**How to apply:**

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**First part:Online survey** (<http://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/397559?lang=en>) is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity.

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* **Application deadline: 16 NOVEMBER 2016 (12 noon GREENWICH MEAN TIME / gMT)**
* **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
* **Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.**

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**You will receive an acknowledgment email when both parts of the application process, i.e. the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received 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:**  Chofor Che | **6. Year of birth:**    06 August 1978 |
| **2. First name:**  Christian Aime | **7. Place of birth:**    Bamenda |
| **3. Maiden name (if any):** | **8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):**  Cameroonian |
| **4. Middle name:** | **9. Any other nationality:** |
| **5. Sex:**   Male |  |

**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.)**

I hold a Master in laws with specialisation in human rights and democratisation in Africa obtained from the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa in 2003. I have participated in human rights and peace building training programs in countries like Switzerland, Ghana, the United States of America, Senegal, Morocco, India and Hungary. I also speak and write in English and French. Before obtaining this degree I was consultant at the Cameroon based Foundation for Peace and Solidarity(FPS) where I was instrumental in designing human rights projects from 2001 to 2008. Before being a consultant with FPS Cameroon, I was human resources officer for the Cameroon based African Human Rights Campaign, Cameroon. I commenced work as Human and Civil Rights Consultant for Atanga Law Office, Douala, Cameroon in 2011 till today.

I am also currently serving as Assistant Prefect of Sangmelima in the South region of Cameroon, owing to a Prime ministerial decree. Apart from working as a civil servant, I am co-founder of a think tank, the Central African Centre for Libertarian Thought and Action, Cameroon. Most of my work is on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association.

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.)**

During studies at the University of Pretoria, I was clinical group member of the CD-ROM on the African Regional Human Rights System. I equally carried out studies on the United Nations system. I thus have an sound knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles as well as institutional mandates of the UN and other regional organisations related to human rights owing to studies in Pretoria. While studying at Pretoria,I interned at the Human Rights Center for the Assistance of Prisoners in Egypt. I later on went on a study trip to the Kigali office of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Ministry of Justice, genocide sites and University of Butare, Rwanda. My thesis was on “Equal educational opportunities for the girl child in Africa with reference to Egypt, South Africa and Cameroon”.

I have been working in the field of human rights since 2001, first of all as a consultant with non governmental organisations (NGOs) , later on as a civil servant at the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation and the Prime Ministry and later on as an administrative authority with the government of Cameroon. I have over 10 years of working experience in human rights.

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

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

From August 1996 to September 1999 I was an undergraduate student at the University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon. My love for human rights especially the promotion and protection of group rights commenced at this institution. I obtained a First Degree in Law in 1999.

From October 1999 to January 2002 i was a student at the National School of Administration and Magistracy, Cameroon. I obtained a Professional Diploma in Public Administration. I later on started working at the Department of Political Affairs at the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation especially in the fields of overseeing the activities of political parties and associations. As an administrative authority I still work in the domain of political affairs.

From January 2004 to September 2004 i was research intern at Center for Educational Freedom, Cato Institute Washington, D.C. USA. I assisted in organising forums on promoting educational freedom and advancing civil society.

From September 16, 2013 to October 18, 2013 i was Intern at the Young Professionals in Federalism program at the State Chancellery of the Canton of Bern, Switzerland. This Internship program which had an important component on human rights think tankd of association was organised by the Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Switzerland and the House of Cantons, Bern.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that you have written or public statements, or pronouncements that you have made or events that you may have participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate for which you are applying in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:**  'A Federal Constitution devoid of Constitutionalism: The case of Cameroon'     in MK Mbondenyi & T Ojienda (eds) Constitutionalism and Democratic Governance in Africa: Contemporary Perspectives from Sub-Saharan Africa,

**Journal/Publisher:**Pretoria University Law Press.

**Date of publication:**    2013

**Web link, if available:** <http://www.pulp.up.ac.za/pdf/2013_06/2013_06.pdf>

**2. Title of publication:** Challenges of Incorporating and Enforcing a Bill of Rights in the Cameroonian Constitution

**Journal/Publisher:** *Cameroon Journal on Democracy and Human Rights* vol.2 No.1, pp 68-72.

**Date of publication:**    June 2008

**Web link, if available**

**3. Title of publication:** Revisiting British and French Influence: Unification of Cameroon’s Legal System and a Commitment to Human Rights

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**Journal/Publisher:** *Cameroon Journal on Democracy and Human Rights* vol.2 No.2- pp 21-30.

**Date of publication:** December 2008

**Web link, if available:** <https://postcolonialliterature.wikispaces.com/Samantha+Pilicer>

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words): In July 2012 I co-authored a book with other African liberty champions. This book is entitled 'Voices from Africa: For a new century for liberty, peace and prosperity'. I have equally written several policy briefs for African think tanks including topics on regional intergration, decentralisation, education, energy and trade. These topics are very important to the right to the freedom of peaceful assembly and association especially in Africa. Some of these articles can be acccessed at http://www.libreafrique.org/category/auteur/chofor-che. More articles can be sourced at www.africanliberty.org

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that you may have participated in relation to the mandate for which you are applying in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Speaker and Special Guest at the Students and Young Professionals African Liberty Academy (SYPALA), University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business, September 4-7, 2014. Presented a paper on ‘Economic Development and Africa's Quest for a Single Market: Challenges and Prospects’ on September 5, 2014.

**Event organizer:**   Students and Young Professionals African Liberty Academy and Entrepreneurs in Public Policy, Independent Entrepreneurship Group, University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business, South Africa

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:**  September 5 -6, 2014

**Web link, if available:** <http://ineng.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/SYPALA-programme-PDF-1-September.pdf>

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Presented a paper entitled ‘Professionalisation and human capital development of regional and local government in Africa: A promising paradigm for the continent’s renaissance’ during the 4th World Summit of Regional and Local government leaders, Rabat, Morocco, 2 October 2013.

**Event organizer:**   Government of Morocco and United Nations

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 3 October 2013.

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** My paper entitled ‘An institutional government design for curbing identity and language conflict in states: An analysis of the Cameroon Constitution of 1996’, was considered as one of the five best papers during the 24th Session of the Summer School on Federalism, Decentralisation and Conflict Management, Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, 20 August to 7 September 2012.

**Event organizer:**  Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Switzerland,

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 7 September 2012.

**Web link, if available:** <http://dullahomarinstitute.org.za/about-us/annual-reports/COMMUNITY_LAW_CENTRE_2012_ANNUAL_REPORT.pdf/>

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words):

In June 2015 I was participant at the Policy School in India on public policy research methods organised by the US based Atlas Network and the Indian based Center for Public Policy Research. The link is <https://www.atlasnetwork.org/news/article/cultivating-next-generation-of-asian-african-policy-leaders-in-india>

ecember 2008n rights and development think tankd of associationI was participant at a workshop on ‘Constitution building in Africa’, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, from the 20 to the 31 July 2015. I presented a paper on Cameroon’s Constitution being devoid of constitutionalism and avenues to advancing liberty.

I also attended a Think Tank Leadership Training, the annual Liberty Forum and Freedom Dinner organised by the Washington DC based Atlas Network. This event took place in New York, United States of America, from November 8 to 12, 2015. On the 10th of November 2015 during the Annual Liberty Forum I made a statement on the importance of human rights and liberty, and the role African think tanks have to play in this mission.

In June 2016 I was equally participant and panelist at the African Liberty Forum organised by IMANI Ghana and the US based Atlas Network. My presentation was on avenues on funding newly founded think tanks in Africa, especially think tanks involved in democracy and liberty. The link is <https://www.atlasnetwork.org/event/africa-liberty-forum-co-hosted-with-imani>

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.)**

I am a permanent civil servant with the government of Cameroon. I am also co-founder of a Cameroon based think tank and currently a Phd candidate at the Univeristy of Pretoria. Despite my busy schedule, i am flexible to perform effectively the functions of the mandate of special rapporteur on the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, as well as to respond to its requirements both in the English and French languages. This includes participating in Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York. I am also able to travel on special procedures visits, as well as able to draft reports and engage with a variety of stakeholders including governments, international organisations and non governmental organisations working in the fields of human rights and particularly in the field of the right to freedom of assembly and of association. I have worked before with teams of various multicultural backgrounds and I am ready to work in this same context with the Human Rights Council. I am thus able to dedicate an estimated total of approximately three months per year to the work of a mandate.

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

I have over ten years of working experience in Cameroon’s public administration. My experience includes promoting and protecting human rights as well as ensuring that there is adequate promotion and protection to the freedom of peaceful assembly and association in my area of jurisdiction. Apart from consulting for a Cameroon based law firm, the Atanga Law Office since 2011, I am also co-founder of the Central African Centre for Libertarian Thought and Action, a Cameroon based think tank advocating for liberty and free markets especially in the transport, water and energy sectors.

I have a sound and vivid knowledge and understanding of international human rights principles and instruments. I also have a good understanding of the African Human Rights system, the Inter-American human rights system and the European human rights system as well as United Nations (UN) treaty bodies involved in human rights owing to studies at the University of Pretoria.

My experience includes the promotion and protecting of socio-economic rights such as the right to education and housing. My day to day work also involves issues surrounding civil and political rights of individuals as well as groups. As an administrative authority serving as the Assistant Prefect of Sangmelima in the Dja and Lobo Division in the South region of Cameroon, I have been involved on several fact finding missions concerning the right to freedom to peaceful assembly and association of pygmies found in my area of jurisdiction.

In 2013 I was an intern at the Young Professionals in Federalism program hosted by the State Chancellery of the Canton of Bern, Switzerland. This program was organised by the Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Switzerland and the House of Cantons, Bern. While in Switzerland I received an invitation from Dr. Najat Zarrouk, member of the UN Commission of Experts in Public Administration equally working with the Moroccan government to present a paper entitled professionalisation and human capital development of regional and local government personnel during the 4th World Summit of Regional and Local government leaders, Rabat, Morocco, 2 October 2013. I was later on invited by the African Union as Delegate at the 2nd Annual High Level Dialogue on Governance and Democracy in Africa which took place in Dakar, Senegal from the 25 to 27 November 2013.Owing to work done by my newly founded think tank, in 2015 I was invited to participate in the Think Tank Leadership Training, the annual Liberty Forum and Freedom Dinner organised by the Washington DC based Atlas Network. These experiences did not only give me an opportunity to share my knowledge on the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, but also to learn from my peers.

I am currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Pretoria and my research is on an assessment of decentralisation efforts in Cameroon. The importance of decentralisation to local democracy as well as ethnic and minority issues are examined in this research.

I have also authored several policy pieces on human rights with think tanks like Nigerian based Africanliberty.org and the Moroccan based LibreAfrique.org.

I work and write in the English and French languages thus an ideal candidate for the position of special rapporteur on the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association. I am also versed with the use of office gadgets such as the computer, fax and printer and can carry out findings and produce reports independently. I am also conversant with applications like Microsoft word, excel, power point and very good with internet and library research.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **English**

**2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:**

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

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

**Chinese:** Yes or 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:If yes,

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

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

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily:**Speak:** Easily or 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**  (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003): | **Place and country:** |
| Master of Laws with specialisation in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa.  I received a diploma for a course on International Law organised by the Pretoria Good Governance Academy, South Africa.  Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of law, University of Pretoria, South Africa in partnership with the American University in Cairo Egypt. | January 2003 to December 2003 | Pretoria, South Africa |
| Professional Diploma in Public Administration.  Training on management of catastrophies, election monitoring, project management, public service administration and the principles of decentralisation.  Prepared ‘An end of training report on civil service administration in the Mezam Division, North West Province, Cameroon’ in partial fulfillment for a professional diploma in Public Administration.  National School of Administration and Magistracy, Cameroon. | October 1999 to January 2002 | Yaounde, Cameroon |
| First degree in law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon, | August 1996 to September 1999 | Yaounde, Cameroon |

**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** (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005): | **Place and country:** |
| Co-founder and Chair of research, Central African Centre for Libertarian Thought and Action, Cameroon. I co-founded this think tank on liberty, human rights and development and coordinate research programs and well as workshops at this think tank.  Prime Ministerial appointment as Second Assistant Prefect, Sangmelima, Dja and Lobo Division, South Region, Cameroon. I assist the Prefect of the Division in political, cultural and social affairs especially in overseeing the activities of political parties and associations, as well as resolving land disputes and conflicts in the subdivisions. I also assist in the supervision of municipal councils of the Division as well as deconcentrated services in the division. I also work in collaboration with the forces of law and order as well as the lead prison administrator and the judiciary in the division. | June 2014 to Present  January 14 2014 to Present (2016) | Yaoundé, Cameroon  Sangmelima, Cameroon |
| Senior legal staff, Permanent Secretariat, National Decentralisation Board, Prime Minister's office, Cameroon, Nouvelle Route Bastos, Yaoundé, Cameroon. I assisted in day to day administrative duties of this unit including organising workshops with the World Bank and other development agencies working in the field of decentralisation. | February 2013 to January 14 2014: | Yaounde, Cameroon |
| Pro bono Human Rights Consultant, Atanga law office. I advise on civil and political rights cases. I have also been instrumental is the drafting of amicus briefs on related cases. | August 2011 to Present (2016) | Douala, Cameroon |
| Prime Ministerial appointment as Second Assistant Prefect; Manyu Division, South West province (now Region), Cameroon. I was focal point for political, cultural and social affairs especially land disputes/conflicts in the four subdivisions (Mamfe Central, Akwaya, Upper Bayang and Eyumojock) of ManyuDivision.  Desk Officer, Department of Political Affairs, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation, Yaoundé, Cameroon (MINATD). I contributed in daily administrative tasks of the department. I was member of the proof reading commission for the dual municipal and legislative elections of 2002. I also worked on issues of the legalisation of political parties and associations as well as monitoring their activities at the central government level. I obtained study leave from January 2003 to 2005.  Consultant, Foundation for Peace and Solidarity, Cameroon.  I supervised legal, development and peace projects of the foundation. I also assisted in designing projects on Human Rights Education in Schools and Colleges as well as other human rights projects. I was trainer on elections. Mention of my activities is found in the “We the Peoples” Initiative (WPI) report of 2003 of activities during international day of peace.  Human resources officer, African Human Rights Campaign, Cameroon.  I was involved in hiring, staff supervision, training, monitoring, evaluating, preparation of project reports, overseeing human rights especially on HIV/AIDS and community development programs with focus on gender and education. | December 2006 to June 2011  January 2002 to December 2002  March 2001 to July 2008-  April 1999 to February 2002- | Mamfe, Cameroon  Yaoundé, Cameroon  Yaoundé, Cameroon  Yaoundé, Cameroon |

**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS   
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on his/her behalf.***

**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.**

 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.***

   Yes

**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.**

   The candidate agrees to relinquish any position that will affect his human rights duties.

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