How to start the application process:

The application process consists of two parts: the first part is a web-based survey and the second part is an application form in Word format. Both parts and all sections of the application form need to be completed for the application to be processed.

**First part:** The [web-based survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WebApplication_SMH_HRC27_Sept2014) is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate/s applying for and nominating entity. **The web-based survey should only be completed once**, i.e. multiple selection is allowed to indicate if the candidate is applying for more than one mandates.

**Second part:** The application form in Word which can be downloaded, completed and saved in Word format and then submitted as an attachment by email. Information provided in this form includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words. The application form should be completed in English only. It will be used as received to prepare the public list of candidates who applied for each vacancy and will be made available to concerned parties, including through the OHCHR public website.

Once completed, the application form in Word should be submitted by email to [hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)

If the candidate is applying for more than one mandate, a mandate-specific application form needs to be completed and sent for each mandate.

* A maximum of three reference letters can be attached, in pdf format, to the application sent by email. No additional document is required.
* **Application deadline: Monday, 28 July 2014 (midnight, GMT).**
* Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

General description of the selection process is available at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

Please note that for the Working Group appointments, only nationals of States belonging to the specific regional groups are eligible. Please refer to the list of United Nations regional groups of Member States at <http://www.un.org/depts/DGACM/RegionalGroups.shtml>

In case of technical difficulties, or if you encountering problems completing or accessing any of the forms, the Secretariat may be contacted by email at [hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org) or fax at + 41 22 917 9011.

**An acknowledgment email will be sent when we receive both parts of the application process, i.e. the information through the web-based survey and the Word application form by email.  
Thank you for your interest in the work of the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| 1. Family name: KOUAKOU | 5. Sex:  Male  Female |
| 2. First name: Ahouty | 6. Date of birth (dd-mm-yy): 1-janv.-79 |
| 3. Maiden name (if any): | 7. Place of birth: KONGODIA/COTE D'IVOIRE |
| 4. Middle name: | 8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Cote d'Ivoire |
|  | 9. Any other nationality: |

**II. MANDATE - SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE**

**NOTE: Please describe why the candidate’s competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:**

1. **QUALIFICATIONS** (200 words)

Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)

Mr KOUAKOU Ahouty has completed a bachelor degree in communication for development and Socioanthropology. In addition, he acquires a diploma in english and has a basic knowledge in spanish. So his relevant records confer on him good communications skills in English and french . Apart from his academic record, Mr KOUAKOU Ahouty is a militant of human rights.

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200 words)

Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired.)

Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations’ work in the area of human rights. (Please state how this was acquired.)

Proven work experience in the field of human rights. (Please state years of experience.)

Mr KOUAKOU Ahouty is self-taught, so he acquires knowledge on international human rights, norms and principles and has a quite knowledge of instiutional mandates related to the United Nations thanhks to his research through books and online. To this end, he has knowledge on HRC resolutions in general. Besides, he is a member of an international organization of human rights defenders called frontline. This position allowed him to further his knowledge through training and other tools provided by frontline online. So since 2011, he holds this position. But before, he has been active for seven years(from 2004 to 2010) in several national associations and NGOs that defends the rights of disavantaged people namely people with disability.

1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE**  (200 words)

Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.)

Mr KOUAKOU Ahouty is an activist of human rights. He militated in several organizations of human rights. He has been working with National Association of Disabled Students(GIEHPCI) from 2004 to 2010. He used to defend the rights of students with disabilities during this period. Early in 2011, he has become a member of Fronline defender. In the meantime, he occupied a position of chairman in a national NGO called Cocody Cité de l'Espoir that defends the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS.

1. **flexibility/readiness and AVAILABILITY of time** (200 words)

to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. (Indicate whether candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approx. three months per year to the work of a mandate.)

Mr KOUAKOU Ahouty is a man devoted to human rights matters. He is a serious man who likes his work. I think, he will be pleased to spend more than three months per year to accomplish human rights work even outside his country, Cote d'Ivoire. He can be a valuable ambassador of his organization and his country at Human Rights Council Sessions in Geneva and General Assembly Sessions in New York. To this end the organization Action et Humanisme is ready to approve more than three months leave of absence to participate at these sessions.

**III. Motivation Letter (600 word limit)**

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| I am writing to express my interest in the position on Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. I am the Executive Director of a non-profit organization that defends the rights of disadvantaged people of the society called Action et Humanisme. I received a Bachelor degree in communication for Development, Socioanthropology and a diploma in English. I am a bilingual and a person with disability. I militated in several associations that defend the rights of vulnerable people like handicapped persons. My position of leader allows me to acquire communication skills and tips for managing a group and conflicts. Later by 2011, I joined an international organization called Frontline; an organization that protect human right defenders.My concentration in Social Studies requires extensive research and writing across a broad spectrum of subjects. My position of leader and project manager experiences have acquired me to successful multi-task, work under pressure, prioritize, and solve organizational problems. My dream is to become one day an international higher representative of persons with disabilities to make their voice heard. To this end, I think I am best placed to assume the responsibilities of Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities to help achieving this goal.  Thank you for your time and consideration.  Sincerely  KOUAKOU Ahouty |

**IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills:**

**Mother tongue:** **Agni**

**Arabic:** Yes or no: **no If yes,**

**Read:** Easily orNot easily:        
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **Speak:** Easily or Not easily:

**Chinese:** Yes or no: **no If yes,**

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**English:** Yes or no: **yes If yes,**

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Easily**

**French:** Yes or no: **yes If yes,**

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Easily**

**Russian:** Yes or no: **no If yes,**

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**Spanish:** Yes or no: **yes If yes,**

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **not easily**

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher).**

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| Name of degree and name of academic institution: | Years of attendance  (From/To): | Place and country: |
| Certificate in Entrepreneurship and projects management at CERAP(Centre de Recherche et d'Action pour la Paix) | From October to December 2013 | Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire |
| Bachelor in Communication at Université Félix Houphouét Boigny former University of Cocody Abidjan | From 2010 to 2011 | Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire |
| Bachelor in Socioanthropology at Université Félix Houphouét Boigny former University of Cocody Abidjan | From 2005 to 2006 | Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire |
| English Diploma at Université Félix Houphouét Boigny former University of Cocody Abidjan | From 2003 to 2004 | Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire |

**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held, beginning with the most recent one.**

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| Name of employer,  functional title,  main functions of position: | Years of work (From/To): | Place and country: |
| KOFFI AYA Clementine, Head of Board of NGO Action et Humanisme, recruited me as Executive Director of NGO Action et Humanisme. My tasks consist in recruiting and build the capacity of the satff, drawing up strategic planning and carrying out advocy on behalf of the organization. | from january 2013 till now | Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire(Ivory Coast) |
| DOUVO Abenan, Head of Board of NGO Cocody Cité de l'Espoir, recruited me as Project Manager. To this end, I used to implement project on behalf of the organization, seek grants and also build the capacity of the staff. | from 2009 to December 2013 | Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire |
| EDJEHI ATTE Bruno, Chairman of Nation Association of Students with Disability, recruited me as Secretary General in charge of carrying out advocacy on behalf of students with disabilities. | from 2004 to 2006 | Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire |
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**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS   
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)**

1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause him/her to limit the extent of their inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.

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| No |

2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate’s ability to act independently in discharging his/her mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

3. Is there any reason, currently or in that past, that could call into question the candidate’s moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which she/he discharges his mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1?

*Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.*

*Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate-holders will act in their personal capacity.*

No

5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, he/she will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.

Non applicable

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