

Curriculum-Vitae

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Short Bio

Dr.Cissé Yacouba is currently Member of the International Law Commission of the United Nations and Professor of International Law at the University of Bouaké in Côte d'Ivoire. He consults on maritime boundaries delimitation matters and other issues on the law of the sea and has published widely on these domains. He holds an LL.B. and an LL.M in Public International Law from the National University of Abidjan in Côte d'Ivoire. His degrees include a Master of Sciences in Marine Affairs from the University of Québec and a Ph.D.in Law from the University of Ottawa in Canada. Dr. Cissé is lawyer at the bar of Abidjan and Ambassador at the ministry of foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire. As a member of ILC, he is member of the Study Group established by the Commission to reflect on the issue of the Sea Level Rise and its implications for the International law and has submitted the topic on the "Prevention and Repression of maritime piracy and armed Robbery at Sea". This topic is included in the long term programme of the Commission and has received a large support from delegates of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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Current profession: Lawyer at the Bar of Cote d'Ivoire, International Law Professor at the faculty of Law of the University of Bouake (Cote d'Ivoire), Member of the International Law Commission (ILC) since 2016, Ambassador since 2020.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND & DIPLOMAS

- 1999: Ph.D. in Law, at the faculty of Law, University of Ottawa-Canada (Thesis on Maritime Boundary Delimitation

Law, with emphasis in Africa)

- 1992–1994: M.sc (Master of Sciences) in marine Affairs from the University of Rimouski, Quebec, Canada
- 1990–1991: LL.M in Public Law, University of Abidjan (Cote d’Ivoire)
- 1989–1990 : LLB in Public Law, University of Abidjan (Cote d’Ivoire)

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

- 1981: High School (Literature Branch): Honors,
- 1999–2000: Paris Bar Medal, (Best Ph.D. thesis in Law),
- 2006: Law Dean’s Scholarship for Legal Research,
- 2006: Wilson and Lafleur Fund for academic Publication
- Recipient of bursary of the Hague Centre of International Law and International Relations of the Hague Academy of International Law

WORK EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL PRACTICE

- 1990–1992: journalist at “Fraternite Matin” and “Patriote”, Abidjan (Cote d’Ivoire)
- 1995–1999: Research Assistant in Law at the Civil Law Section of the Faculty of Law at Ottawa university
- 1997: Guest researcher at the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), New York/USA
- 1998–2006: Consultant and Researcher for the Canadian Ship–Source Oil Pollution Fund, I conducted research on the

Liability of the Ship owner and drafted a claims Manual for compensation for oil pollution damage caused by sea-going vessel

- 2000–2009: lecturer and adjunct professor of Law (University of Ottawa: civil law and common Law sections)
- 2001: researcher and Legal advisor for Newfoundland and Labrador in the Dispute concerning the Offshore boundary delimitation against Nova Scotia, I oversaw policy analysis and legal research on international maritime boundaries delimitation.
- 2002: Researcher and Legal advisor for New Zealand concerning the delimitation of its continental Shelf boundary with Australia
- 2006: Guest researcher at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg, Germany
- 2010 and 2014: Member of Cote d'Ivoire National Commission on Maritime Boundary delimitations between Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana
- Since 2016: member of the International Law Commission (ILC), Lawyer at the Bar of Cote d'Ivoire, International Law Professor at the faculty of Law of the University of Bouake (Cote d'Ivoire), is currently conducting research on “the recent maritime boundaries delimitations between African costal states” and on “the legal impacts of Sea Level Rise on baselines and maritime boundaries”.
- 2018: Guest professor at the Hague Academy of International Law, at the international Tribunal of the Law of the Sea and at Washington College of Law
- 2019: guest professor at the University of Warsaw Faculty of Law

SOME PUBLICATIONS

Books

- “The Law of Maritime spaces and the stakes for African States”, collection blue, Wilson & Lafleur, Montreal, 2001

Articles

- “Les lies et la piraterie maritime”, in Société Française de Droit International (SFDI), 2020
- « La Cote d’Ivoire et le droit de la mer », in P. Wrancken and M. Tsamenyi (eds): The Law of the Sea- The African Union and its Member States, 2017 at 324-350
- CISSE Yacouba & Donald M. McRae: “The legal regime of maritime boundary agreements”, in International Maritime Boundary, 2005, Vol.V, edited by the American Society of International (D. Colson and R.Smith)
- “the transboundary Oil deposit at sea: Legal regime in maritime delimitation”, (2004) 35 Ottawa Law Review 43
- “The Commissioner of Transport, the non-vessel operating common carrier and consortia: are they ocean carriers?”, (2004) 34 revue generale de droit, No. 3
- “The identity of ocean carrier in the light of its legal qualification”, (2004) 34 Révue Générale de Droit, No. 2
- “The evolution and development of international maritime boundaries delimitation law, Ph. D Thesis, 1999, University of Ottawa
- “International obligations and federal-provincial jurisdiction: the great Canadian dilemma”, in Canadian council on international law, proceedings 27th annual Conference, October 15-17, 1998, at 111.
- “The case Cameroun-Nigeria: the prevalence of the title over the effectivities”, in Bulletin of the Canadian counsel on international law, 2003

- “Cote d’Ivoire– Ghana maritime boundary: is it possible to avoid the war of oil?”, in Fraternité matin, interviews dated 9 and 10th March 2010.
- Etc,

COURSES TAUGHT FROM 2000 –TO DATE

- International Public Law
- Law of the Sea (Public Law)
- Maritime Law (Private Law)
- Ocean Governance and Marine Resources Law
- Air and Space Law
- Offshore Oil & Gas Law
- European Union Law
- Dispute Settlement in International Law
- International Trade Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Marine Environmental Protection
- International Humanitarian Law
- Introduction to the Study of Law

COLLOQUIUM, SEMINARS, MEETINGS

During his professional activities as an academic, lawyer and law professor, Dr. Ambassador Cissé has participated in many seminars and gave lectures on law of the sea and maritime affairs worldwide : Potsdam (Germany), Hamburg(Germany), Rome(Italy), Dakar(Senegal), Abidjan(Cote d'Ivoire, Mahe(Seychelles), Praia(Cabo Verde), Lome (Togo), Accra (Ghana), Libreville (Gabon), Pointe Noire (Congo), Kinshasa (R e p u b l i c D e m o c r a t i c o f Congo),Cotonou(Benin),Calabar(Nigeria),Bissau(GuineaBissau),Malabo(EquatorialGuinea),Ouagadougou(BurkinaFaso),Ottawa(Canada), NewYork(USA),WashingtonDC(USA),Geneva(Swisstherland),Rome (Italy),Addis–Ababa (Ethiopia), Paris (France),Warsaw (Poland), Rabat and Casablanca (Morocco), etc.