

**CV****I. PERSONAL DETAILS**

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**II. EDUCATION*****II.1. Degrees***

- PhD, International Law (*summa cum laude*): University of Geneva, Law School, Switzerland, July 2010;
- LL.M, International Law: University of Geneva, Law School, Switzerland, May 2005;
- Master of Laws: University of Ouagadougou, Law School, Burkina Faso, June 2003;
- Bachelor of Laws: University of Ouagadougou, Law School, Burkina Faso, June 2002.

***II.2. Certificates***

- Certificate of International Law (Summer School): Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague, The Netherlands, August 2007;
- Certificate of WTO Law and Jurisprudence: Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 2004;
- Certificate of International Finance and Monetary Law: Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 2004;

- Certificate of Comparative Law: University of Geneva, Law School, March 2003.

### III. WORK AND INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Since October 2012:
  - Assistant Professor of Law at Thomas Sankara University, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; Associate Professor since November 2019: teaching International Trade Law, International Investment Law, Regional Economic Integration Law, Constitutional Law, International Relations, etc. to graduate and undergraduate students;
  - Co-founder and Executive Director of the African Centre for International Trade and Development (CACID), an independent and non-profit think tank dedicated to reflect on trade and regional integration issues in Africa;
- September 2010 – August 2012: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow within the Oxford-Princeton Global Leaders Fellowship Program (a highly-selective program of the University of Oxford and Princeton University); having spent one year at the University of Oxford (Global Economic Governance Program, Centre for International Studies) and one year at Princeton University (Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs); worked among others on research projects on trade remedies in Africa, aid for trade, dispute settlement in the WTO, etc.
- January – February 2012: Visiting Researcher, Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa (TRALAC), Stellenbosch, South Africa; visit within the framework of a study of African countries' experiences with trade remedy measures;
- May 2010 – August 2010: Intern, Trade Policy Review Division (Section of Regional Trade Agreements), World Trade Organization (WTO) Secretariat, Geneva: assisted the Section in the preparation of a study on trade remedy mechanisms in regional trade agreements;
- October 2009 - January 2009: Research Assistant, Graduate Institute of International Studies and Development, Geneva: assisted in the preparation of a study on "International Informal Networks, the Making of International Rules and the Problem of Accountability";
- July 2009 - September 2009: Research Assistant for Professor Gabrielle Marceau (University of Geneva): worked on various subjects including Aid for trade, social standards in free trade agreements, exchange rate manipulations and WTO law, WTO and the management of the 2008 international financial crisis, etc.

- July 2008 – January 2009: Visiting Researcher (PhD Programme), Economic Research and Statistics Division, WTO, Geneva;
- January 2008 - March 2008: Intern, Office of Legal Affairs (Codification Division), United Nations, New York: assisted, among others, in the preparation of a study for the International Law Commission on the immunity of state officials before foreign criminal jurisdictions;
- October 2007 - November 2007: Assistant, Office of Social Affairs, University of Geneva;
- June 2006 - September 2006: Research Assistant within the framework of the publication of the Supplements n° 8 and 9, volume 4, of the *Repertory of the Practice of the United Nations Organs in Accordance with the Charter*; project of the United Nations' Office of Legal Affairs (Codification Division), carried out with the cooperation of some academic institutions, including Geneva Law School and the Graduate Institute of Geneva.

#### **IV. CONSULTANCY AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

- August 2021: National Expert for Saana Consulting Ltd within the framework of the evaluation of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), a joint program of the WTO, IMF, the World Bank and other multilateral institutions dedicated to supporting least developed countries (LDCs) in using trade both as an engine for growth, sustainable development, and poverty reduction and as an effective gateway for administering Aid for Trade. Duties: data collection, interviews with stakeholders, writing of report;
- 9 – 12 December 2019 (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania): Expert for the African Union Commission within the framework of a training program for African trade officials on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): I have delivered a presentation on the “Challenges of the AfCFTA and the Operationalization of the Yamoussoukro Decision: Opening the gates of Trade in Africa and Solving Trade Disputes for Better Trade Relations”;
- 26 August – 6 September 2019 (Salvador de Bahia, Brazil): Visiting lecturer at the Federal University of Bahia within the framework of the summer school of the Graduate Program in Ethnic and African Studies; I have delivered a course on “International Relations in a New Era of Extremes”;
- 29 July - 3 August 2019 (Arusha, Tanzania): Visiting lecturer at the Trade Policy Training Center in Africa (TRAPCA): I have delivered a course on the “Legal Foundations of International Trade” to trade experts coming from various countries in Africa;

- 13 – 18 December 2018 (Dakar, Senegal): Expert for the African Union Commission within the framework of a training program for African trade officials on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): I have delivered presentations on “Overview of the Main Substantive Provisions of the AfCFTA” and on “The AfCFTA and Regional Economic Communities (RECs)”;
- 30 September – 5 October 2018 (Arusha, Tanzania): Visiting lecturer at the Trade Policy Training Center in Africa (TRAPCA): I have delivered a course on the “WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement” to trade experts coming from various countries in Africa;
- 20 – 21 March 2018 (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso): Consultant (Rapporteur général) for the Learning Event on “Ten Years of USAID Support to the Cotton Sector in West and Central Africa”; an Event organized by the West Africa Regional Office of the USAID, in collaboration with UEMOA Commission, IFDC and Analytical Support Services and Evaluations for Sustainable Systems (ASSESS); Task: guidance and production of the Report of the Event;
- 1 August 2017 – 30 November 2017 (UEMOA Countries): Principal consultant (Team leader) for the consultancy firm ‘African Label Group’ within the framework of a study on ‘Trade in services in UEMOA’ (study requested by UEMOA Commission); I have led the team of three consultants throughout all UEMOA countries’ capitals for interviews with stakeholders and data collection. The study has been completed in November 2017 to the satisfaction of UEMOA Commission;
- 12 – 17 June 2017 (Arusha, Tanzania): Visiting lecturer at the Trade Policy Training Center in Africa (TRAPCA): I have delivered a course on “Trade in Services in the WTO” to experts coming from various countries in Africa”;
- 27 – 30 March 2017 (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso): Consultant (Rapporteur général) of the 22nd Conference of the EU-Africa Cotton Partnership; Task: Production of daily reports and the general report of the Conference;
- 26 – 29 April 2016 (Tunis, Tunisia): Consultant, regional expert, for the World Trade Organization (WTO) within the framework of the Regional Trade Policy Course for French speaking African countries: I have co-delivered the course on the WTO Dispute Settlement System;
- 24 – 30 October 2015 (Arusha, Tanzania): Visiting lecturer at the Trade Policy Training Center in Africa (TRAPCA): I have delivered a course on “Trade Remedy Measures” to African trade experts;

- March 2015 – June 2015 (UEMOA and CEMAC countries): Principal consultant (Team leader) for the Association « IZF » (« Investir en Zone Franc », [www.izf.net](http://www.izf.net)), a common body of UEMOA and CEMAC Commissions, within the framework of trade data and business laws collection (for the years 2007 to 2014); I have led the team throughout the fourteen member states of UEMOA and CEMAC for the data and the laws collection. The work has been completed to the satisfaction of the sponsor;
- 6 – 17 January 2014 (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso): Expert trainer on the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism for ACP francophone countries; Training organized by the ACP-MTS Programme, a European Union-sponsored Programme, designed to help enhance the capacity of African, Caribbean, and Pacific Countries on the Multilateral Trading System; Officials from 23 ACP francophone countries and 2 Regional Economic Communities (WAEMU and ECOWAS) attended;
- 27 – 28 November 2014 (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso): Trainer on Lobbying technics for CEOs and executives of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); training sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Burkina Faso; more than 40 CEOs and executives attended;
- 12 – 20 November 2013 (Geneva, Switzerland): Visiting Lecturer at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (HEID); I have delivered a course on “Regional Integration and Intra-African Trade” to Taiwanese diplomats;
- October 2013 – June 2014 (Ouagadougou): Consultant for the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) Commission within the framework of a study intended to devise a Strategic Plan for the Enhancement and the Completion of the Customs Union and the Common Market of UEMOA; a study sponsored by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA);
- July – August 2012 (Princeton, USA): Peer Reviewer of Global Integrity (an American NGO based in Washington) 2012 Report on corruption indicators in Burkina Faso;
- May – July 2010 (Geneva, Switzerland): Consultant for the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (Codification Division): mission: preparation of the Supplement No. 9, volume 6 of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs in Accordance with the Charter* (article 103).

## V. PUBLICATION AND RESEARCH WORK

### V.1. Book

- *L'OMC et le régionalisme – Le régionalisme africain*, 1<sup>ère</sup> éd., Bruxelles, Larcier-De Boeck, 2012 (333 pages).

### V.2. Articles and Book Chapters

- "West African Economic and Monetary Union: Central Bankers Drive Basel Under IMF Pressure", in E. Jones (eds), *The Political Economy of Bank Regulation in Developing Countries: Risk and Reputation*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2020, pp. 174-195;

- « The West African Economic and Monetary Union Court of Justice », in R. Howse, H. Ruiz-Fabri, G. Ulfstein and M. Q. Zang (eds.), *The Legitimacy of International Trade Courts and Tribunals*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2018, pp. 349-364;

- « La chefferie traditionnelle dans les constitutions des États d'Afrique noire francophone », *Revue burkinabè de droit (RBD)*, n°53, 2017, pp. 159-188 ;

- « Le contentieux des élections parlementaires au Burkina Faso », *Revue burkinabè de droit*, n°51, 2016, pp. 69-94 ;

- « « L'Etat en faillite » en droit international », *Revue québécoise de droit international*, n°28.2, 2015, pp. 53-80 ;

- « Dernière ligne droite vers les APE : quels défis pour les communautés régionales africaines ? » ; in *Revue africaine sur le commerce et le développement durable en Afrique* (Revue Passerelles), volume 15, n°2, mai 2014, Genève ;

- "Trade Remedies in Africa: Experience, Challenges, and Prospects", *Global Economic Governance Programme (GEG) Working Paper 2012/70*, University of Oxford, June, 2012;

- "The African Economic Community", in A. Yusuf and F. Ouguergouz (eds.), *The African Union: Legal and Institutional Framework - A Manual on the Pan-African Organization*, The Hague, Martinus Nijhoff, 2012;

- "Global Administrative Law Perspective of the WTO Aid for Trade Initiative" (co-authored with Gabrielle Marceau), *International Organizations Law Review* 6 (2009), pp. 479-498;

- « Les systèmes de règlement des différends dans le cadre des APE : quelles implications pour les communautés économiques régionales africaines ? », in L. IBRIGA

(ed.), *Le Partenariat Europe-Afrique et les intégrations régionales*, Bruxelles, Bruylant, 2012 ;

- « Les interactions institutionnelles dans le régionalisme africain », in S. DOUMBE-BILLE (ed.), *La régionalisation du droit international public*, Bruxelles, Bruylant, 2012, pp. 306-328.

### **V.3. Research Reports**

- *Les mesures de sauvegarde dans le droit de l'OMC*, LL.M Thesis, University of Geneva, May 2005 ;

- *Le régime juridique des subventions agricoles à l'OMC*, Bachelor Thesis, University of Ouagadougou, June 2003.

## **VI. LANGUAGE SKILLS**

- French: First working language, fluent;
- English: Second working language, fluent;
- Moré: Mother tongue, fluent;
- Dioula: fluent.

## **VII. COMPUTER SKILLS**

Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.

## **VIII. OTHER ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS**

- Member of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law;
- Member of the Society of International Economic Law;
- Have attended many international conferences and workshops on many subjects, including International Law, Comparative Law, International Trade, International Investment, Global Governance, Regional Integration, Human Rights, etc., in Africa, Europe, America and Asia;
- Like practicing sport (Football, Volleyball) and reading.