

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



PERMANENT MISSION OF GHANA

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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



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REPUBLIC OF GHANA

6th November, 2019

**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).

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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
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1211 GENEVA 20,
SWITZERLAND**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and curves, characteristic of Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey's signature.

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

State Insurance Corporation of Ghana, Accra, Ghana.

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 ORGANIZATIONS (editor, Ashgate Publishers, August 2011)

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

THE INTERNATIONAL LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT: PERSONAL AND MATERIAL FIELDS OF APPLICATION (Kluwer, The Netherlands, 1992)
(Winner of the *Paul Reuter Prize*, 1991, ICRC, Geneva)

Chapters/Articles in Books and Journals

“Intellectual Property”, in THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF UNITED NATIONS TREATIES
363-374 (Chesterman, Malone & Villalpando, eds., Oxford University Press, 2019)

“International Intellectual Property Law and Africa: Considerations of Human Rights and Development,” in A COMMITMENT TO LAW, DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY 607-616 (A *festschrift* in honor of Nana Dr. SKB Asante. R. Opong & K. Agyebeng, eds., Wildy, Simmonds & Hill, 2016)

“The Privileges and Immunities of the World Intellectual Property Organization – Practice and Challenges,” with Marie-Lea Rols, 10 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LAW REVIEW 373-394 (2013)

“Reflections on ‘Development,’ ‘Developing Countries’ and the ‘Progressive Development’ of International Trade and Intellectual Property Law,” in PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNATIONAL LAW IN AN ERA OF CHANGE 221-236 (*A festschrift* in honor of Professor V. Nanda. A. Nanda & A. Mundt, eds., Joe Christensen, 2012)

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

“Some Comments on Rulemaking at the World Intellectual Property Organization,” 12 DUKE JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW 179-195 (2002)

“Institutional Perspectives of International Economic Law,” in PERSPECTIVES IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW 45-62 (Asif Qureshi, ed., Kluwer, 2002)

“Regulating the International Economy: What Role for the State?” in THE ROLE OF LAW IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS 227-246 (Michael Byers, ed., Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2000)

“The Response of African Universities to Social Instability and Crises” (Publication by Association of African Universities (AAU) of Paper delivered at 9th General Conference of the AAU, Zambia, January 1997)

“The Rule of Law and Global Governance in the Twenty-First Century,” 6 PROCEEDINGS OF THE AFRICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW 3-15 (1994)

“The European Communities’ Single Market: The Challenge of 1992 for Sub-Saharan Africa” (Review Essay), 14 FORDHAM INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 510-518 (1991)

“Belligerent Reprisals in the Law of Armed Conflict,” 27 STANFORD JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 49-81 (1990)

“Emerging International Development Law and Traditional International Law – Congruence or Cleavage?” 17 GEORGIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW 431-455 (1987)

“South Africa’s May, 1986 Military Incursions into Neighboring African States,” 12 YALE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 421-443 (1987)