

## Statement of qualifications

Name: Rossette Nyirinkindi Katungye  
Date of birth: 16 October 1963  
Citizenship: Ugandan  
Profession: Lawyer/Environmentalist  
Occupation: Career diplomat  
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**Career objective:** To take initiative and excel in all tasks I undertake, especially if such tasks contribute to the improvement of human lives, peace and security as well as the sustainability of the environment.

**Education:**

- Certificat d'Etudes de Français Pratique 2 Niveau B1* of the Council of Europe, Paris, France, 2 March 2007.
- Certificat d'Etudes de Français Pratique 2 Niveau A2* of the Council of Europe, Paris, France, 2 March 2007.
- Fellowship in International Criminal Law. Specialization in the Nuremberg Trials. Columbia Law School. New York. 2005.
- Undertook several UNITAR<sup>1</sup> courses, 2001-2002. New York.
- French classes from Niveau 1-8 at the United Nations.
- Master of Science (M.Sc.) in General Maritime Administration and Environment Protection, World Maritime University (WMU), Sweden, 1997.
- International Postgraduate Training Course in Environmental Management with specialization in Elements of International Environmental Policy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Massachusetts, USA, 1995 (4 months).
- Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Law Development Centre, Uganda, 1989.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations International Training and Research Institute.

-Bachelor of Laws Degree (L.L.B), Upper Division of the Second Class, Makerere University, Uganda, 1988.

### **Key professional experience**

- Elected to the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, 2006.
- Appointed to head the African Union Department for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uganda, February 2006.
- Appointed by the President of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as a Focal Point to coordinate key provisions and chair meetings on the procedure to elect judges, 2003.
- Elected to the Credentials Committee of the following:
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the State Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 2000.
  - First and second sessions of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC, 2000.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Seabed Authority, 2003.
- Elected as one of the Vice Chairperson to the Ad Hoc Committee on the International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings, 2002.
- Chosen to defend Uganda before the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights in Burundi and Algiers, Banjul, in 1999, 2000 and 2006 respectively.
- Led Uganda's delegation (twice) to the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights, 1999, 2000.
- Vice Chairperson of the African Focal Points for UNEP and HABITAT, 1996.
- Vice Chairperson, Board of Directors of a regional NGO, the Eastern African Environmental Network (EAEN), 1995 to 2001.

### **Working experience**

- March 2006 Appointed Commissioner of the Uganda African Peer Review (APRM) Commission (NEPAD).
- February 2006 Appointed Head, African Union Department, MOFA
- April 2004 Promoted to Minister Counsellor.
- November 2000 Accelerated promotion to the rank of Counsellor.
- February 2001 Posted to Uganda's Permanent Mission to the United Nations.
- November 1996 Served in the Multilateral Organization and Treaties. Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). Headed the Social Desk from 1999 – 2001.
- October 1995 Promoted to the rank of Second Secretary.
- January 1994 Accredited as Uganda's Focal Point to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as well as the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS/HABITAT).
- September 1990 Posted as a Third Secretary to the Uganda High Commission to the Republic of Kenya.
- September 1988 Appointed as a Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Professional memberships

- 1997-2001 Member of the Uganda Association of Women Lawyers -- FIDA (U).  
1998-2001 Member of Uganda Environmental Law Association.  
1999-1996 Associate member of Action for Development (ACFODE).

## Papers and publications

- *Sharia on Inheritance* by women (joint paper) (FIDA (U)), 1999.
- *The Project Cycle – Getting in Right* CIDA Alumni, Manual co-authored by CIDA-Alumni, Canada, 1999.
- *The last straw* (Fiction) FIDA (U), 1999.
- *Mother – a poem* – FIDA (U), 1999.
- *The Issue of Polygamy: Curse or Cure?* (FIDA (U)), 1997.
- *Legal and other Mechanisms Governing International Shared Water Resources.* Paper presented at the EAEN 8<sup>th</sup> annual conference. Nairobi, Kenya, June 1998.
- *The Elaboration of Appropriate Legislation and Institutional Framework to Address Inland Waterway Transport on Lake Victoria: The Case of Uganda.* Dissertation, World Maritime University, 1997.
- *Enhancing a multi-sectoral approach in Uganda's current environment policy formation process in a bid to foster sustainable development.* Tufts University, USA, 1995.
- *Counter-trade and its impact on the producer: Uganda's Case.* Dissertation, Makerere University, Uganda 1998.
- *Two Testimonials on International Terrorism.* Submitted to the annual Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, Washington, D.C., USA, 1998.
- *Trials and tribulations of a woman,* a play, Makerere University, 1998.

## Voluntary work

- 1998-2000            Lawyer (*pro bono*) for Single Mothers' Association (U).
- 1997-2000            Provided legal aid on behalf of FIDA (U). Served as a member of all its Programme Activity Committees (PACs).
- 1997                    Trained primary school teachers and university students in environment management.
- 1996                    Appointed Director, Member of the Board of Directors, EAEN.
- 1996                    Appointed Director, Member of the Board of Directors, OGYEEPPA.
- 1996                    Provided legal Aid to women - Action For Women in  
1997                    Development (ACFODE).

## Skills

- Computer literate
- Languages: English, French, Swahili, Kinyarwanda

- Excellent written, analytical and oral communication skills
- Strong lobby, advocacy, mobilization and organizational skills
- Organizing workshops and conferences.