



**MURIEL BOWSER**  
**MAYOR**

February 18, 2025

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 5 of the Office and Commission on African Affairs Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-111, D.C. Official Code § 2-1394), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

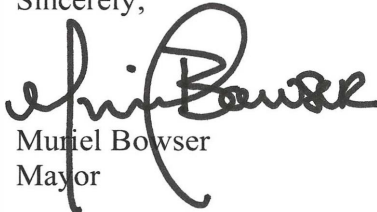
Mr. Sannido De Poukn  
Eastern Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20011  
(Ward 5)


for reappointment as a public member of the Commission on African Affairs, for a term to end October 27, 2026.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Muriel Bowser  
Mayor

  
Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the reappointment of Sannido De Poukn to the Commission on African Affairs.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Commission on African Affairs Sannido De Poukn Confirmation Resolution of 2025”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

Sannido De Poukn  
Eastern Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20011  
(Ward 5)

as a public voting member of the Commission on African Affairs, established by section 4 of the Office and Commission on African Affairs Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-111, D.C. Official Code § 2-1393), for a term to end October 27, 2026.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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# SANNIDO DE POUKN

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## **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

With 13 years of experience as an IT professional, I have honed my skills in developing and implementing security solutions in fast-paced environments. My passion lies in aligning security architecture plans and processes with security standards and business goals. My extensive experience in developing and testing security frameworks for cloud-based software, coupled with my expertise in robust network defense strategies, makes me an asset to any team. I am committed to staying abreast of the latest developments in the field and continuously improving my knowledge and skills.

## **SKILLS**

- Designing security controls
- Wireshark software
- Data security
- Erecting firewalls
- Training and Development
- Infrastructure development
- Security planning
- Access Control

## **WORK HISTORY**

### **UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

*Visiting Assistant Professor | Washington, DC | January 2025 - Present*

- Created study guides, research materials and syllabus for students. •  
Teach the courses

*Computer Networking Adjunct Professor | Washington, DC | May 2024 – December 2024*

- Created study guides, research materials and syllabus for students. •  
Teach the courses

### **MAYOR OFFICE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS**

*Commissioner | Washington, DC | January 2020 – Present*

- Serve as an advocate for African persons in the district.
- Review and submit to the mayor, the council, and the office and make available to the public an annual report that includes an analysis of the needs of the African community in the district.
- Maintained positive customer relations by addressing problems head-on and implementing successful corrective actions.
- Launched quality assurance practices for each phase of development.

### **DCPS-MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

*Computer Networking Teacher | Washington, DC | January 2022 - August 2023*

- Prepare Computer Architecture and Technology (ATO) and Maintenance Planning and Management courses.
- Distributed and collected classroom materials such as worksheets, quizzes, and tests.
- Used computers, audio-visual aids, and other equipment to supplement presentations.
- Created study guides, research materials and syllabus for students.
- Tested and evaluated student progress to determine effectiveness and impact of teaching methods, materials, and projects.
- Trained and developed students' skills in word-processing, spreadsheet, and database programs.

## **UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

*Researcher | Washington, DC | January 2021 - June 2022*

- Study and evolve data science prototypes.
- Implement machine learning algorithms and AI tools within research opportunities based on current parameters.
- Build AI models from scratch and assist in sharing knowledge of the model's function.
- Choose appropriate datasets and data representation methods.
- Performed research into study topics to increase knowledge and to provide valuable contributions.

## **GIC TECHNOLOGY LLC**

*Network Engineer | Washington, DC | June 2016 - December 2021*

- Troubleshoot complex multi-vendor network service provider issues.
- Provided network support services for devices such as hubs, bridges, routers, and other hardware.
- Provided complete end-to-end engineering and installation of route-based IP network solutions.
- Monitored network capacity and performance to diagnose and resolve complex network problems.
- Provided detailed network diagrams and procedural guidelines.
- Integrated data, voice, and video networks for use in multi-site installations.

## **TOGO PORT**

*IT Project Manager | Togo, Africa | February 2010 - September 2011*

- Developed project management roadmap to define project objectives, timelines, and milestones.
- Led technical upgrade projects for clients by working and coordinating with consultants and developers for integrations.
- Outlined work plans, determined resources, wrote timelines, and generated initial budgets as part of project scope determination.
- Proposed and implemented system enhancements to improve performance and reliability of storage.
- Designed, documented, and executed system upgrades and patch management using update manager.

## **EDUCATION**

**PH.D.** Computer Science and engineering

University of The District of Columbia

*Washington, DC, 05/2025*

**MASTER OF SCIENCE** Computer Science

University of The District of Columbia

*Washington, DC 12/2021*

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE** Computer and Information Sciences

University of The District of Columbia

*Washington, DC, 09/2020*

## ***CERTIFICATIONS***

CompTIA Security +

November 2023

CCNA: Introduction to Networks issued by Cisco

June 2022

CCNA: Switching, Routing, and Wireless Essentials

June 2022

CCNA: Enterprise Networking, Security, and Automation issued by Cisco

October 2022.



Executive Office of the Mayor – Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments  
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### Sannido De Poukn



Mr. Sannido De Poukn is an accomplished professional in the field of computer science and engineering. He currently holds the position of Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of the District of Columbia, where he combines teaching with his extensive background in IT management and support, totaling over 13 years of experience in the industry.

In addition to his academic role, Mr. De Poukn is a Cisco Certified Instructor, highlighting his expertise in network engineering and cybersecurity. His dedication to advancing his knowledge is evident as he is also a PhD student in computer science and engineering, further enhancing his academic credentials and research capabilities.

Aside from his academic and professional pursuits, he actively participates in community and cultural events. Notably, Mr. De Poukn has been involved in celebrating Black History Month and promoting Ivorian culture, which reflects his commitment to cultural representation and awareness. He is also fluent in English, French, and Ewe.

A Ward 5 resident, Mr. De Poukn earned his Bachelor of Science in Computer and Information Sciences, Master of Science in Computer Science, and his Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C.



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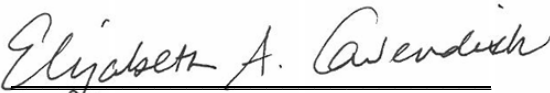


Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Kimberly A. Bassett, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** January 30, 2025  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of a Resolution appointing Tiffany Lancaster, Josiane Ndoymbaye, and Sannido De Poukn to the Commission on African Affairs

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**This is to Certify** that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Order and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Kimberly Ulan, Associate General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-727-0872, or me at 202-603-6154.

  
Elizabeth Cavendish