

PROFESSOR DAMILOLA OLAWUYI SAN APPOINTED TO UN WORKING GROUP ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

We are delighted to announce that [Professor Damilola Olawuyi SAN FCIarb](#), Senior Counsel, has been selected by the President of the United Nations Human Rights Council to serve on the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights as an independent expert. Professor Olawuyi SAN will be representing African States for a six-year term.



The Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises (also referred to as the Working Group on Business and Human Rights) was established by the Human Rights Council in 2011, with a mandate to promote, disseminate and implement the [Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#). The group is also mandated to exchange and promote good practices and lessons learned on the implementation of the Guiding Principles, and to assess and make recommendations thereon. The Working Group is composed of five independent experts of balanced geographical representation. Collectively, these experts bring diverse skills and experience on the advancement of business respect for human rights across a wide range of countries, issues, and sectors.

Professor Damilola Olawuyi SAN said, *“It is a great honor to be appointed by the United Nations to serve on this important working group. The obligations of business enterprises to respect, protect and fulfil fundamental human rights across their entire business operations and value chain has become a crucial aspect of international law. Our working group has the key mandate of assisting business enterprises in implementing this requirement, while also working with countries to develop national legislation and safeguards to hold defaulting entities to account. I look forward to supporting stakeholders across the world in advancing this important task.”*

Professor Khawar Qureshi QC, Head of McNair International, said *“I am delighted that Damilola will be able to deploy his extensive commercial experience in the ever important context of Business/Human Rights interplay.”*

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