**How to apply:**

The entire application process consists of two parts: **1. online survey** and **2. application form in Word format**. Both parts and all sections of the application form need to be completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline.

**First part:** **online survey** (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/398422>) 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: 28 November 2017 (12:00 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 e-mail 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 e-mail.
Thank you for your interest in the work of the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** SEWANYANA  | **5. Year of birth:** 1963 |
| **2. First (given) name:** LIVINGSTONE  | **6. Place of birth:** LUWEERO |
| **3. Other name, if any:** N/A  | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** UGANDAN |
| **4. Gender:** MALE  | **8. Any other nationality:** N/A |

**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 am the Founder and Executive Director of the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI), a leading human rights advocacy group in Uganda and in the East African region. I am a human rights lawyer and an advocate of the High Court of Uganda. I hold a PhD in Public Law, University of Cape Town, (RSA); Master of Laws (with Distinction) in International Human Rights Law, from the University of Essex (UK); Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from Makerere University, (Uganda); certificate in human rights from the Institute of Social Studies, (Hague), and the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg (France). I have researched and published widely in world reknown scholarly journals and books on human rights, corporate governance, public sector management,civic education and access to justice. I am a recipient of several awards, including the Africa Human Rights Defender Award (2013), the Shanti Khinduka Award for Social Development from Simmons College, USA (2013), the European Union Human Rights Defender Award (2015), and most recently the Continental CEO Award for the Welfare and Civil Society Sector (2017) in Johannesburg,RSA. I can communicate effectively in English; orally and in writing with sufficient expertise in the human rights field, and therefore suitably qualified.

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.)**

I have a track record of 30 years in the field of human rights. Both as a scholar and practictioner, I have made several submissions to UN human rights treaty bodies such as the UN Human Rights Committee, UN Committee Against Torture, and most recently the Pre-session of the UN Human Rights Council when Uganda underwent the second periodic review in Geneva in 2016 on her compliance with UN treaty obligations. Both at doctoral level and Master of Laws, I have studied the UN Human Rights system besides the specialised human rights courses that I have pursued at specialised institutes. I have attended several human rights conferences that have examined the application of UN human rights standards and norms, including Vienna Conference (1993) that adopted the Vienna Declaration, the Rome conference (1999) that adopted the Rome Statute. Besides the UN system, I have actively promoted the African Human Rights system through submission of periodic reports to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights . I apply international human rights standards in my public interest litigation work before courts of judicature in Uganda and make regular submissions to parliamentary committees on pending bills on their compliance with human rights standards.

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

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

I have been active in the field of human rights since my student days at Makerere University in 1985, both as a Law student and student leader. My professional journey begins as a volunteer with the Uganda Human Rights Activists (UHRA). I pioneered the first legal aid program at UHRA. With support of Ford Foundation, I undertook a study tour in 1987 to human rights groups in Africa, Europe, North and South America and observed their work. Through a fellowship granted by the Institute of International Education, I spent a year in both the UK and Nigeria understudying the democracy movement and contributed to the work of Rights and Humanity, a group that promoted Social and Economic Rights. Back home in Uganda, I have spearheaded several campaigns on human rights and democracy including the campaign against the death penalty, electoral reform, civic education, media freedom, judicial, police and prison reform through research,investigations, studies, publication of reports, and litigation. Besides advocacy, I regularly report on Uganda's human rights record. I have participated in election observer missions such as the International Observer Group in Malawi in 1994,and most recently chaired the Citizens Election Observers Network that monitored elections in Uganda in 2016.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please listsignificant 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:**
2. Comparative Experiences of NGO Regulatory Frameworks: Eastern and Southern Africa

**Journal/Publisher:** Verlog Dr.Kovak, Hamburg,Germany

**Date of publication:** 2017

**Web link, if available:** https://www.abebooks.com/servlet/SearchResults?sts=t&an=Livingstone+Sewanyana&tn=Comparative+Experience+of+NGO+Regulatory+Frameworks

**2. Title of publication:** Human Rights NGOs in East Africa-Political and Normative Tensions

**Journal/Publisher:** University of Pennsylvania Press

**Date of publication:** 2009

**Web link, if available:**  https://muse.jhu.edu/book/22993

**3. Title of publication:** Human Rights Under African Constitutions-Realizing the Promise for Ourselves

**Journal/Publisher:** University of Pennsylvania Press

**Date of publication:** 2003

**Web link, if available:**  http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/13896.html

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

* 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:** The Eastern Africa Civic Education Forum

**Event organizer:** Foundation for Human Rights Initiative and Robert Bosch Stiftung

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 22nd November 2017

**Web link, if available:**  http://observer.ug/news/headlines/56126-term-limits-question-delaying-ea-federation.html

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

CSO Press Conference on Removal of Age Limit in Uganda's Constitution under Article 102(b)

**Event organizer:** Uganda National NGO Forum

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 21st July 2017

**Web link, if available:**  https://www.newvision.co.ug/new\_vision/news/1458243/csos-museveni-stand-age-limit-debate

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Press Conference on 2016 General Elections in Uganda

**Event organizer:** Citizens Election Observers Network (CEON-U).

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 18th February 2016

**Web link, if available:**  http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/Observers-give-mixed-reactions-on-election/688334-3083664-hg9a5u/index.html

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

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 (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approximately three months per year to the work of a mandate.**

**Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.**

I have dedicated myself to the defense of human rights and promotion of democracy worldwide. I have on numerous occasions attended conferences, training courses and participated in study missions at national, regional and international level without pay. I have in the past and presently provided leadership to several organisations at national and regional level including but not limited to Penal Reform International (PRI), Defend Defenders, the Citizens Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU), the Citizens Election Observers Network (CEON-U) and the Child Rights NGO Network, to which I have dedicated my expertise and time on a pro-bono basis. I am flexible and can deliver on my mandate efficiently. Given my track record, there is no doubt that I am able to attend the HRC sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York. I have travelled widely and as such understand the rigours of carrying out the mandate including drafting reports as required by the mandate holder. I have demonstrated special competences in independent and critical thinking. Given the task at hand and the relevance of this mandate to the work of FHRI, I confirm my availability to spend at least three months per year on expert missions.

**III. Motivation Letter** (600 word limit, must be included below and not in a separate e-mail or as an attachment)

In his book,'The End of History and the Last Man', Francis Fukuyama posits that 'liberal democracy constituted the end point of mankind's ideological revolution', and the triumph of good governance,respect for human rights, better delivery of services and political empowerment over fascism, hereditary monarchy and more recently communism. Little did he know that this model built around rule of law principles and constitutionalism did not envisage that even when states adopt constitutions with comprehensive bills of rights and a multi-party political arrangement, as it is the case today in many countries, there would be renewed threats to democracy, prevalence of corruption, economic exclusion and marginalization that is manifest in the current world order. In view of the current democracy backlash and resurgence of neo-liberalism, there is a growing need to re-examine state practices to assist them overcome the existing political trajectory. As the independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, I will engage UN member states on possible solutions towards reasserting the 'common good' with a view of stimulating 'civic virtue,action and judgement'. I will propose measures that promote active citizenship,enhance economic progress and promote equity taking into account the political, economic and social realities of individual member states, as it is well known that there is no 'one size that fits all'. It is my considered view that the UN Human Rights Council presents a perfect platform for dialogue on the ever widening economic and social disparities that threaten political stability and social harmony, and as such, needs homegrown solutions to global concens. As a human rights defender who has been active at the national, regional and international level, and who has a strong belief in freedom and participatory democracy, I verily believe that UN member States need to be urged to take their treaty obligations seriously knowing that failure to do so has disastrous economic and political consequences as demonstrated by recent events in Zimbabwe, Libya, Egypt, Tunisia and some states in the Arab world. As a mandate holder, I will make proposals towards strengthening North-South, and South-South Cooperation as answers to these chronic problems are replete in age-long civic cultures and civilization. Given the new digital age, lessons learnt can be easily spread across the globe. This puts the UN Human Rights Council at a vantage position of using the findings of mandate holders to promote democracy through sharing best practices. As mandate holder I will seek possible solutions from a variety of stake holders and furnish the HRC with new innovative solutions that would address the existing democratic deficit. Pariah states need to be put to serious scrutiny and made accountable for their poor ratings. As a believer in social justice, I am motivated by this mandate to spread these democratic values as a precondition for building a new world order that respects fairness, rule of law and constitutionalism. Given the opportunity to serve, I will build on the work of previous mandate holders to strengthen the work of the HRC.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Luganda**

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

**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: **No** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not 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: **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, indicating type of degree, subject, and whether full or part-time, ex. *Masters in law, University of xxx, part-time)*.**

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| **Name of degree and name of academic institution, full or part-time:** | **Years of attendance**(provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003): | **Place and country:** |
| PhD in Public Law, University of Cape Town,full time. | 2010-2014 | Cape Town, Republic of South Africa. |
| Masters in Law (International Human Rights Law) (with Distinction), University of Essex,full time. | 1999-2000 | Essex, United Kingdom. |
| Post- Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies, Law Development Centre,full time. | 1987-1988 | Kampala, Uganda. |
| Bachelor in Law (Honours), Makerere Uiversity,full time. | 1983-1986 | Kampala, Uganda. |

**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with your current occupation.** **Also indicate whether positions held were not full-time.**

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| **Name of employer,****functional title,****main functions of position, full or part-time:** | **Years of work**(provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005): | **Place and country:** |
| Foundation for Human Rights Initiative,Executive Director,full time. | 1992-ongoing | Kampala, Uganda. |
| Defend Defenders,Board Chairperson, part-time. | 2006-ongoing | Kampala, Uganda. |
| Citizens Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda,Chairperson,Executive Committee, part-time | 2009-ongoing | Kampala, Uganda. |
| Uganda Human Rights Activists, Deputy Director,full time. | 1988-1991 | Kampala, Uganda |

**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 the candidate’s behalf.***

**1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of 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 the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

NO

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in the 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 the candidate discharges the 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? (Please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation.)**

***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, the candidate 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.**

N/A

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf.***

 **I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.

Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by
e-mail (****hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org****).**

**Please review your application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.**

**Name:** DR LIVINGSTONE SEWANYANA

**Date:** 28 November,2017

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