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Akayezu Muhumuza Valentin is a Legal Practitioner and a Human Rights Activist. He holds a Master Degree (LLM) in Business Law from National University of Rwanda, a Post-graduate Diploma in Legal Practice and Development studies and a MA in Development studies with a specialization in Human Rights and Peace Studies delivered by International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), part of Erasmus University of Rotterdam (Netherlands). Previously, He was Magistrate Court in Rwanda's judiciary for nine years and a Member of Bar for five years and part-time Assistant Lecturer in Institute of Applied Sciences, INES-Ruhengeli (Rwanda). Thus, Mr. Akayezu M. Valentin proves highly relevant experience in issues relating to public, private and human rights law. He holds different certificates in programmes relating to gender, human rights, international criminal Law and in ICC' programme on Professional ethics of International Lawyers.



His area of interest is domestic and international legal proceedings, International human rights law, transitional justice, post-conflict reconstruction and peace-building, democratic governance and rule of law. He is actually an alumnae of The Hague Institute of Global Justice, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (Accra), The Hague Academy of Local Governance, Institute of Development Studies (IDS-London), Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (Germany) and Institute for Security Studies/African Centre for Peace and Security Trainings. Recently, he has pursued an research internship programme of three months in The Hague Conference on Private International Law, working in the project designed to promote the Hague Conventions in the region of Africa. At this time, he executes a volunteering position for one year in Committee of Transparency and Governance/Sub-Committee of Elections in African Youth Movement.

Last year (2014), his MA Research Paper has focused on resolving land disputes ownership in post-conflict society: The case of Republic of Burundi. Through the lines of his thesis, he highlighted on human rights protection as prime condition of creating a peace-loving climate in Burundi. He noted that legal and institutional frameworks are still weakened by the use of apparently land policies-related ethnic dynamics. He underscored a clear lack of

legitimacy and collapse in responding to land conflicts which play a major role of social constraint facing many Burundian citizens.

As far as the political context of his country Rwanda is concerned, Mr. Valentin has developed a personal interest in contributing to the promotion of human rights in Rwanda. He has been a good speaker and discussant in academic debates aimed at reflecting on the Rule of Law in post-genocide Rwanda. His current passion is to engage himself in search of backing conditions that would establish a conducive environment in relation to the work of CSOs' specialized in defence and advocacy. In this respect, Mr. Valentin is someone who is passionate about what he does.

As well, he is the Executive Director of the Canadian Human Rights International Organization "CHRIO" - Mission Rwanda and work in partnership with the Collective Human Rights Defenders "Laura Acosta" International Organization COHURIDELA and others Human Rights ONGs around the world.