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PROFESSIONALS SKILLS

- International Relationships
- Human rights
- International Development
- Project Management
- Research
- Change Management
- Nonprofits
- Corporate Social Responsibility

- General policy
- Strategic plan
- Proposal writing
- Program Evaluation
- Business strategy
- Program development
- Risk management

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

- Capacity Building
- Volunteer management
- Community Development
- Fund Raising
- Grants

DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS

Master's degree in International and European Fundamental Law, with honors -Univ. of Nantes (2013)

Master's degree in Legal Sciences, with honors, National Univ. of Bénin (2000)

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

Mandate at the national level

- **January 3, 2019** : Elected President of Beninese Human Rights Commission
- **2016** : Nominated Benin's Candidate for the June 23, 2016, Elections of Independent Expert Member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (HRC) :
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/Elections35th.aspx>
- **2015** : Winner of the Ten Outstanding Young Professional (TOYP) Competition for the 10 Most Outstanding Young People in Benin. Nominated in the category: "Contribution to children's rights, world peace/human rights", October 2015.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

More than **TEN YEARS of experience** in the governance of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) for the defense and promotion of human rights, on the one hand; national, regional and international expertise in providing support to States in the preparation of national reports presented before the United Nations treaty bodies, on the other hand; and finally advocacy for impunity of crimes and an effective complementarity between international criminal justice and justice at the State level as well as education in civics, citizenship and human rights

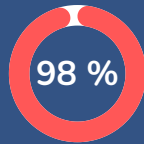
OTHERS SKILLS

- Children
- Civil rights and social action
- Human rights
- Politics
- Training

LINGUISTIQUES SKILLS



English Experienced



French Advanced



Spanish Basic



German Basic

REFERENCES

1. Mrs. Reine ALAPINI GANSOU, Judge at the ICC, Former Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Former President of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, E-mail alapinireine@yahoo.fr

2.*Ms Jelena Pia Comella, Managing Coordinator, Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Crimes (GAAMAC), Former Deputy Executive Director, Global Coalition for the ICC and World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy New York-USA Email: jelena_pia@hotmail.com

3.* Pr. Noel Gbaguidi, President of the National Education Council (CNE), Professor and Associate Professor of Law, Former Holder of the UNESCO Chair of Human Rights and Democracy, Email: ahonag@yahoo.fr

FROM JANUARY 3, 2019

1- PRESIDENT OF BENIN'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

May 2014 to Date

2- *Expert Member of the Working Group of the African Commission on the Death Penalty, Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions and Forced Disappearances in Africa (African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights) :*

https://www.achpr.org/fr_specialmechanisms/detail?id=9

3- *Expert Member of Africa Global Action Against Mass Atrocities Working Group (GAAMAC) from August 2018 to date*

<https://www.gaamac.org/africa-working-group>

October 2017 - December 2018

4- International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF) expert in the framework of the support program for States at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

● **Septembre 02 to 06, 2018** : Support mission to the Ivorian authorities for the drafting of the UPR Report (3rd cycle).

● **From 03 au 07 December 2017** : Support mission to the Djibouti authorities for the drafting of the UPR Report (3rd cycle)

● **October 09 to 13, 2017** : Support mission to the Malian authorities for the drafting of the UPR Report (3rd cycle).

June 2014 - December 2018

5- President of the Institute for Advocacy in Africa,

February 2016 to June 2017

6- Expert Member of the Baltazar Garzon Foundation (FIBGAR) Working Group on Universal Competence.

December 2013 to June 2017

7- Expert Member of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Working Group on Statelessness in Benin.

May 2013 to September 2014

8- National Coordinator, Benin Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CB-CPI) from May 27, 2013, to September 30, 2014.

October 2014 to June 2017:

9- Resident Representative in Benin of World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP)

The main objective of the World Federalist Africa Office based in Cotonou is to strengthen the advocacy capacity of African civil society networks on issues of peace, international justice, women's rights and gender-based justice in Africa. In this regard, the Africa Office of the World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP), in conjunction with Beninese and African civil society organizations, initiates capacity building sessions on the aforementioned themes and organizes conferences and training seminars for members of the various International Coalitions namely the Coalition for the International Criminal Justice (CICC) and the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect (ICRtoP).

October 2014 to December 2016:

10- 1-International Criminal Court Coalition's Africa Regional Coordinator

The responsibilities of the Africa Regional Coordinator are summarized as follows :

- Create and maintain a good and strategic working relationship with ICAC members across the region ;
- Provide support and guidance to ICAC members across the region in order to build their capacity to advance justice at the ICC and at the national level;
- Identify new ICAC members and allies in the region to diversify the network of ICAC partners and ICC stakeholders in the region ;
- Assessing developments in key countries currently, and others to be determined; developing advocacy strategies in each target country, in cooperation with key national and international partners, to lead to long-term progress of ICC objectives such as ratification, implementation, complementarity, and cooperation ;
- Facilitate the exchange of views and expertise between national NGOs and branches of government ;
- Meet with government officials, academics, parliamentarians and other key stakeholders to promote the goals of the ICAC at the national level;
- Assist in developing and reviewing NGO plans for local ICC-related activities
- Attend regional and national meetings in Africa, as well as the Assembly of States Parties and civil society sessions in The Hague ;
- Identify and develop relationships with key media contacts ;
- Prepare regular reports on the ICC process in Africa ;
- Coordinate program activities and funding, budgetary matters, and regional updates ;
- Supervise office staff and interns based in Africa as needed.

11- Executive Director Amnesty International Benin (AI Benin):

April 2012 - October 2014 :

Responsibilities :

Country Representation

Media and Advocacy/Communication

Coordination of Intergovernmental Organizations -----

- Act as the spokesperson and representative of Amnesty International in Benin ;
- Coordinate the movement's advocacy and lobbying work in Benin, including strengthening relations with partner organizations, the media and the government
- Collaborate with the Media and Audio-Visual program of the International Secretariat on communication strategies and press releases for Benin.
- Establish good working relationships with national NGOs and institutions with whom collaboration is possible, in order to facilitate joint advocacy when necessary and appropriate ;
- Plan my organization's IGO strategy in accordance with the priorities of the movement and the chapter ;
- Identify and act on interesting lobbying opportunities in my country or region, in consultation with the relevant IS team (regional or thematic);
- Intervene as an interlocutor and specialist of AI Benin with members of the Civil Society and or Non-Governmental Organization interested in lobbying and advocacy work.

WORKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Research works

1- « Equal rights in the family in Benin: Progress and challenges in light of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, », Research paper, Master 2 Specialization in International and European Fundamental Law, **May 2013.**

2- « Contribution to household expenses in the Draft Code of Persons and Family of Benin », Research paper, Master 1 Business Law and Judicial Careers, August 2000. **First Prize JURISJAM Year 2000** For the quality of the research work.

B) ARTICLES

- 1- **The ICC and the effectiveness of justice in Africa: What to retain in 20 years?**», published on the blog: <https://glorydroitshumainsbnin.wordpress.com/2018/07/18/la-cpi-et-leffectivite-de-la-justice-en-afrique-que-retenir-en-20-ans/>
- 2- « **Interview** given to the specialized weekly newspaper Droits Humains Infos (www.droitshumains.info) « **In proceeding with the commutation of sentences, the Government of Benin respects one of its international commitments** », N°101 of February 28 to March 6, 2018, page 8&9.
- 3- « **Plea for a humanized prison life: On the need to ensure the right to dignity in our prisons** », In la Nation of February 27, 2017
- 4- « **Benin can play a major role in supporting the ICC** », Interview in the Nation of January 25, 2017
- 5- « **Responsibility to protect: the role of the media in conflict prevention during elections** », In the New Tribune of February 24, 2016
- 6- « **The Gbagbo trial: between the responsibility to protect and the imperative of justice for the victims** », In the New Tribune of January 28, 2016.
- 7- « **What rights for the so-called “bewitched” children?** » In Lueur d’espoir, Bulletin d’information et d’éducation sur les droits humains, Amnesty-International/Benin, No 004, Jan.-Feb. /02, p5--6.
- 8- « **Equality and solidarity: the new Beninese philosophy of the contribution of spouses to household expenses** » in Bulletin de Droit et d’information number 16-2001.

C) PRESENTATIONS

- **Presentation on the theme : « The contribution of the International Criminal Court to justice in Africa »** presented during the 16th Quarterly Conference of the Ivorian Coalition for the ICC and in the framework of the commemoration of the 20 years of the Rome Statute, Abidjan-Ivory Coast July 16, 2018
- **Presentation on the theme : « Key Role of International and Regional Protocols: the abolition of the death penalty in Benin »**, Regional Congress on the death penalty, Abidjan from 09 to 10 April 2018, Abidjan, CRRAE 11 April 2018
- **Presentation on the theme : « The efforts of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights (ACHPR) for the abolition of the death penalty in Africa’s »** Communication presented during the 2nd colloquium on the situation of Human Rights Defenders in Africa, March 29, 2017, Atlantic Beach Hotel, Cotonou (Benin).
- **Presentation on the theme : « ’Panorama of the death penalty in Africa in 2016 »** Communication presented during the Regional Parliamentary Seminar on the death penalty in French-speaking Sub-Saharan Africa, 19-20 December 2016 Splendid Hotel, Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso).
- **Presentation on the theme : « Follow-up results of the implementation of UPR recommendations in Benin»**, in the framework of the activity of popularization of the recommendations of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and the Action Plan Nation of implementation organized by Social Change Benin 10 August 2016.

- **Presentation on the theme : « The relationship of the ICC with Africa, The Principle of Complementarity and the fight against impunity »**, Communication presented during the meeting of the Working Group on Universal Jurisdiction organized by The Baltazar Garzon Foundation and the EU Delegation in Togo, 24-26 February 2016.
- **Presentation on the theme : « The role of African Civil Society for justice to victims and sustainable peace in Africa »** Communication presented during the 9th Quarterly Conference of the Ivorian Coalition for the ICC and in the framework of the commemoration of the 13 -th Day of International Justice, Abidjan-Ivory Coast 29 July 2015
- **Presentation on the theme : « Importance of complementarity with regard to the Rome Statute of the ICC »**, July 1, 2015, Public Conference in collaboration with Amnesty International Togo, Lomé, Togo
- **Presentation on the theme : « Electoral offences and alert mechanisms in case of violation of fundamental rights set out in the Electoral Code»**, in the framework of the Capacity Building Activity for some media actors on the innovations of the Electoral Code organized by Changement Social Benin, June 23, 2015.
- **Presentation on the theme : « Engagement with the International Criminal Court »**, Pan-African Meeting on Engagement for International Criminal Justice: Lessons to be learned in terms of mobilization and advocacy, Trust Africa, Dakar, Senegal May 26, 2015
- **Presentation on the theme : « Status of ratification of the Rome Statute and its amendments in Africa & Importance of complementarity »**, 1st Pan-African Conference of civil society from countries in situation before the ICC Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, 6 May 2015
- **Presentation on the theme : « International criminal justice in question ? »**, Monthly meeting A bâtons rompus with the media, 1st Edition April 11, 2015
- **Presentation on the theme : « The importance of complementarity and the adoption of implementation laws »**, 13 -th ASP, New York, United Nations, 11 December 2014
- **Presentation on the theme : « The protection of human rights in times of armed conflict and the international sanction of war crimes »** International Committee of the Red Cross, National Competition of pleading in International Humanitarian Law, University of Abomey Calavi, September 2013.
- **Presentation on the theme : « From peace at home, to peace in the world: let's challenge militarism and end violence against women »** Benin Human Rights Education Network (REDH-BENIN), Dec. 2012

TRAINING / ADVOCACY

Human Rights

- ✓ **Training on regional and international jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights (ACHPR, CAfDHP, MNP), Cotonou February-March 2021).**
- ✓ **Training of human rights monitors and civil society focal persons working in the field of human rights in the ECOWAS region, KAIPTC, Accra-Ghana, 19-23 August 2019.**
- ✓ **Participation in the "5th Francophone Seminar on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Workshop N°2 on the Role of Parliamentarians, National Human Rights Institutions and Civil Society Organizations: Good Practices, Strategies and Challenges", Dakar, Senegal, July 25-26, 2018.**
- ✓ **Panelist, Regional Congress on the Death Penalty, Abidjan from April 9 to 10, 2018**

- ✓ **Various Advocacy Missions with the International Federation of Christian Associations for the Abolition of Torture (FIACAT) and World Coalition against Death Penalty (WCDDP) in West Africa as part of my mandate as an Expert at the ACHPR**
- ✓ **General Rapporteur at the "Workshop on strengthening collaboration of actors and legal action for the elimination of the practice of Female Genital Mutilation in Benin", Wildaf Benin/Equality Now - Cotonou, Benin from 04 to 06 April 2017.**
- ✓ **Participation in "the IXth Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians on the International Criminal Court and the Rule of Law (CAP-ICC) & the 38th Annual Forum of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) on the theme: "Within 10 years: How to strengthen legal and international frameworks and work together for a world without impunity for mass crimes?", Dakar, Senegal on December 09-10, 2016.**
- ✓ **Training on "Youth Leadership and Conflict Prevention in West Africa", Gorée Institute Abidjan July 20-22, 2016**
- ✓ **Participation in "the Consultative Meeting of the Alliance "Prevention Up Front" in West Africa on the theme: "For a real engagement of civil society organizations for peace and justice in conflict prevention", Cotonou, Benin May 11-13, 2016.**
- ✓ **Participation in the "African Union (AU) Consultative Meeting on the signature and ratification of the Kampala Convention on Internally Displaced Persons", Accra-Ghana, August 12-14, 2014**
- ✓ **Participation in the "Capacity Building Workshop for Civil Society Organizations on Human Rights Monitoring and Protection Mechanisms" Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights", BRAO, Cot. July 19, 2014.**
- ✓ **Participation in "Capacity building and validation workshop on the draft law on asylum and refugee protection in Benin and the draft decree on the organization, functioning of the National Commission for Assistance to Refugees (CNAR)", UNHCR Benin Grand Popo 16-18 June 2014**
- ✓ **Training on "Statelessness", Saly Senegal 29-30 April 2014**
- ✓ **Training on "Police and Human Rights", Dakar March 24-27, 2014**
- ✓ **Training on "Statelessness", Banjul, Gambia, UNHCR December 2013**
- ✓ **Training on "Internally Displaced Persons", UNHCR West Africa Regional Office Dakar, Senegal, December 2013**
- ✓ **Training on "Statelessness", Saly-Senegal, UNHCR BRAO - November 2013**
- ✓ **Training in Human Rights - UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Democracy (November 19-21, 2001) ;**
- ✓ **Formation en Droits de l'Homme - Institut des Droits de L'Homme et de la Promotion de la Démocratie (Octobre 1995- Juillet 1996).**