C. N 3945

The Chair of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Ambassador François Rivasseau, presents his compliments and has the honor to refer to Note C. N 3926, dated September 30, 2019, inviting candidates for nomination to the post of Director General of WIPO.

A copy of the letter from the Honorable Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana, received on November 15, 2019, proposing the candidacy of Dr. Edward Kwakwa for the said post is enclosed.

November 15, 2019

Enclosure: Letter of the Honorable Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana
The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and has the honour to transmit, herewith, a letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of Ghana, Hon. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, addressed to the Chairman of the WIPO Coordination Committee, Ambassador Francois Rivasseau.

The letter conveys the nomination of Dr. Edward Kwakwa, Senior Director, Department for Traditional Knowledge and Global Challenges, WIPO, as a national candidate for election to the post of Director General of WIPO.

The Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Intellectual Property Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 15th November, 2019

World Intellectual Property Organization
Geneva
Case of reply the number and date of this letter should be quoted.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION
P. O. Box M53
Accra, Ghana

Republic of Ghana

6th November, 2019

Dear Ref.: UN/WIPO/2

NOMINATION OF DR. EDWARD KWAKWA FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)

I have the honour to refer to your Circular Note No. 3926-04 of September, 30, 2019, announcing a vacancy for the post of Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

1. I have the honour to inform that the Government of Ghana has nominated Dr. Edward Kwakwa for the position of Director General of WIPO.

2. Dr. Kwakwa has served WIPO with great distinction for almost 23 years, having joined the Organization in 1996, and having risen to be Senior Director, Department for Traditional Knowledge and Global Challenges. As is well known, he was WIPO’s Legal Counsel from 2004 to 2016, after serving as Acting Legal Counsel, as Deputy Legal Counsel, and as Assistant Legal Counsel and Head of Legal and Constitutional Affairs at WIPO.

3. Dr. Kwakwa has extensive knowledge of the multilateral organizations system, having worked at WIPO, the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the last 25 years. Over this period, he has gained progressively responsible managerial experience, including serving on the Senior Management Teams of the current as well as the previous Director General of WIPO.

4. Dr. Kwakwa’s curriculum vitae is attached, as requested by WIPO Circular C.N. 3926-04. On behalf of the Ghanaian Government, I warmly commend his candidature to all WIPO Member States.

H.E. FRANCOIS RIVASSEAU
CHAIR, WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE
34 CHEMIN DES COLOMBITTES,
1211 GENEVA 20,
SWITZERLAND

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6. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

SHIRLEY AYORKOR BOTCHWEY (MP)
MINISTER
Curriculum Vitae of Dr Edward Kwakwa

Date of Birth: April 19, 1961
Nationality: Ghanaian
Family Status: Married, four children

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1990  Juridical Science Doctor (J.S.D.)
      Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.

1987  Master of Laws (LL.M.)
      Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.

1985  Master of Laws (LL.M.)
      Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

1984  Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) with Honors
      University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016-present  Senior Director, Department for Traditional Knowledge and Global Challenges, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland.
             Responsible for overseeing the activities and work of the Traditional Knowledge Division and the Global Challenges Division.

2004-2016  Legal Counsel, WIPO
             Responsible for advising the Director General on the exercise of his functions as depositary of WIPO Treaties and Conventions; acting as Secretary to the Governing Bodies and meetings of the Assemblies of WIPO Member States; advising on questions of privileges and immunities and on the application, interpretation and modification of the WIPO Convention; assisting in the resolution of legal questions relating to the preparation and application of WIPO Staff Regulations and Staff Rules; and advising on other questions of international, administrative and constitutional law.

2003-2004  Deputy Legal Counsel and Acting Legal Counsel, WIPO

1996-2003  Assistant Legal Counsel and Head, Legal and Constitutional Affairs, WIPO

1996  Legal Affairs Officer
      World Trade Organization (WTO), Geneva, Switzerland.
Responsible for providing legal advice and assistance to developing countries within the framework of the WTO’s Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes.

1994-1996  
**Senior Legal Adviser**  
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva, Switzerland.  
Responsible for analyzing and commenting on national draft legislation and policy relating to refugees, immigration and nationality; providing legal advice, support and expertise in other relevant areas of international law.

1993-1994  
**International Legal Adviser**  
Commission on Global Governance, Geneva, Switzerland.  
Responsible for co-writing OUR GLOBAL NEIGHBORHOOD, The Report of the Commission on Global Governance (Oxford University Press, 1995); writing position papers and advising the 28 members of the Commission on various aspects of international law and relations. Among the areas covered were economic development and the Bretton Woods institutions, democratic governance and the United Nations system.

1990-1993  
**Associate**  
O’Melveny & Myers, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.  
Responsible for advising and representing clients in major international arbitrations; advising newly-established States on issues relating to state succession and succession to treaties, debts and national archives; preparing documents and negotiating transactions in connection with secured and unsecured bank financing, subordinated financing, and securities offerings; advising clients on compliance with United States federal securities laws, joint ventures and general corporate restructuring.

1983-1984  
**Legal Research Assistant**  
Responsible for researching and drafting memoranda on various aspects of commercial and insurance law; preparing documents in connection with the revision of insurance laws in Ghana.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2009-present  
**Visiting Professor of Law**  
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland. Teach **WIPO and International Intellectual Property Law.**

2007-2009  
**Professor in Intellectual Property Law** (in Master of International Law and Economics Program)  
World Trade Institute, Berne, Switzerland.
2008-2016  Adjunct Professor of International Intellectual Property Law
        University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland.

2002-2011
2005-present  Visiting Professor of International Law; and
        Extraordinary Professor of Law
        University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa.

2000  Adjunct Associate Professor of International Law and
        International Organizations
        Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston,
        U.S.A.

AWARDS

1991  Paul Reuter Award, International Committee of the Red Cross,
        Geneva

1986-1989  Yale Law School Graduate Fellowship

1985  Queen's Law Faculty Award, Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada

MEMBERSHIPS

1989  Bar of the State of Connecticut

1991  Bar of the District of Columbia

2011  Institute of International Law (Institut de droit International), Geneva

ACTIVITIES

2019-present  Member, Privileges and Immunities Advisory Group, Global Fund,
        Geneva

2004-present  Vice-President and Member, African Foundation for International
        Law

2001-2004  Member, Executive Council, American Society of International Law,
        Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

2015-2017  Vice-President, American Society of International Law, Washington,
        D.C., U.S.A.

2001-present  Member, Governing Council, Africa Legal Aid, Accra/The Hague

2004-present  Member, Editorial Board, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
        LAW REVIEW

1995-present  Member, Board of Editors, AFRICAN JOURNAL OF
        INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW, London, United
        Kingdom
2004-2010 Chair, Board of Editors, AFRICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW, London, United Kingdom

1998-2004 Member, Committee on Accountability of International Organizations, International Law Association

1994 Member, International Observer Delegation to South African Elections

1986-1988 Senior Editor, YALE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Member, African Arbitration Association; African Foundation for International Law; American Bar Association; American Society of International Law; European Society of International Law; International Law Association.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

THE LAW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (Oxford University Press, Forthcoming)

GLOBALIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES (editor, Ashgate Publishers, August 2011)

AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Co-editor)(Africa Legal Aid, Accra, Ghana, 2005)


Chapters/Articles in Books and Journals


“Mainstreaming ‘Development’ in International Organizations”, 6 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LAW REVIEW 1-6 (2009)


