How to start the application process:

- The application process has been split into 2 parts, the first part is a Web-based survey and the second part is an application form in word which can be downloaded, completed and returned by email. Both parts and all sections of the application form should be filled in for the application to be processed.

The **first part**, i.e. the [Web-based survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HRC25_SPmandateholders_EMRIPexperts) 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 allowed to indicate if the candidate is applying for more than one mandates.

This is the **second part, i.e.** of 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, 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 Internet.

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

* A maximum of 3 reference letters can be attached, in pdf format, to the application sent by email. No additional document is required.
* **Application Deadline: 14 November 2013 (midnight, GMT)**.
* Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

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**I PERSONAL DATA**

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| Family Name: Udombana  | Sex: [x]  Male [ ]  Female |
| First Name: Nsongurua  | Date of birth ( d-MMM-yy): 4-May-62 |
| Maiden name (if any):        | Place of birth: Essien Udim |
| Middle name: Johnson  | Nationality(please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Nigeria |
|  | Any other nationality:       |

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

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

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| 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 official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.) | I hold an LL.B and LL.M Degrees of the Uniersity of Lagos and an LL.D Degree of the University of South Africa, with Specialisation in Human Rights. I have an excellent command of spoken and written English. I received all my educational training in English. All my professional teaching and publications have also been in English. I have undertaken vocational and internship trainings at the International Law Commission (Geneva), the Danish Institute for International Studies (formerly Centre for Human Rights), the European Court of Human Rights, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.  |
| 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. | For several years, I have taught international human rights law at the university level in three continents: Africa, North America and Europe. My Doctoral Thesis was on "Shifting Institutional Paradigms to Advance Socio-economic Rights in Africa". I have researched and published extensively in the field of human rights in all continents for more than fifteen years. My research focus is on the African regional human rights systems, socio-economic rights, comparative human rights institutions, trade and human rights, globalisation and human rights, development law, transitional justice etc. I deploy comparative human rights norms and jurisprudence in all my analytical works. My publications on human rights themes have appeared in Human Rights Quarterly (2000 & 2005); American Journal of International Law (2003); John Marshal Law Review (2006); Tasmania International Law Review (2006). As Visiting Research Fellow at the Danish Institute of International Studies, I published a model rule of procedure for the then yet-to-be-established African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (Copenhagen, 2002), which was widely distributed to some major African human rights institutions. I was formerly Director, Centre for Human Rights, Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary. The Centre's main area of focus was on economic, social and cultural rights.  |

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| ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired). | My international human rights competence was aquired through training, teaching, research and publications, and consultancies. I specialised on economic, social and cultural rights during my doctoral studies. I have spent years researching and publishing on human rights themes and teaching them globally. I have consulted (and still consults) for a number of inter-governmental, governmental and non-governmental institutions in the field of human rights, including the European Commission, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, and Nigeria's National Human Rights Commission, to mention but a few. I am presently heading a research team of experts on electoral acountability project for Nigeria's National Human Rights Commission. I have participated in cross-cultural and multi-national human rights research collaborations. I have served as speaker at high profile international human rights workshops/conferences, including one on human rights obligations of non-state actors, organised by Mary Robinson (former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights) in collaboration Law Faculty, New York State University, in New York (2006).  |
| 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 ready and available to perform the functions demanded by this mandate, if appointed. I presently teach as Visiting Professor at the University of Ibadan and the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, both in Nigeria. I am also engaged in freelance consultancies. I am presently not holding any administrative position that will constrain my time for the sort of assignment that my mandate requires, including participation in Human Rights Council sessions and other assignments. I could conveniently dedicate four months in a year to the work of the mandate.  |

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

**Please indicate all language skills**

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| **Languages** | **Read** | **Write** | **Speak** |
|  | **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** |
| **Arabic** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **Chinese** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **English** | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  |
| **French** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **Russian** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **Spanish** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **Mother tongue:** Annang | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  |

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

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| Several contemporary developments continue to put at risk the full enjoyment of all human rights, especially economic, social and cultural rights. Some of these factors include unfair international economic order, including the debt burden on developing countries. The effects of unfair trade and excruciating foreign debts are evident everywhere, of course, without down-playing other internal pathologies like corruption. As a result, most developing states are unable to meet the basic needs of their citizens: food, housing, health care, education, work, etc. I have witnessed and followed this problem with passion in my country (Nigeria) and in other countries of Africa and elsewhere. I have seen, and read of, high infant mortalities and preventable morbidities; of millions of employable youths unable to find jobs and support themselves and their families due to closure of factories; and of the poor begging and sleeping on the streets because they cannot afford the esentials needed for a life of dignity. Reducing the glaring impoverishments in developing countries has been a personal burden for years. The debt burden and its effects on sustainable economic development and human rights were some of the issues I interrogated in my Doctoral Thesis at the Unversity of South Africa (2005-2008). As a scholar, I have also examined this problem in many publiations in peer-reviewed international journals. In a publication in Vol. 7(5) San Diego International Law Jounal (2005), I wrote: "The debt question is a human rights question … the internaitonal community is complicit in the wide-scale violation of human rights when it insists that poor states use their scarce resources to service debts". I argued that "External debts have become a Sword of Damocles hanging over [Sub-Saharan Africa] and preventing it from meeting the basic needs of its teeming population". I believe that the same conclusion holds for other developing countries in Latin America, Asia and elsewhere. The challenges to the full realisation of economic, social and cultural rights were some of the thematic issues I addressed between 2005 and 2006, as Director, Centre for Human Rights, Central European University, Budapest. The Centre organised an international workshop around these theme, which resulted in a book I co-edited, titled "Rethinking Socio-economic Rights in an Insecure World (CEU Press, 2006). It is gratifying that this problem is one of the issues that the Human Rights Council is focussing its attention on. I obviously will like to bring my knowledge, experience and expertise to bare on the work of the Council, the UN OHCHR, and other international human rights agencies, especially as it relates to the effects of international financial obligations of states on the full enjoyment of all human rights. Of course, there are no quick fixes to these problems, but a rigorous engagement through a thorough empirical research, will provide tools for human rights-oriented policies by governments and for advocacies by non-state entities and the Human Rights Council, in particular.  |

**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** | **Place and Country** |
| LL.B (Hons) Second Class Upper, University of Lagos | 1985-1988 | Lagos, Nigeria |
| LL.M, University of Lagos | 1990-1991 | Lagos, Nigeria |
| LL.D, University of South Africa | 2005-2008 | Pretoria, S.A. |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

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

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| Name of EmployerFunctional TitleMain functions of position | Years of Attendance/Work | Place and Country |
| University of Lagos, Lecturer in Law (teaching, research & consultancy) | 1994-2005 | Lagos, Nigeria |
| Centreal European University, Associate Professor (teaching, research & Director, Centre for Human Rights) | 2005-2007 | Budapest, Hungary |
| RCN Justice & Democracy/European Commission, Training Facilitator (Common Law training for judges and states counsels) | 2007 | Juba, South Sudan |
| University of Uyo, Professor & Dean of Law (teaching, research administration)  | 2008-2013 | Uyo, Nigeria |

**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS (of 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*

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.

N/A

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Thank you for your interest.