**Family name and first name**

KOUASSI Kouadio Alfred

**Date and place of birth**

Born on 14/ 09/ 1971 in Kouakro (Bouaké), Ivory Coast

**Place of residence:**

Abidjan, Ivory Coast

**Nationality:**

Ivorian

**United Nations working languages:**

French read and spoken, English read and moderately spoken

**Current position/function:**

-Human Rights Advisor, representative of organizations promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities at the National Council for Human Rights (CNDH) following the election held on 26 February 2019 between promotion organizations, protection and defence of the rights of persons with disabilities.

-Expert trainer on legal instruments for the protection of persons with disabilities.

**Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:**

-2013-2018: Central Commissioner for Human Rights at the National Human Rights Commission of Côte d'Ivoire (CNDHCI), representing organizations for the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities following an election of representatives by organizations for the promotion, protection and defence of the rights of persons with disabilities.

-2012- June 2013: In position at the Ministry of Solidarity, Family, Women and Children, especially at the Socio-educational Complex of Yopougon in charge of projects.

-2003-2011: Posted to the Ministry of Social Affairs, assigned to the Federation of Associations of Persons with Disabilities of Côte d'Ivoire (FAHCI) to take care of students with disabilities.

**Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities**:

-Certificates of the International Institute for Human Rights in Strasbourg (2013/2014)

-Training certificate on the development of the training kit on the right to access to justice for persons with disabilities (2017)

-Certificate of training of trainers on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2017)

-Training on investigation and reporting on human rights violations (2013)

**Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.**

I am a person with a disability in both lower limbs. I basically move around with a wheelchair without which I cannot move.

**Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities**

**Please provide details regarding your areas of expertise in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as well as related experiences.**

As a member of the INDH, I work on all rights recognized by the Convention.

I regularly promote the Convention to parliamentarians, judicial police officers (OPJ), journalists, pupils, students, security officers, officials, community leaders, people, civil society organizations and members of disability organizations in Côte d'Ivoire.

**List of the most recent publications of the applicant in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:**

-Capacity building of men and media structures to better address disability issues (September 2020)

-Understanding and accepting invisible disabilities in Ivorian society (June 2021)

-Coastal erosion and degradation of protected areas, what adaptation and mitigation measures for vulnerable populations (November 2021)