

## **Samateh, Mustapha (The Gambia)**

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### **Statement of qualifications**

I am writing to express my genuine gratitude and enthusiasm for being nominated to serve on the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Assembly of State Parties on behalf of Africa. It is an immense honor to be considered for a role that will significantly contribute to the financial integrity and operational function of the Assembly.

With a strong background in finance, public private partnership, banking and public administration spanning over 15 years, I have dedicated my career to ensuring transparent and efficient budgetary practices in various governmental, private, and government/partnership roles. Throughout my tenure as Director of Budget with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs in The Gambia, I have consistently demonstrated my commitment to fiscal responsibility, strategic financial planning, and the implementation of cost-effective measures. Needless to say, this is not an easy task.

Over the years, I have developed a strong reputation and experience on financial matters ranging from investment and commercial banking, serving as a member of the Administration and Finance Committees of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the African Union (AU). Furthermore, I have spearheaded initiatives that improved budgetary transparency and accountability throughout the Government with the introduction of budgeting procedures which focus on results, i.e.; Performance/Program Based Budgeting.

The Assembly's mission aligns closely with my own professional values of integrity, accountability, and justice. I am particularly drawn to the opportunity to work collaboratively with esteemed colleagues from diverse backgrounds to develop innovative solutions and strategies that will ensure fiscal transparency and accountability. It would be a privilege to contribute to the Assembly's goals.

In sum, I am eager to bring my analytical skills, dedication, and experience to ASP. My broad experiences on financial matters ranging from Central banking, Central government, public private partnerships and Investment and commercial banking has given me a deep understanding of the theory and application of budgets and finance.

Whilst thanking you for considering my nomination. I am looking forward to contributing to the vital work of the Assembly's Committee on Budget and Finance.

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