

**Statement of qualifications**

**Declaration on the standing and experience in financial and budgetary matters of the candidate put forward by Burundi (Mr. Nsabimana, François-Xavier) for election to the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Secretariat of the General Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute.**

1. The expert François-Xavier Nsabimana has three degrees: Bachelor's, Master's and Postgraduate (DEA) in Economics and Management (specializing in Finance), from the University of Yaoundé II-SOA, Cameroon.
2. He possesses in-depth knowledge and proven experience in budgetary and financial matters, having worked at the UNDP Burundi Office as the officer responsible for the budgetary, financial and programmatic aspects of the "Project to Support the Strengthening of Mechanisms to Combat Corruption and Misappropriation of funds throughout the country" (from 2007 to 2010).
3. He also has in-depth knowledge and proven experience in budgetary and financial matters as a result of his work at the Integrated Centre for United Nations Services in Burundi (CISNU from the French acronym) as an Analyst at the Programme for Harmonized Cash Transfers to implementing partners of the projects and programmes (HACT) of Agencies of the United Nations system in Burundi (from 2010 to 2011)
4. He similarly possesses in-depth knowledge and proven experience in terms of auditing public accounts, corporate management control, control of public finances, analysis of the regularity and legality of execution of the State budget, macroeconomic and budgetary analysis so as to verify the level of budgetary realism prior to the adoption of the programme budget, as a result of his work as a Magistrate, when he served as Counsellor at the Chamber for Budgetary and Financial Matters at the Court of Auditors of Burundi (from 2004 to 2007).
5. He is currently providing his expertise in the Monitoring-Evaluation of projects at the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) aimed at supporting Least Developed Countries (LDCs) – Burundi Office. In the context of this programme, he is responsible for aspects relating to the programmatic, budgetary and financial monitoring of the projects and programmes implemented (from 2012 to the present).
6. He is also currently teaching economics, management and administration at Burundi-ENA, the University of Ngozi, *Université Lumière*, and Lake Tanganyika University, etc. (from 2003 to the present).
7. The expert François-Xavier Nsabimana in addition possesses in-depth knowledge and proven experience in the field of economic development; in this regard he co-authored, in his capacity as Consultant at the Burundian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a Background Document for the Government of Burundi, which was used for the purposes of the first International Conference on the Great Lakes region, on the subject of "Economic development, Co-operation et Regional Integration".

8. The expert François-Xavier Nsabimana further possesses in-depth knowledge and proven experience in trade policy, having worked as Adviser at the Burundian Ministry of Trade and Industry, within the Foreign Trade Department, International co-operation service (2004).

9. He is the author of two published articles:

- October 2003, « *Mouvements des populations et reconstruction des pays de la région des Grands Lacs africains à la lumière du Plan Marshall* » (“Population movements and reconstruction of the countries in the African Great Lakes region in the light of the Marshall Plan”), published in the journal Great Lake Advocacy Net Work, Brussels

- August 2003, « *Causes et conséquences de la crise socio-économique actuelle au Burundi : quelle leçon?* » (“Causes and consequences of the current socio-economic crisis in Burundi : what lessons can be learnt?”) available at [www.abarundi.org](http://www.abarundi.org), under the section on economic analyses (special supplements).

#### **Additional note to the presentation of the expert François-Xavier Nsabimana to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

With reference to communication Ref. No.: ICC-ASP/15/SP09 from the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the Rome Statute, International Criminal Court, in relation to the election of the new members of the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Secretariat of the General Assembly of States Parties to said Statute that will take place during the fifteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties, scheduled to be held in The Hague, from 16 to 24 November 2016, the Government of the Republic of Burundi has decided to present the candidature of Mr. François-Xavier Nsabimana.

Mr. Nsabimana is an expert of recognised standing who possesses a high level of experience in terms of financial matters at a national and international level (at the United Nations Development Programme – UNDP, at the Integrated Centre for United Nations Services in Burundi – CISNU, at the Chamber for Budgetary and Financial Matters at the Court of Auditors of Burundi, in the context of the WTO Programme aimed at supporting LDC-EIF Burundi, etc.).

Indeed, he has proven experience by virtue of his three degrees in economy and management, with a specialisation in finance in relation to his postgraduate studies; and by virtue of having worked at the UNDP (Burundi Office) as well as within a World Trade Organisation – WTO – programme in support of LDCs (Burundi Office) as the officer responsible for budgetary, programmatic and financial questions. He has moreover worked at the Court of Auditors of Burundi, within its Chamber for Budgetary and Financial Matters, including monitoring the execution of the State budget of Burundi, the proper use of public finances and the auditing of public accounts, etc.

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