNAMID and international actors based in Addis Ababa. • Implementation of the substantive Programme of work of the JSCM.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation of UNAMID in meetings and development of relations with the main bilateral and multilateral partners of the Mission based in Addis Ababa in support of the Mission. • Contribution to the negotiations of the African Union High Level Panel on the Situation in the Republic of the Sudan. • Establishment of regular contacts with some leaders of the Sudanese armed movements in Darfur, which enabled them to participate in the discussions on the peace process.
Name of Organization/Employer: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso	
Address of the Organization/Employer (Postal address : 03 PO Box 7038, Telephone numbers 00226 25 3320 and website)	
<i>Post occupied (Title of Post)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador of Burkina Faso in Ethiopia, Permanent Representative to the AU and the ECA; • Ambassador to the Republics of Kenya, Rwanda and Djibouti with residence in Addis Ababa ; • Permanent Representative to the UN Habitat and the UN Environment Programme with residence in Addis Ababa.
<i>Duration (From beginning date to the end)</i>	December 2011 to May 2014
<i>Number of persons supervised</i>	Thirty four (34)
<i>Responsibilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent Burkina Faso in Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Djibouti and 4 International Organizations based in Addis Ababa and Nairobi: African Union, ECA, UNEP and UN-HABITAT; • Participate in meetings and the preparation of decisions on the Agenda items of these Organizations ; • Negotiate Cooperation Agreements with countries of the jurisdiction; • Defend the interests of Burkina Faso in the countries and Organizations of accreditation. • Coordinate and monitor all the activities, by ensuring the unity and cohesion of the Embassy. • Provide my country with Reports on meetings and events that took place in the States and Organizations of accreditation.
<i>Achievements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiation of a Framework Cooperation Agreement with countries under the jurisdiction of Addis Ababa. • Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the AU and the Burkinabè Government for the establishment of a Special Prize on Peace and Security of the African Union for the Pan African Film Festival and Television of Ouagadougou.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active participation in meetings of the PRC, the Executive Council and the Summits of the African Union and in the drafting of decisions of the AU Organs, ECA, UNEP and UN-HABITAT; • Inclusion and defense of several items proposed by Burkina Faso in the Agenda of the decision-making organs of the African Union. Decisions were adopted on all those issues. • Promotion of Burkinabé candidatures. • Chairmanship of the Sub- Committee of the Permanent Representatives on the AU Structural Reforms and of meetings organized by the partners of the AU. • Contribution to Burkina Faso mediation efforts in the Malian crisis. • Regular briefings of the AU Peace and Security Council on the evolution of the Mediation and the implementation of the Ouagadougou Agreement, which made it possible to defuse the crisis and the organization of Presidential election in Mali in 2013.
Name of Organization/Employer: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso	
Address of the Organization/Employer (Postal address : PO Box 7038, Ouagadougou 03, Telephone numbers: 00226 25 3320 and website)	
<i>Post occupied (Title of Post)</i>	Deputy Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation in charge of Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso
<i>Duration (From beginning date to the end)</i>	10 June 2007- 17 April 2011
<i>Number of persons supervised</i>	Thirty three (33)
<i>Responsibilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion and defense of the positions and interests of Burkina Faso within Sub-regional, Regional integration and cooperation groups; • Promotion of Regional integration policy in Burkina Faso. Coordination of participation of Burkina Faso in the activities of these groups. • Assist the Minister in the implementation of the Foreign Policy of Burkina Faso ; • Notes on the positions to be adopted by Burkina Faso on the issues submitted to the various bodies of Regional Integration Organizations. • Sensitization of the appropriate National structures, National economic actors and the diaspora on decisions taken in matters of integration. • Prospective study on the promotion of the Regional Integration Policy of Burkina Faso

<i>Achievements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairmanship of the Councils of Ministers, Mediation and Security of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) from 2007 to 2008, which enabled the successful adoption of decisions on conflict prevention and resolution in West Africa; • Active participation in the crisis prevention, management and resolution in Guinea Bissau, in the Republic of Guinea, Niger and Togo. • The High Level Good Offices Missions that I led have undoubtedly helped to defuse tension and prevent conflicts in these countries. During the same period, I co-chaired the meetings of the Ministerial Troika of ECOWAS and the European Union during which I defended the views of ECOWAS on issues of common interest in order to develop strategies and common approaches. • Furthermore, the meetings of the International Contact Groups on Guinea Bissau and the Republic of Guinea that I co-chaired contributed to peacebuilding and stability in these countries. • Member of the Council of Ministers of the West African Economic and Monetary Union, the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States, the African Union, the <i>Conseil de l'Entente</i>. I worked to resolve the crises considered by these Organizations. I established the National Committee of Burkina Faso on Free movement of persons and goods and regularly organized Integration Days and of Foreign Communities living in Burkina Faso. • In cooperation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, I helped with the implementation of the Foreign Policy of Burkina Faso.
Name of Organization/Employer: Presidency of Burkina Faso	
Address of the Organization/Employer (Postal address, Telephone numbers and website)	
<i>Post occupied (Title of Post)</i>	Diplomatic Advisor to the President of Burkina Faso
<i>Duration (From beginning date to the end)</i>	6 November 2003- 10 June 2007
<i>Number of persons supervised</i>	Three (3)
<i>Responsibilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect Diplomatic information; • Follow up of some issues with the Diplomatic Representations of Burkina Faso abroad; • Meetings with the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Burkina Faso; • Drafting of Notes accompanied by proposals and suggestions on the Burkinabè Foreign Policy; • Political analysis of international events; • Participation in Diplomatic audiences of the President of Faso; • Member of the Presidential Delegation to multilateral meetings and bilateral visits.

<i>Achievements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of analytical Reports on international issues to my superiors. • Exchange of views with Ambassadors accredited to Burkina Faso on the implementation of Cooperation Agreements. • Active participation in negotiation processes and Facilitation of the President of Faso in the crises in Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Mali which enabled the signing of Peace Agreements. • Participation in Conflict prevention missions and the promotion of Dialogue to resolve the crises in those countries. • Member of the Organising Committees of FESPACO 2007 and National Week of Culture 2006.
Name of Organization/Employer: Embassy, Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the AU and the ECA in Addis Ababa	
Address of the Organization/Employer (Postal address: PO Box 19685, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Telephone numbers and website)	
<i>Post occupied (Title of Post)</i>	First Counselor then Chargé d'Affaires in the Embassy, Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the AU and the ECA in Addis Ababa
<i>Duration (From beginning date to the end)</i>	4 October 1997 – 8 August 2003
<i>Number of persons supervised</i>	Ten (10)
<i>Responsibilities</i>	<p>Assist the Head of Mission to give impetus and ensure the coordination of the activities of the Mission;</p> <p>Follow up political issues with the countries of jurisdiction and the Organization of African Unity/AU, ECA, UNEP and UN-HABITAT and prepare Reports.</p> <p>Assume the functions of Chargé d'Affaires a.i.</p> <p>Coordinate the drafting of Activity Reports of the Embassy periodically.</p>
<i>Realizations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As First collaborator of the Head of Mission, I ensured the preparation of files for meetings, draft speeches and detailed quarterly and annual Reports; • Participation in the statutory meetings organized by the OAU then AU; • Follow up of peace and security issues at the level of the OAU Central Organ and expressed the views of my Government on them. • Active Member of Organizing Committees of OAU/AU Summits held in Ouagadougou in 1998 and in 2004. • Chairmanship of the meetings of Secretaries of Embassies of ECOWAS Member States during the consideration of the constitutive texts of the African Union.

Skills and competencies (In five hundred (500) words maximum, present how your experience and qualifications match the skills and competencies described in the profile of the position you are applying for

With a degree specialising in International Administration from the Sorbonne University, that of the International Institute of Public Administration in Paris, the Ecole Nationale d'Administration et de Magistrature and a Master's degree in Public Law from the University of Burkina Faso, I have a solid academic background that allows me to lead the HHS Department.

In addition, numerous training courses in Leadership, preventive diplomacy, peacekeeping, drug issues, health, humanitarian matters, human rights and social development are an advantage.

I became conversant with multilateral diplomacy at an early age, an asset that has been enhanced over time. My professional experiences in positions of responsibility in the international and Burkinabe administration equip me with the appropriate skills to contribute to the fulfilment of the Aspirations of Agenda 2063.

These high positions have enabled me to acquire skills in management, supervision, planning, human and financial resources management, values that are essential to the proper execution of the tasks of Commissioner.

As Minister and Ambassador, I had the experience of chairing meetings and cooperating with different national and international actors. This experience has facilitated my work as Commissioner. This experience will enable me to interact with partners in order to mobilise the necessary funding for the implementation of the programmes of the HHS Department.

The facilitation experience I acquired beside the President of Faso and my knowledge of African political actors facilitated my missions during my mandate as Commissioner for Political Affairs. I was able to contribute to averting crises and human rights violations on the Continent.

I worked with the PRC Sub-committee on Refugees. With this organ, I visited refugee camps and sites in cooperation with partners. My training in humanitarian issues increased my knowledge on the issue of forced displacement. My training in the assessment of sensitive political situations and post-conflict challenges is an asset in preventing humanitarian and health crises.

The deliberations of the Specialized Technical Committee on Migration, Refugees and the meetings of Africa CDC, in cooperation with the Department of Social Affairs, has been an opportunity to increase my knowledge on migration, diseases and epidemic response.

Within the framework of the implementation of the AU Strategy for response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Department made available to Member States guidelines on response measures to build resilience to the impact of the Coronavirus on elections, the humanitarian situation, justice and human rights, constitutionalism and the rule of law.

As Permanent Representative to the African Union, I promoted the project that led to the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.480 (XXI) on "Supporting Film Production to Enhance its Contribution to Africa's Development".

This capital of experience will enable me to easily implement the programmes of the HHS Department and contribute to the realisation of the Africa we want.

Achievements/Realizations: (In five hundred (500) words maximum, indicate any other achievement in addition to those mentioned under Professional experience that you wish to highlight)

The promotion and protection of women's rights has always been a priority during my career. In June 2020, I piloted the "Women in Governance and Political Participation" project. A Plan of Action was adopted after a broad international consultation. This flagship project will contribute to the emancipation of women and improve the participation of women and girls in political governance in Africa as well as their enhanced integration in the socio-economic life.

At the national level, in cooperation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, I contributed to the implementation of the foreign policy of Burkina Faso.

Similarly, the chairmanship of the Joint Cooperation Commissions strengthened relations between Burkina and its neighbors and friendly countries.

The activities of the National Commission for Regional Integration, which was under my responsibility, enhanced the integration process as well as the harmonious life between Burkinabè and Africans living in Burkina Faso.

Burkina Faso won the First prize for the implementation of the ECOWAS Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons, Goods and the Right of Establishment when I was in charge of Regional Integration. I set up a National Committee on this Protocol. This experience will help me in the implementation of the AU Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons and legal instruments on migration, labour and employment issues.

Faced with the illicit traffic and local consumption of drugs, the Government of Burkina Faso established a National Committee on the Fight against Drugs. As a member of this Committee, I was able to learn about the problem of drugs, their cultivation, manufacture, legal and illegal trade, the repression of illicit trafficking in narcotics and psychotropic substances, medical and social problems and drug addiction. I contributed to the organisation and implementation of the policy defined by the Burkinabe Government in this field. On these issues, I particularly ensured the internalisation of international Treaties to which Burkina Faso is a party.

As Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the AU, I actively participated in the preparation of the 2004 Ouagadougou Summit and the Ouagadougou + 10 Summit which led to the Declarations "on Employment, poverty eradication and inclusive development in Africa."

In 2012, I negotiated and co-signed, on behalf of the Government of Burkina Faso, an "AU Special Prize on Peace and Security" for the Pan African Film and Television Festival of Ouagadougou (FESPACO). This award aims to recognise, reward and honour the best African film productions that promote the culture of peace and non-violence on the Continent.

I was bestowed the honour of "Commander of National Order" in January 2020 and "Officer of National Order" of Burkina Faso in 2008.

Publications (if necessary) : (Provide the list of publications of which you are the author or co-author provide the links to have access to the publications, if online)

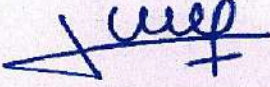
- Dissertation for the Ecole Nationale d'Administration et de Magistrature: The Contribution of the de Organization of African Unity to the Economic Development of Africa, 1988.
- Dissertation for Master's Degree: An example of South-South Cooperation: The Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, 1985.

Working Languages (Indicate the level of competence in oral expression, in reading and writing in the AU languages below: Examples of level of competence: Excellent, Good, Average or poor)

Working Languages	Speak	Read	Write
Arabic			
English	Excellent	Excellent	Good
French	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Portuguese			

References (List three persons as references with details below- One reference must be professional and the other personal)

First Name and Surname	Post and Organisation	Email address:	Telephone Number
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