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_HRC29_June2015) 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** per selection round, i.e. multiple selection is allowed to indicate if the candidate is applying for more than one mandate within a given selection round.

**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

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

* A maximum of three reference letters can be attached, in pdf format, to the application sent by email. No additional documents such as CVs or lists of publications will be accepted.
* **Application deadline: 30 April 2015 (12.00 noon 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 Working Group appointments, only nationals of States belonging to the specific regional group 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 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:** ZONGO  | **5. Sex:** **[x]  Male** **[ ]  Female** |
| **2. First name:** Fortuné  | **6. Date of birth (dd-mm-yy):** 1-mai-74 |
| **3. Maiden name (if any):**        | **7. Place of birth:** Burkina Faso |
| **4. Middle name:** Gaetan  | **8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Burkinabè |
|  | **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.)**

My qualification for this mandate can be assessed both through my academic qualifications and through my professional experience. I successfully completed a degree in law, with a concentration in human rights. In addition to this I have completed a professional training as a Magistrate and I currently serve in the Court of Appeal of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

My professional career spans over ten (10) years and I have held increasingly senior positions since 2002, when I initially qualified as a Magistrate. I confirm that in 2002 I held the position of Court judge at High court Of Ouagadougou. In 2004, I was appointed President of the Juvenile Court of Bobo Dioulasso. I held this position from 2004 until 2006.

Thereafter, I held positions in government administration as the Director and managing Director for the Protection and Defence of Human Rights.

A good quality of communication is necessary for judges. It is the same for those in a management and coordination function like the one I held. I usually use French as my mother tongue. I have a good command of English both oral and written.

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.)**

My knowledge of international instruments on human rights, norms and principles, comes from the academic knowledge and the experience gained with the Ministry of the promotion of human rights of Burkina Faso. One of the mandates of the Department I was monitoring of international treaties on human rights ratified by Burkina Faso. Therefore, I have monitored the activities of the Human Rights Council and the majority of human rights treaty bodies organs where Burkina Faso is involved between 2006 and 2011. An important element in the understanding of the international system of human rights is the fact that I have been teaching international law of human rights at the National School of Administration and Magistracy (ENAM) since 2008. The teaching of this subject which largely related to this section requires a good command of the United Nations system in all its compartments. therefore, I acquired theoretical as well as practical knowledge of the international law of human rights.

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

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

My skills related to human rights come from my academic training and my professional experience . From an academic point of view, I did a specialization on fundamental human rights at the University of Nantes after I received my general training I received. In terms of professional experience, I have held from december 2006 to October 2011, a management position at the Ministry of the Promotion of Human Rights of Burkina Faso. At the position, I gained some experience in the field of human rights.

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.)**

if I get the appointment of the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers , I will get from the state of Burkina Faso, and more precisely the Ministry of Justice, all absolutely essential flexibility to fulfill my mandate independently and devote the time necessary for the fulfillment of the mandate.

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

I’m applying to be nominated as a Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers because I have the knowledge, experience and necessary commitment to fulfilling the mandate.

Through my academic background, I have the theorical knowlege of the different principles and legal framework of human rights protection mechanisms. And I understand the issue raised by the topic of independance of judges end lawyers.

My professional career as a Judge with spans over ten (10) years actually started in 2002. Since then, I started to climb the professional ladder. As a Court judge in 2002, I was nominated in 2004 as a Presiding judge of the Juvenile Court of Bobo Dioulasso between 2004 and 2006 and as a magistrate at the appeal court of Ouagadougou since october 2011. In these positions, i had a firsthand experience as far as the question of the independance of judges is concerned, and can understand the lawyers' situation in relation to indépendance.

Since 2006, I have been involved in human rights activities for my country and so, I participated to the actvities the council of human rights like sessions and other human rights actvities and I was elected as a member of United Subcomitee for the Prevention of Torture(SPT) from 2011 to 2014.

All in all, i have broad range of skills related to human rights and more specifically tin the field of independance of judges and lawyers and I will be able if my application is accepted, to fulfill efficiently the mandate and provide some solutions or at least try to find ways to issues related to the independance of judges and lawyers.

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

**Please indicate all language skills:**

**Mother tongue:** **French**

**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: **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****(from-to):** | **Place and country:** |
| Magistracy degree, Ecole Nationale d’Administration et de Magistrature (National School of Administration and Magistracy) (ENAM) Magistracy option, Ouagadougou | fevrier 2001- octobre 2002 | Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso |
| Posgraduate degree in human rights, University of Nantes  | octobre 2000- octobre 2001 | Nantes, France |
| Master of law: Faculty of law and political sciences, University of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) | 1997-1999 | Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso |
| Bachelor of law: Faculty of law and political sciences, University of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) | 1996-1997 | Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso |

**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:** |
| Magistrate at the Appeal Court of Ouagadougou | Since October 2011 | Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso |
| Managing Director of the protection and defense of human rights (Ministry of Human Rights). | June 2008 to October 2011 | Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso |
| Director of the protection and defense of human rights (Ministry of Human Rights) | November 2006 to June 2008 | Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso |
| Presiding judge at the juvenile Court of Bobo Dioulasso | November 2004 to October 2006 | Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso |

**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.**

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.**

YES

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