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**REPORT ON THE ELECTION OF ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE
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AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC)**

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(ACERWC)**

1. The election of members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) is governed by the provisions of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (the Charter) and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.
2. The ACERWC is established by Article 33 (1) of the Charter. Under Article 33 (1) of the Charter, the ACERWC shall consist of eleven (11) members of high moral standing, integrity, impartiality and competence in matters of the rights and welfare of the child. Furthermore, Article 33 (3) of the Charter provides that the ACERWC shall not include more than one (1) national from the same State.
3. It should be noted that according to the practices of the Union, during the election, the Executive Council should respect the principles of equitable geographical representation and equitable gender representation.
4. It should be recalled that the Assembly adopted Decision Assembly/AU.356 (XVI) during its Sixteenth Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2011, in which the Commission was requested to *“ensure the respect of the principle of geographical representation in all African Union organs with elected members, except in cases where a region which has been duly informed has not presented candidates”*.
5. Furthermore, during the June 2015 Summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa, the Assembly adopted decisions Assembly/AU/Dec.575 (XXV) and Dec.576 (XXV) wherein it requested the Commission to prepare modalities to ensure the scrupulous respect of the principles of equitable regional and gender representation in all AU organs and institutions, and to submit the modalities during the January 2016 Summit. It is therefore expected that this election will have to be conducted in conformity with the Modalities that will be adopted by the policy organs in January 2016¹.
6. This election is being conducted due to the expiry of the term of office of Ms. Julia Sloth-Nielsen (South Africa), a member of ACERWC who was elected in January 2011 for a term of five (5) years, pursuant to the provisions of Article 37 (1) of the Charter. Her term shall expire in January 2016.
7. It should be noted that Ms. Julia Sloth-Nielsen (South Africa) is eligible for re-election only once in conformity with decision Assembly/AU/Dec. 548 (XXIV) on Amendment of Article 37 (1) of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child adopted during its Twenty Fourth Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2015.
8. In this regard, the current election relate to the election of one (1) Members of the ACERWC for a five (5) year term.

¹ Subject to any conditions that the Executive Council will determine.

9. The Commission would like to draw the attention of Member States, that after the expiry of the term of office of Ms. Julia Sloth-Nielsen (South Africa) in January 2016, the regional and gender representation of ACERWC:

a) Regional representation

Central :	1
East :	2
North :	1
South :	2
West :	4
TOTAL	10

b) Gender representation

Female members :	7
Male members :	3
TOTAL	10

10. The candidatures submitted by State Parties and received by the Commission are the following:

11.

NO	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
1	Ms. Hermine Kembo Takam Gatsing	F	Cameroon	Central
2	Mr. Joseph Bikie Likibi	M	Congo	Central
3	Mrs. Premila Balgobin	F	Mauritius	Eastern
4	Ms. Martha Koome*	F	Kenya	Eastern
5	Mr. Mohamed Ould Ahmedou dit H'Meyada	M	Mauritania	Northern
6	Ms. Julia Sloth-Nielsen*	F	South Africa	Southern

***Seeking Re-election**

ELECTIONS ACERWC
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CURRICULUM VITAE OF CANDIDATES

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**CURRICULUM VITAE OF
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KEMBO TAKAM GATSING HERMINE

CAMEROON

AFRICAN UNION JOB APPLICATION FORMAT

POST: **MEMBER OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD**

1 : PERSONAL DATA

- 1.1 **NAME :** KEMBO TAKAM GATSING HERMINE
- 1.2 **CORRESPONDING ADDRESS:** PO BOX 1000 YAOUNDE-CAMEROON
- 1.3 **PERMANENT ADDRESS:** PO BOX 1000 YAOUNDE-CAMEROON
- 1.4 **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** hkembo@yahoo.com / hkembo7@gmail.com
- 1.5 **GENDER:** FEMALE
- 1.6 **NATIONALITY:** CAMEROONIAN
- 1.7 **DATE OF BIRTH:** 13/01/1977

2 : EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Master en Droit international et européen des droits fondamentaux (University of NANTES)
- Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies en Droit Communautaire UDEAC-CEMAC (University of Dschang)
- Diplôme d'Université en Droit International de l'Environnement (University of Limoges)
- Maîtrise en Droit des Affaires et de l'Entreprise (University of Dschang)
- Licence en Droit Privé Francophone (University of Yaoundé II-Soa)

3 : SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL SKILLS/EXPERTISE

- Protection of children rights in judicial proceedings
- Cooperation with regional and international human rights mechanisms
- Capacity building of stakeholders in human rights
- Policy framing and Planning

4 : SUMMARY OF RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Mrs KEMBO TAKAM GATSING HERMINE has been in the Magistracy in Cameroon for about 14 years. Since December 2014, she is Sub-Director for Human Rights in the Ministry of Justice in Cameroon, after being, for six years Assistant Research Officer within the Department of Human Rights and International Co-operation of the said Ministry. From 2001 to 2008, she has been posted to the Legal Department as Assistant State counsel and to the Bench as Presiding Magistrate and Examining Magistrate.

In these different capacities, she has developed skills in Human Rights, including Child Rights with regards to protection of children rights in the administration of justice, capacity building, planning and evaluation.

As far as the protection of children rights in the administration of justice is concerned, she has adjudicated numerous criminal matters involving children in conflict with the law, children victim or witness of offences. In civil matters, while posted in courts vested with jurisdiction in family law, she has adjudicated child rights related cases such as divorce, adoption.

Since 2009, she has been managing capacity building programs in Human Rights for the judiciary and the penitentiary administration, with specific courses on Child rights, Women rights,

Refugee law, Rights of persons deprived of liberty, Fight against human trafficking. In light with the foregoing, she participated in the conception of a toolkit for the training of Magistrates on Child Rights in the National School of Administration and Magistracy. She has moderated seminars and workshops on juvenile justice and on alternative measures to deprivation of liberty. She has also been called in some universities in Cameroon, to make a presentation of the African Human Rights System, which is the subject matter of a book she recently published.

With regards to planning, she was member of the team in charge of drafting the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Cameroon which has a whole section on Child Rights.

Finally, since 2006, she is member of the Drafting Committee of the Report by the Ministry of Justice on Human Rights in Cameroon. She is involved in the follow up of the co-operation of the State of Cameroon with international and regional Human Rights mechanisms. She has also contributed to the drafting and defense of Reports submitted by Cameroon before the African Commission of Human and People's Rights, the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, the Human Rights Committee and the Human Rights Council.

5 : LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES : MAHOUE (M) et KEMBO TAKAM GATSING Hermine, "Le nouveau juge d'instruction camerounais à la recherche de son autonomie", *Revue des sciences criminelles*, avril –juin 2008.

BOOKS :

- KEMBO TAKAM GATSING Hermine, "Le système africain de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme : un système en quête de cohérence", L'harmattan-Cameroun 2014, 202 pages. On the 14 January 2015, the book was awarded the "Grand prix de la recherche" within the context, of the *Grand prix des Associations littéraires* (2014), organized by some Literature associations in Cameroon.
- MAHOUE (M) et KEMBO TAKAM GATSING Hermine, "Les droits de l'homme au cœur de la procédure pénale camerounaise : Entre volonté humaniste et tentations régressives". To be published in 2016 by Bruylant (Brussels).

6 : AU WORKING LANGUAGES : French and English

7 : ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

8 : HOBBIES : Reading

9 : REFEREES :

- Mr Laurent ESSO, Minister of State, Minister of Justice, Keeper of the Seals
Ministry of Justice- Cameroon
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- Mrs Helen GALEGA,
Director of Human Rights and International Co-operation
Ministry of Justice- Cameroon
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JOSEPH BIKIE LIKIBI

CONGO

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. PERSONAL INFORMATIONS

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3. Permanent address: 26, rue Bangui MOUNGALI, Brazzaville
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6. Sex: Male
7. Nationality: Congolese
8. Birth date: 01/ 01/ 1959
9. Civil status: Married



2. DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Certificate of attendance at the session "the child and the international human rights law", International Institute of Human Rights (IIHR), Strasbourg, 6-24 July 2015.
- Certificate of participation in workshop on budget transparency in favor of civil society organizations, Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC) Brazzaville, 2-4 June 2015.
- International Human Rights certificate; special session of the International Human Rights Institute of Strasbourg, France embassy and European Union; from 1st to 5th December 2014 in Brazzaville.
- Training certificate on the elaboration and the implementation of a family hospitality device and personalized social support, TGH, Brazzaville 2014.
- Training certificate in project cycle management; basic rules for European grant; the management of an association. European Union Brazzaville 2014.
- Training on <<participation, claim, advocacy: Strategies of influences of citizen on public policy>> CIEDL, February 2013; Lyon France.
- Certification training frame of reference and deployment of family issues, Auteuil Institute, November 2013, Grenoble, France.
- Tracking training certificate and evaluation of projects and programs of members of Congolese civil society; 2013 Acted and European union of Brazzaville.
- Training of trainers' certification of hospitality centers for street children, Doula Auteuil Institute (France 2007).
- Certificate of training on financial management and budget monitoring projects, March 2015, Brazzaville, International Rescue Committee (IRC).
- Graduate of the national school of Administration and Magistracy (ENAM), General administration University Marien NGOUABI 2002. Defense of dissertation on << The protection of children in danger of being corrupted>>
- Degree in psychology; university Marien NGOUABI Brazzaville Congo, in 1981.
- Training certificate on the identification and participative project planning, September 2004, Brazzaville (IRC – PACT).
- Training certificate management of a social enterprise, Lille school of specialized educators France, SAVE THE CHILDREN (RDC) OXFAM Quebec...In partnership with the ministry of social affairs of the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Educator certificate, AB MOUTOTO school Havana Cuba 1988.

3. WORK EXPERIENCES

- Secretariat of the coordination cell of the thematic platform education, training, integration (EFI) of multi actors concerted program (PCPA – Congo), 2013

- ✓ Strengthening the participation of associations for political dialogue, social economic and cultural.
- ✓ Facilitating the participation of associations in the definition, monitoring and evaluation of development policies and strategies.
- ✓ Development and consolidation of partnerships with public authorities and technical and financial partners.
- ✓ Exchange of knowledge and practices; design and implementation of advocacy.
- ✓ Pulse structuring of civil society organizations, valuation of specific associations.

- National coordinator of the stakeholder network for the protection of children out.

✓ capacity building of associations and stakeholders: implementation of advocacy, exchange of experience, analysis of practices, training of stakeholders, creation of school projects, development of host family arrangements, institutional organization and service etc ...

- ✓organizing conferences, seminars, training sessions,work shopoffacilitation, campaign againstmaltreatmentof children;
 - ✓Animationseminars andtraining sessions andawarenessonchild rights;
 - ✓drafting, implementation andproject monitoring and evaluation;
 - ▣Director of theNGOEspaceJarrotsince 2002
 - ✓Home, education, training, family reintegrationof childrenin street situations,
 - ▣Directorfatherhomedavid(civil society), 1996-1997,
 - ✓Homeandreeducationof minors inmoral danger,
 - ▣Chiefaccountanttransplantservice andresponsible for mattersof minors inconflict with the lawin the prison ofBrazzavillein Congo (Ministry of Justice), 1995-1996,
 - ▣Director of freeducationcenter forjuvenile offendersLOUVAKOU(Ministry of Justice), 1986-1995,
 - ✓Homeandreeducation(schooling program and introduction tovocational training),
 - ▣Directorof the observationcenter forminors at risk(Departmentof Justice)1985,
 - ▣Responsible foreducation actionservice(AEMO, Brazzaville)1984,
 - ▣Associate judgeat theCourt of Appeal ofBrazzaville,Ministry of Justice, Brazzaville 1983- 1986,
- 2015: member** of thesmall technical committeefor the promotion ofnewchild protectionapproaches: Ministryof Social Affairs andUNICEF;
- 2014:February:** facilitation of atraining workshop formembers ofREIPERon advocacyand awareness,TriangleGenerationHumanitaire-European Union,Brazzaville;
- 2014: January:** participation in inter-municipalities seminary << act against social exclusion in urban areas, AIMF, EU, AFD, and samusocialinternational>> Pointe Noir Congo,
- 2014:January:** participation inthe 65th sessionof theHuman Rights Committeeofthe Child in Geneva,
- 2013:June:**presentation of thealternative report onthe implementation of theconvention on children'srights in the Congoto pressurefrom the Committee onRights of the Child, Committee on the Rightsof the Child,Geneva,
- 2013:December:**Participation in the workshoponsystematicapproach to monitoringof public action, strengtheninggood governanceapproach(detailed analysis of the shortcomingsof public actionin different sectors). WorldBank,
- 2012:August**conduct a workshopinBrazzavillemilitaryacademyon thepromotion of children'srights in the Congoin connectionwith the Conventionof Children'sRights (CDE),
- 2010 and 2011:Brazzaville** development and implementation ofactionplan forstreet children,Ministry of Social Affairs, UNICEFandREIPER,
- 2011:Brazzaville:** Co development of regulations implementingthe law onchild protectionin Congo, (technical committee) Ministry of JusticeandUNICEF;
- 2011:June:**participation in thevalidationof three reportsonwork shop<<nationalmanagementstrategyfor vulnerable groups; African Development BankandMinistry of Social Affairs,
- 2011:national** consultantofthe qualitative and quantitativestudy of theproblematicmilitaryciviliansPool(Congo Brazzaville), World Bank,
- 2011:March:**participation in thework shopoffinalization andvalidation of the reporton the objectives andpriorities of the nationalsocial action policy, Brazzaville, Congo,UNICEFandMinistry of Social Affairs,
- 2011:Brazzaville:** member ofthe technical team todevelop acontingency plan<<protection of childrenand women>>Congo, UNICEFandMinistry of Social Affairs;
- 2011: Brazzaville:** member ofthe consulting teamforthe implementationof the Law onChild Protection, UNICEFandthe Government ofCongo;
- 2011:Brazzaville:** member of theImplementationCommitteeand the TechnicalCommitteedrafting ofregulations implementingthe law onchild protectionin the Congo, UNICEFandthe Ministry of Justiceand Human Rights;
- 2009:December:** participation in the internationalseminar onLille: viewpointsonchild protectionin Europe andelsewhere andinterventions in the plenaryon the themeof street children,child sorcerers? LilleSocialInstitute,
- 2009:Brazzaville:** development of the NationalAction Plan2010- 2011for childreninstreet situationsand guidethe interventions of theactors in the field, Ministry of Social AffairsandUNICEFcongo,

2008:Speech at theparliamentary seminar(national expert) on the themeparliamentof the Republicof Congo andthe treaty bodieson humanrights: what strategy for bettercooperation, Brazzaville, the Congolese Parliament, inter-union parlementaire-ITU and theUnited Nationshigh Commissionerforhuman Rights,

2007:Nkayi: Survey of grassroots communities inBouenza about their concernsand traditionalmechanisms for prevention andsettlement ofconflictsin thePNDDR, Nkayi; World-bankHigh Commissionresponsible forthe reintegration of ex-combatants and theConsultation Councilof Development NGOs(CCOD),

2005:Brazzaville: member of the coordinatingcommittee for the developmentof the law onchild protectionin Congo, enacted in 2010,Ministry ofJustice andUNICEF;

2004:member of the steeringcommitteeof the project<<orphansand other vulnerable children>> -OEVMinistry of Social Affairs-nationalcouncil againstAIDSand NGO;

2004:consultant for the studyon the evaluation ofjuvenile justicein the Congo,investigativereport,UNICEF-Ministry of Justice;

2004;July:participationand animation ofAfricanfrancophoneforumon the promotion andprotection of the rightsof street children, Senegal, ConsortiumforStreet Children(CSC) in London;

2003:January:participation insub-regionalconsultation on preventionand reintegration ofchildren involved inarmedconflictin Central Africa, Yaounde, Cameroon, International Labour Organisation(ILO) andthe International Programme forthe Elimination of ChildLabour (IPEC),

2003:February: Participation in thetraining seminar forcommunity educatorstosupportthe promotionof the Conventionon the Rightsof the Child,USAID andCONADHO, Brazzaville.

4. SUMMARY OF WORK EXPERIENCES

Skills: setdesign, implementawareness sessionsandtraining on the rightsof the child /strategic plandevelopment forthe protection and promotionof children's rights/creation and management ofinstitutionstakingcare of children/advocacy /implementationupstatepartnerships-NGO /monitoring andmanagement/ evaluation projects, associations diagnosis/ adviceand technical supportto associations/implementationand support ofschool projects/organizing and conductingsolidarityprojects/supervision,analysispractices/ animationandteam coordination/coordinationand facilitationnetworks.

5. PUBLICATIONS

- ✓ memory of studies on "the protection of the children in moral danger in Brazzaville", 2001.80 p
- ✓ street children, child sorcerers?presentedat the Lillesocialinstitute, December 2009
- ✓ tell me your rights" contest for the knowledge of the children's rights
- ✓ means and methods of development of the collective resources of the young people and the inhabitants, to revitalize the professional practices and postures by giving the primacy to "making together", seminar of the CLAPS, 2012, Rouen

6. WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE AFRICAN UNION

- ✓ **Language:** French, speaking and writing
English, average

7. OTHER SKILLS

- ✓ Data processing: MS office 2000, Internet, excel, power point

8. HOBBIES

- ✓ Reading, sport, music

9. REFEREES

- ✓ **Emilienne Raoul**, Minister of Social Affairs, Humanitarian Actionand Solidarity, Congo Email: emiraoul@hotmail.com
- ✓ **Carine PARENT**, business development manager of the international partnerships, direction international and futurology; Apprentisd'Auteuil, Paris in France. Email: carine.parent@apprentis-auteuil.org. Tél: 0033144147575/ 0689012740 / 0666686131
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HON LADY JUSTICE MARTHA KOOME

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Nationality: Kenyan

EDUCATION

2009-2011: LL.M (Public International Law) University of London
1986-1988: Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies, Kenya School of Law
1983-1986: LLB University of Nairobi

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

January 2012 to date	Judge of Appeal Kenya
October 2011- to December 2011	Head of Land and Environment Division
October 2010 -Oct 2011	Resident Judge Kitale
May 2009 - Sep 2010	Judge Milimani Commercial Court
Jan 2006 - April 2009	Resident Judge, Nakuru Law Courts
May 2003 - Jan 2006	Judge based at the Family Division of the High Court
Jan 1988 - May 2003	Martha Koome & Company Advocates

KEY QUALIFICATIONS:

Justice Koome has a total of twenty seven years' experience both as a legal practitioner, a Judge of the High Court and Court of Appeal. Judge Koome began her legal career in private practice in 1988, where she succeeded in running one of the **most successful women law firms** at the time. Her clientele included Public Sector Companies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Insurance firms and Commercial Banks. While in private practice, Judge Koome distinguished herself as a *defender of Human Rights* concentrating specifically on Gender Rights.

Judge Koome was part of the team that was involved in the drafting of the Children's Act 2001, The Equality Bill, Family Protection, domestic Violence Bill, and the Gender Commission Act among others. Judge Koome served in the Council of Law Society and became the first Treasurer and Founder of the East Africa Law Society. Between the years, 2005 – 2010, she was elected by the African Heads of State Summit Held in May 2005 at Sirte Libya to serve in the African Union Committee on the Rights and Welfare of Children (ACRWC).

Justice Koome is internationally recognized as a leading expert in the area of child law and gender rights, in this regard she has been invited to several conferences to discuss her experiences. She is a member of the Hague Network of Judges that monitors cross border child abduction. Justice Koome is passionate about matters of social justice and protection of the rights of women and children; this is demonstrated in the numerous boards that she has participated on Pro Bono basis, including Kenya Women Finance Trust, Law Society of Kenya, ANPCAN, and FIDA Kenya.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Judge of Appeal Kenya

After serving as Judge of the High Court for close to nine years, in virtually all the divisions of the High Court and Court Stations, Judge Koome was promoted to the Court of Appeal in January 2012, after competitive interviews; as Judge of the High Court she served in many parts of the country as;

Resident Judge Kitale High Court

Judge Milimani Commercial Court

Resident Judge Nakuru Law Courts

Judge Family Division

Martha Koome & Advocates

OTHER REASONS/PRO BONO WORK

Chair Person Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association, ANPPCAN – Chair of the Board

Federation of Kenya Women Lawyers - Chairperson

African Union Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACWRC)

Member of the Hague Network of Judges on child abduction.

PUBLICATIONS

- Women's Guide to Law (Conducted Research on behalf of FIDA Kenya 1988)
- Women and Democracy in Kenya, League of Kenya Women Voters
- FIDA –Kenya's Annual Report (Contributed on the Chapter on the implementation of the CRC and the Children's Act 2001)
- Several Papers on the Property Rights of Women
- The Bench Book on the Family Law
- Court of Appeal Practice Directions on case management

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❖ AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

- Sociological Studies and Research (Qualitative and Quantitative);
- Initiation and Development of Social Development Programmes;
- Training of Trainers in IEC and Advocacy;
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Programmes;
- Communication for Development (C 4 D) and Social Marketing;
- Analysis of Institutional and Societal Needs.

❖ EDUCATION:

- 2010 – present: Preparing a PhD Thesis in Development Sociology, at the Mohamed V University in Rabat, Morocco;
- 2007 – 2009 : *Master 2* (Year2 Master's Programme) in Development Sociology, Mohamed V University in Rabat, Morocco;
- 1987 - 1989 *Maîtrise* (IJAZA) [postgraduate diploma] in Sociology, Mohamed V University in Rabat, Morocco;

- 1984-1987: *DEUG* (Associate Degree) in Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Fes, Morocco;
- Diploma in Community Development, Turin International Centre in Italy.

❖ **Training and Refresher Courses:**

- Training in Advocacy for Gender and Development, Amman Jordan (2003);
- Training in Qualitative Surveys, CERPOD, Dakar, Senegal (2000);
- Training of Trainers on Communication and Advocacy, Hammamet, Tunisia (1998);
- Training in Resource Development for Social Sectors, Queen Zein Al-Sharaf Institute for Development, Amman, Jordan, (1996) [Training Certificate];
- Training in Community Development at the Turin International Centre, Italy (1994) [Training Certificate];
- Training in Family Planning, *Centre du Bien-être familial* (Family Welfare Centre) Nouakchott (1993).

❖ **Studies, research and work carried out:**

- ⇒ *National EPI Communication Action Plan, MoH/UNICEF, 2013;*
- ⇒ *Facilitator, “colloque des mesures de confiance entre les sahraouis”* (symposium on confidence building measures between the Sahrawis) in AÇORES, Portugal, (2012, 2013 and 2014) [UNHCR];
- ⇒ *Member, team of experts responsible for drafting the ICPD+20 Report / MAED, UNFPA, 2013;*
- ⇒ *Coordinator, IPPF Accreditation Team for the Arab World (2005 -2010;*
- ⇒ *KAP survey involving religious leaders on population issues in Mauritania, UNFPA, 2011;*
- ⇒ *“Étude socio anthropologique sur l’état des lieux des traditions et valeurs qui avantagent ou entravent le développement dans les zones d’intervention du programme conjoint culture développement et Proposition d’un Plan d’action »*(Socio-anthropological study on traditions and values which enhance or hamper development in the culture and development joint programme area and proposed Plan of Action), SNU-MC, 2010;

- ⇒ Inventory of development projects for Arab women, OFA, Cairo, 2009;
- ⇒ National Strategy for Social Protection, Ministry of Social Affairs, Children and Family (MASEF) MASEF-GED-Cunsult-UNICEF, 2009;
- ⇒ *“Etude sur l’état des lieux du projet de lutte contre la mendicité”* (Study on the status of the project to combat begging). CSA, 200;
- ⇒ *“Plan d’Action Nationale de la Femme Rurale”* (National Action Plan for Rural Women), UNFPA-MCPFEF 2008;
- ⇒ *“Analyse de la situation de la femme rurale”* (National Action Plan for Rural Women), UNFPA-MCPFEF 2008;
- ⇒ Drafting of Five reports on the situation of Mauritanian women for the Secretariat of State for Women's Affairs (SECF) and the Organization of Arab Women 2006;
- ⇒ *“Ampleur de la violence contre les femmes”* (The extent of the violence against women), SECF/UNFPA, December 2004;
- ⇒ *“Islam et Questions de Population”* (Islam and Population Issues), for the League of Ulema/UNFPA, November 2004;
- ⇒ *“Etude des besoins de santé des Adolescents et Adolescentes dans les Wilayas du Brakna et du Gorgol”* (Needs assessment study for adolescents in the Brakna and Gorgol wilayas), (Co-author) NRHP-UNICEF, December 2003;
- ⇒ Awareness Campaign to enhance women's access to their rights, Nouakchott (Co-designer, Lead Facilitator) AMPF/BMZ 2003;
- ⇒ *“Analyse des besoins non satisfaits en matière de Santé de la Reproduction chez les populations rurales”* (Analysis of unmet needs for reproductive health among rural populations), AMPF/IPPF 2003;
- ⇒ *“Situation socioéconomique des ménages dirigés par des Femmes, zone périphérique de Nouakchott”* (The socio-economic situation of female-headed households in the outlying district of Nouakchott), NGO: SME/AGFUND 2001;
- ⇒ *“Etude sur les filles domestiques en Mauritanie”* (Study on girl domestic workers in Mauritania), (co-author) SECF/UNICEF 1998;
- ⇒ *“Etude sur les enfants Mendiants Talibés en Mauritanie”* (Study on Talibés child beggars in Mauritania), (co-author) MSAS/UNICEF 2000;

- ⇒ *“Perceptions et attitudes des hommes mauritaniens vis-à-vis de la santé de la reproduction »* (Mauritanian men’s perceptions and attitudes of reproductive health), MSAS/UNFPA, 1997;
- ⇒ *“Guide des ONGs nationales en Mauritanie »* (Directory of national NGOs in Mauritania), National Union of NGOs 1997;
- ⇒ *“Analyse des attitudes/pratiques relatives à la santé de la reproduction des intervenants principaux au niveau des institutions gouvernementales”* (Analysis of attitudes/practices related to reproductive health of key stakeholders in government institutions), GTZ, April 1996;
- ⇒ *“Les Obstacles Socioculturels envers la santé de la reproduction et la planification familiale »* (Sociocultural barriers to reproductive health and family planning), AMPF/IPPF 1996;
- ⇒ *“Mode de garde de la petite enfance en Mauritanie, étude de cas »* (Early childhood care arrangements in Mauritania, case study), SECF/UNICEF 1996;
- ⇒ *“Enquête sur les situations des enfants de la rue »* (Survey on the situation of street children), MSAS/UNICEF 1996;
- ⇒ *“Situation de la famille Mauritanienne »* (Situation of the family in Mauritania) for SECF, in collaboration with the Canadian consulting group «solidarité femme» 1994;
- ⇒ Membre d’équipe d’étude : *des modes des productions animales dans la société pastorale/Projet Elevage II*, 1990 (Member of the Study Team on livestock production methods in a pastoral society) / Second Livestock Project 1990)

❖ **Papers presented and published:**

- ⇒ *« Les obstacles sociaux de la participation de la femme mauritanienne dans le développement »* (social barriers to the participation of Mauritanian women in development), AMPF 1993;
- ⇒ *« Les enfants de la rue : causes et conséquence”* (street children: causes and consequences), paper presented at the seminar on juvenile delinquency organised by the Ministry of Justice, in collaboration with UNICEF, published in 1993;
- ⇒ *“Les racines socioculturels de l’élite politique de la société locale »* (socio-cultural origins of the local society’s political elite), paper presented at the Symposium of Arab World Sociologists in Benghazi (published in 1991);
- ⇒ *“Les chemins des stupéfiants dans l’affrontement des coutumes Mauritaniennes »* (Narcotics pathways in the clash of Mauritanian cultures), paper presented at the national seminar on drugs control (published in 1989).

❖ **Other activities :**

- ⇒ Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Nouakchott;
- ⇒ Member, Group of Experts in Development (GED);
- ⇒ President of *Ligue des Experts Défenseurs des Droits des Enfants et Adolescents* (Child and Adolescent Rights Defence League), since 2002;
- ⇒ Member, *Comité national de la famille* (national family council);
- ⇒ Member of the National Drafting Commission for the National Report on the Situation of Women in Mauritania;
- ⇒ Member, Inter-Sectoral Commission for the Preparation of the National Population Policy;
- ⇒ Participated in the preparation of the National Poverty Alleviation Policy;
- ⇒ Member, National Education Document Preparation Team, in collaboration with UNESCO National Committee in 1993;
- ⇒ Member, Maghreb Expert Groups for Social Affairs (1995);
- ⇒ Member, Inter-Sectoral Commission for the Preparation of a National Cooperation Programme with UNDP (1991);
- ⇒ Member, Inter-Sectoral Commission for Mid-Term Evaluation of the UNFPA National Programme (1996);
- ⇒ Participated in the development of the Education for Health Strategy (1996);
- ⇒ Participated in the preparation of the National Strategy for the Advancement of Women in Mauritania;
- ⇒ Secrétaire Général Adjoint de *l'Union maghrébine des sociologues* ; (Deputy Secretary- General, Maghreb Union of Sociologists);
- ⇒ Member, Regional Council of the Arab World of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (since 1995);
- ⇒ Secretary-General, Mauritanian Association for Family Promotion;
- ⇒ Vice-President, National Union of NGOs;

- ⇒ Lecturer in Sociology, National School of Health;
- ⇒ Member, Panel of Examiners for thesis defense in social development for students of *l'Université Aix- Marseille* (Aix-Marseille University), within the framework of cooperation between France and Mauritania, Nouakchott (1994);
- ⇒ Member, Technical Team for the Development of the National Family Strategy (1998);
- ⇒ Attended several conferences and seminars at national, regional and international levels;
- ⇒ Designed several governmental and non-governmental sectoral action programmes;
- ⇒ Published several articles in national and international magazines and newspapers.

❖ **Positions held:**

- ⇒ 2005-2007: Coordinator, Technical Support Unit of the Social Affairs Department in MSAS;
- ⇒ 1994-2005: Head, Coordination and Planning Unit of the Social Affairs Department in MSAS;
- ⇒ 1993-94 : Coordinator, Regional Social Services Activities;
- ⇒ 1991-93 : Employee at the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (MSAS), Head of Nouakchott Social Development Service;
- ⇒ 1990-91: Sociologist, Studies and Monitoring Component of the Second Livestock Project.

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MRS. PREMILA BALGOBIN
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Curriculum Vitae

Mrs. Premila Balgobin

1. PERSONAL DATA

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2. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Council of Legal Education at Inns of Court
- Barrister at Law at Lincoln's Inn

3. SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL SKILLS/EXPERTISE

- (i) Experience in the field of human rights – attended various training courses in Africa and India in respect of human rights and delivered courses in human rights both in Mauritius and Rodrigues.
- (ii) Experience in dealing with matrimonial and children's rights, being the first judge to set up and preside over the Matrimonial Division of the Supreme Court of Mauritius.
- (iii) Dealt with various sensitive cases involving children, juvenile, alimony, maintenance or custody or guardianship of minors.
- (iv) Chaired various arbitration proceedings dealing with issues impacting upon the country's economic sectors.

4. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Temporary District Magistrate	4th May 1977
District Magistrate	22nd May 1978
Confirmed District Magistrate	22nd May 1980
Senior District Magistrate	1st July 1981
Magistrate Intermediate Court	14th April 1984

Ag. Presiding Magistrate Industrial Court	1st October 1990
Deputy Master & Registrar and Judge in Bankruptcy	21st December 1992
Judge in Bankruptcy & Master and Registrar	1st July 1993
Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Mauritius	1st September 1995
Acting as Senior Puisne Judge	23rd, 26th and 27th August 2002 23rd August 2003 03rd to 10th September 2005 02nd to 13th December 2007 19th June to 03rd July 2009 24th to 29th August 2009
Acting as Chief Justice	23rd to 30th August 2008
Presiding Judge at the Family Division of the Supreme Court	2008 to 2009
Presiding Judge of the Assizes	2010
Date of retirement from judicial service	10th April 2012
Member of Judicial and Legal Service Commission	1st January 2010 – 31st January 2011

5. AU LANGUAGES (ARABIC, ENGLISH, FRENCH, PORTUGUESE)

English & French

6. HOBBIES

- Reading
- Walking
- Involvement in charity work

7. REFEREES

- Hon. K. P. Matadeen, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Mauritius
- Mr. D. Seetulsing, The Chairperson, Human Rights Commission

PROF. JULIA SLOTH-NIELSEN

SOUTH AFRICA

CV for candidacy for re-election to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (January 2016)



Name: Prof Julia Sloth-Nielsen

Date of Birth: 28 October 1959

Highest qualification: LLD (in juvenile justice)

Present occupation: Senior Professor, Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape (employee of the University since 1994): (teaching children's rights (LLM), International Family Law (LLM), Social welfare law (to social work students) and Child Justice (LLB elective))

Editor: Children's Legal Rights: An African Perspective (Ashgate, 2008)

Contribution to the work of the African Union since election to the Committee in 2011

- Member of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child: January 2011- January 2016
- Presented on birth registration and the African Children's Charter at a Day of General Discussion, November 2012
- Served as 2nd vice chair, November 2012-November 2014
- Conducted induction of incoming ACERWC committee members, September 2013
- Will conduct induction of incoming ACERWC members, October 2015
- Participated in mission to Northern Uganda to follow up on the communication received against the Government of Uganda (May 2012)
- Lead a mission to South Sudan to investigate situation of children affected by the conflict which commenced December 2013
- Lead the process of drafting the ACERWC's General Comment no 2 (the rights to a name, to a nationality and birth registration), through a consultative process and in alignment with the work of the African Ministers of CRVS; this document has been hailed internationally for the human rights standards it sets for birth registration (January 2012 – May 2014)

- Contributed substantially to the written decision of the Committee in the Nubian Children's Case (1st decision of the Committee in relation to a communication)
- Contributed substantially to the written decision of the Committee in the Ugandan People's Defence Force Case (2nd decision of the Committee in relation to a communication)
- Gave keynote address on General Comment no 1 (children of imprisoned care-givers) on behalf of the ACERWC at the 1st international conference on Keeping Children Safe, Cape Town 1 September 2014
- Hosted at the University of the Western Cape a follow up meeting to develop indicators for measuring states parties follow up to the 2013 Day of the African Child with the theme children with disabilities (December 2013)
- Member of the mission to Tanzania to investigate the position of children with albinism (August 2015)
- Published three chapters and two articles specifically related to the interpretation of the Charter or the work of the Committee (2011 – 2015)
- Chairperson of the coordinating team for the ACERWC's continental study on children affected by armed conflict, April 2015- November 2015
- Presented a keynote speech on children and armed conflict at the 2nd Open Session of the Joint session of the AU Peace and Security Council and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, 19 May 2015
- Provided technical assistance with the reporting process to the ACERWC for Swaziland, South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, and Zambia
- Will co-operate with the Commission on Human and Peoples' rights to provide guidance on the draft General Comment on Child Marriage (August – November 2015)

Relevant Publications

"Modern African Childhoods: Does Law Matter?" MDA Freeman (ed) *Current Legal Issues Volume 14: Law and Childhood Studies* Oxford University Press 2012 (pages 117- 132) ISBN 9780199652501

"The Botswana Children's Act 2009: a revolution for child and family law" 2012 *International Survey of Family Law*, (Jordan International Publishing, B Atkin (ed), 2012)

"The Angolan Law on the Holistic development of the Child (With A Mandate) 2013 *International Survey of Family Law* (Jordan international publishing, B Atkin ed) pp 39 – 59 ISBN 978 1 84661 726 3

"The Zanzibar Children's Act: Process, Progress and potential" in Maina Peter C, Ed "The Zanzibar Yearbook of Law" (Zanzibar legal Services Centre, ISBN 9987-697-13-5 pp 229-247

"Socioeconomic rights and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the child" (D Chirwa and L Chenwi (eds) "Litigating socio-economic rights" (expected Cambridge University Press November 2015)

"What's in a name? Child Friendly Justice in Africa" (in S Mahmoodi "Child Friendly Justice" Brill publishers (publication date September 2015).

"Regional frameworks for safeguarding children: the role of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child" in www.mdpi.com/journal/socsci (in a themed volume on child protection, December 2014)

"Children's Rights and Parental Authority: African perspectives" in Routledge Handbook of Family Law and Policy (2014), Eekelaar J and George, R (eds) pp 281-288

"The Lesotho Child Care and Protection Act and orphans and vulnerable children" in B Atkin and F Banda (eds) *International Survey of Family Law* (Jordan Publishing)

"The Convention on the Rights of the Child in Litigation in the African region: lessons from the communication procedure under the ACRWC" in *Litigating Children's Rights* (T Liefwaard and J Doek (eds)) Springer publications (2014)

In preparation: "The impact of state party reporting on Children's Rights in Africa: the role of National Human rights institutions" (For the Centre for Human rights. University of Pretoria)

Referees

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