

SECOND PART: APPLICATION FORM IN WORD FORMAT

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

Appointment to be made by the Human Rights Council at its 44th session (15 June to 3 July 2020) provided the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15 APRIL 2020 AT 12:00 NOON GREENWICH MEAN TIME

- The application process consists of two compulsory parts:
(1) online survey¹ (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/937632>)
and
(2) application form in Word format² (to be downloaded from <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC44.aspx>)
- Once fully completed, the Word application form should be submitted by email to hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org
- A maximum of up to three optional reference letters may be attached to the email (in Word or PDF format).
- No additional documents (e.g. CVs, resumes or supplementary reference letters) will be accepted.
- Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email 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 the Secretariat. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.
- Please note that an application will only be considered if both parts and all sections of the Word application form have been completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline. **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
- General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx> and <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx>
- In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Family (last) name: Ede	5. Year of birth: 1979
2. First (given) name: John	6. Place of birth: Kano, Nigeria
3. Other name, if any:	7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Nigeria
4. Gender: Male	8. Any other nationality: NA

¹ The short **online survey** 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. The same name, gender and nationality must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form.

² The **application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). The application form should be completed in English only. It will be used as received to prepare the public list of eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process.

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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.)

As our organizations focal person for ECOSOC, EU Transparency Register, Thomas Reuters TrustLaw, Namati, GNDR, current Co-Chair, Advocacy Working Group for Charter for Change (C4C), convened the first communication for development (C4D) face-to-face meeting in Nigeria, head of delegation and lead presenter to the UN GCM conference, with trainings to improve English Language communication in multicultural and multinational settings, SkillSoft – The Art and Science of Communication & Improving Your Technical Writing Skills – 2019, Communicating across cultures 2017, CDAC – Communication is Aid – 2019. I also have training and professional experience in human rights from UN Women Training Centre – Understanding violence against women and girls – 2019, University of Strathclyde Glasgow and CELCIS – Caring for Children Moving Alone – 2019, African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies – Training of Trainers (ToT) on African Human Rights Mechanisms – 2018, Peace Operations Training Institute - Human Rights and Peacekeeping 2018, UNODC - Human Rights in the Community – 2018, POTI - Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific – 2017.

2. 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.)

In the last 7 years I have immersed in learning, research and engagement of international human rights instruments, translating them to practice. For example:

- 1) International and regional Human rights instruments is a course during Geneva Summer School – HEiEC, PHAP Certification – Understanding Humanitarian Ecosystem, UN Women Training Centre – Understanding violence against women and girls, University of Strathclyde Glasgow and CELCIS – Caring for Children Moving Alone, ACDHRS -ToT on African Human Rights Mechanisms, POTI - Human Rights and Peacekeeping, UNODC - Human Rights in the Community, POTI - Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, Amnesty International - Human Rights.
- 2) As president of a national NGO, I rely on international, regional legal instruments in policy decisions and programme designs, by researching countries that ratified the legal instruments. There are a good number of treaties, covenants, conventions, declarations, reports, compacts, and other non-binding documents to build upon, to mention some of the international legal

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instruments, UDHR, ICERD, ICCPR, ICESCR, CEDAW, CAT, CRC, ICMRW, Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, Vienna Declaration, ICPD, FWCW, MDGs, SDGs, GCM, GCR, FfD, WHS.

3. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)

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

I have acquired competence in human rights law through research, participating in trainings, inputs and reviews to reports, documents and collaborative engagements. I am presently Co-Chair Advocacy Working Group – Charter for Change, pursued our organizations ECOSOC special consultative status, and registered on the EU Transparency register, membership of Thomas Reuters Trustlaw, Global Legal Empowerment Network, Together2030 and GNDR. I administered the first United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) DHI Acqua Republica competition in Abuja, Nigeria, selected as Ohaha chapter leader for United States Kids for Peace, was part of the consultation and led our organizations delegation to the Adoption of United Nations GCM in Morocco, convened the first in-person meeting of Communication for Development c4d UK in Nigeria, Coached by RedR UK on Security Incident Information Management, recognized as Learning Champion with disasterready.org, group leader at Geneva Summer School in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Turkana West County, Kenya. My question was selected during the selection of the current United Nations Secretary General which borders on human rights, and for the postponed Integrity Forum 2020. I am a 4-term Member Stakeholder Selection Committee – United Nations President of the General Assembly’s High-Level Meeting with United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Services (UN-NGLS).

4. PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Please list-significant 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.

4.1 Enter three publications in relation to the mandate for which you are applying in the order of relevance:

1. Title of publication:

Journal/Publisher:

Date of publication:

Web link, if available:

2. Title of publication:

Journal/Publisher:

Date of publication:

Web link, if available:

3. Title of publication:

Journal/Publisher:

Date of publication:

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

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4.2 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: Panel discussion during the Migration Conference, Marrakech, Morocco, December 2018

Event organizer: United Nations International Organization on Migration (IOM)

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: December 2018

Web link, if available: <http://webtv.un.org/live-now/watch/-partnerships-and-innovative-initiatives-for-the-way-forward-pm-session-dialogue-2-migration-conference-marrakech-morocco-10-11-december-2018-/5978211234001/?term=>

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

Event organizer:

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Web link, if available:

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

Event organizer:

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Web link, if available:

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

5. 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".

As President of Ohaha Family Foundation, I have delegation powers to nominate a cover either the Vice President or the general secretary where needed to ensure smooth and unhindered work flow. I also have the rights to leave of absence, and sabbatical leave where necessary once approved by the board.

My research responsibilities, policy formulation and field visits enable me to work remotely on reports, and engage closely with a variety of stakeholders.

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Currently, delivering on mostly oversight and coordination functions having managed the planning, forecast and budgetary functions, so that not much of responsibilities that would not allow me fully and actively function as SR TiPeW&C.

I also have completed pre-deployment training with POTI, BSafe - UNDSS, Inspirator training - ActionAid, OSOCC Awareness Course - OCHA Virtual Campus, Building a Better Response - Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, NATO CIMIC Field worker Course - Centre of Excellence. So I am definitely in a position, fit and ready to spend more than three months. Moreover, I have a strong institutional and network support from well qualified colleagues, so that my current position allows me to have flexibility, availability and readiness for the SR TiPeW&C role.

6. NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE

Indicate whether you have been nominated by (check all that apply):

- Individual nominations (indicate this if you are self-nominating)
- Governments
- Regional Groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems
- International organizations or their offices
- Non-governmental organizations
- National human rights institutions
- Other human rights bodies

Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only) (200 words):

Ohaha Family Foundation, is a National NGO with Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council, since 2018, and registered in the European Transparency Register, on a mission defend and promote human rights of all persons especially economically disadvantaged & marginalized, and advance programmes that lift people out of poverty, and protect them from human rights abuses and violations. Our vision is to advance the rights of individuals or group of persons to exercise their basic rights and live in peace, dignity and prosperity regardless of race, gender, and nationality. Our organization also implements humanitarian programmes to provide life saving interventions and protection services. Our objectives are to promote and advance protection of human rights of ALL human beings, Uphold and protect women and children's rights, and, hold human right violators and abusers to account, Educate and raise public awareness on human rights and expand access to social and legal services for all citizens regardless of location.

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III. MOTIVATION LETTER

(600 word limit. Must be included in the space below and not in a separate email or as an attachment. To be drafted and signed by the candidate himself/herself even if nominated by another entity.)

I am excited to indicate my interest in the "special procedures" of the Human Rights Council (HRC) as Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children (SR TiPeW&C). Interest that was triggered since year 2000, while supporting a local NGO deliver programmes to vulnerable women and children, including resettlement and reintegration to returnees from Europe. As an independent human rights expert I understand my role as provided for by (HRC resolution 35/5), so that SR TiPeW&C is an opportunity to deliver unbiased reporting, advice, and amplify issues relating to human rights as it relates to TiPeW&C.

My approach to delivering on this sophisticated ring of human trafficking especially women and children lies in my years of professional experience, studies and research on the 'loopholes' in travel laws, policies and system, leveraging on porous immigration laws & routes and weak inter-agency coordination to tackle human trafficking or modern day slavery. For example, the United Nations Global Compact for Migration (GCM), is not a binding instrument, but an advisory guide offering recommendations on safe, orderly and regular migration. GCM fails to address the challenges of irregular migration happening through some earth's dangerous routes, which are now graveyards for many undocumented migrants who died trying to cross. Similarly, the GCM are aggravated by gender disparities in access to, and use of information, women are often used as sex slaves, children child labour, so that from departing country, traffickers pre-inform women to carry-on enough condoms to protect themselves, sadly, some women get pregnant and deliver their children while migrating, which raises another concern of nationality of the child born in transit. Also worthy of note is the number of porous international borders used for international human trafficking.

My effort as SR TiPeW&C, would build on the work of the Human Rights Council and to amplify issues and challenges actionable to protect human rights and dignity of victims of human trafficking of women and children. I plan to focus more on the realities on ground by implementing the following:

1. **DEVELOP A SECURE INCIDENT REPORTING AND DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:** The global migration index is a tool to learn and leverage upon to build an implementable Human Trafficking Index (HTI). This would double as a reporting mechanism and also a tool to provide status report on the arrests made, prosecution, and information of the victims.
2. **FOSTER INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION ON TRANS-BORDER MIGRATION OF PERSONS:** Building on the GCM, there is the need to build a strong inter-agency collaboration and coordination mechanism that captures information from departing, transit and destination or host countries.
3. **CRITICALLY EXAMINE VISA WAIVER PROGRAMME AND IMMIGRATION LAWS TO 'HIGH INTEREST COUNTRIES':** Requirements for visa application and visa waiver programmes to high interest countries provide the opportunity for highly connected and well funded human traffickers. For instance the UK visa application system requires fee payment of around \$5,000 USD for expedited visa application, with higher guarantee of positive response.
4. **BUILD LOCAL CAPACITY TO DETECT, DETER, AND PROSECUTE HUMAN TRAFFICKERS:** Most national governments are paying less attention to the challenges of human trafficking. Profile such countries, and select focal persons to lead the training and capacity building activities of

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agencies of government, civil society networks, academia, and the private sectors, to build and enhance local capacity in confronting human trafficking.

5. MAINSTREAMING VICTIMS IN DECISION MAKING AND PROGRAMME DESIGNS: I learnt working with victims of human trafficking that they hold a wealth of information that can be used to identify human traffickers and their tactics, and survival skills.

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IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)

Please indicate all language skills below.

1. Mother tongue: Igede

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

Arabic: Yes or no: **No** If yes,

Read: Easily or Not 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:

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V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

NOTE: Please list the candidate's academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, 1975-1977, University of XXX, part-time*). If space in the table is insufficient, you may list more than one degree in a single row below, separating them by a blank line.

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:
Summer School, Higher Education in Emergencies & Crises (HEiEC), Université de Genève. Full-time	2019-2019	Nairobi, Kakuma, Kenya
Certificate in Civilian Services, Peace Operations Specialized Training, Peace Operations Training Institute POTI. Part-time	2017-2017	Online
Certificate of Participation, Leadership in the Public Sector, UNITAR, Part-time	2018-2018	Online
Certificate, Training of Trainers (ToT) on African Human Rights Mechanisms, African Centre For Democracy and Human Rights Studies (The Gambia) Full-time	2018-2028	Abuja, Nigeria
Bachelors Degree BSc Geography, University Of Jos, Full-time	2000-2005	Jos, Nigeria

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VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with your current (most recent) occupation. Also indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, you may list more than one position in a single row below, separating them by a blank line.

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:
Ohaha Family Foundation, President/CEO, provides leadership in policy and program designs, champions effective external communications, leads multi-location programs, mobilizes and manages finances for sustainable financing, manages partners and relevant stakeholders, represent the organization in high-level events, facilitate trainings and capacity building activities. Full-time	2013-Date	Abuja, Nigeria
Shelter the Hurting Initiative, Program Coordinator, Human rights NGO working in Nigeria to defend and promote human rights of women, girls and children. Developed advocacy awareness raising communications on impact of irregular migration and reintegration programs on local economies. Set up support group among different service providers, designed the organizations administrative and communication system, mobilized human, convened meetings and capacity development initiatives to raise awareness and support returnees. Full-time	2009-2012	Abuja, Nigeria
Footprints International, Program Officer (Protection And Reintegration). developed socioeconomic and self-help programs for Assisted Voluntary Returnees (AVR) from Europe, developed and mobilized community support and raise awareness on migration and safe return and reintegration, set up support group among different service providers, mobilized support and solidarity to the needs of SGBV, developed policies, social protection and re-integration programs for victims of VoDA and OVC.	2000-2005	Abuja, Nigeria

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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.

Not Applicable

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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 email (hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org).

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

Name: John Ede

Date: 21/04/2020
