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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

OCT 19 2019

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 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), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Mr. Richmond Danso  
2915 17th Street NE  
Washington, DC 20018  
(Ward 5)

for appointment as a public member of the Commission on African Affairs, replacing Abeba Taddese, for a term to end October 27, 2021.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser".  
Muriel Bowser



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To confirm the appointment of Mr. Richmond Danso 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 Richmond Danso Confirmation Resolution of 2018".

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

Mr. Richmond Danso  
2915 17<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Washington, DC 20018  
(Ward 5)

as a public member of the Commission on African Affairs, pursuant to 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), replacing Abeba Taddese, for a term to end October 27, 2021.

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.

# RICHMOND DANSO



MPA

## Education

**PhD. Candidate** 2016 - Present

Howard University

Specializes in International Relations and American Government, minor in Public Administration and Public Policy

**Masters in Public Administration (MPA)** 2014 - 2016

Montana State University MSU

Specialized in Public Administration

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A)** 2009 - 2013

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

Specialized in Political Science

## Research Paper

**Hope and Despair: In State Tuition Policies for Undocumented Students** 2017-04 - 2017-04

Presented at Virginia Commonwealth University

Student Research Conference

## Master's Thesis

**Perspectives of MSU students on American Democracy** 2015-08 - 2016-04

Montana State University (MSU)

The research compared the perceptions of international and American students on Democracy in the United States.

## College Thesis

**Study of Low Voter Turnout, KNUST** 2012-10 - 2013-05

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)

The study examined the factors that contributes to low voter turnout in selected elections on campus.

## Work experience

**Teaching and Research Assistant** 2016-08 - Present

Howard University

Graduate Teaching Assistant-Political Economy, International Relations and Pan-Africanism

**Country Expert** 2017-06 - Present

Global Leadership Project

Created a Country Profile for Sierra Leone

**Program Assistant** 2017-05 - 2017-07

Mandela Washington Fellowship-Howard University Public Management

Coordinated the activities between program managers and the fellows.

Organized seminars, tours, meetings with members of congress, think tanks and other governmental organizations

**Research Assistant** 2016-01 - 2016-05

Montana State University

Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant- Applied Political Analysis

**Internship** 2016-01 - 2016-05

Community Mediation Center

Help mediate family disputes and 'small cases'

**National Service Personnel** 2013-11 - 2014-07

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

Catalogued and classification of research documents

Assisted students and faculty with research needs

**Presenter** 2012-08 - 2014-05

Focus FM, KNUST

Wrote and discussed on air sporting events

Interviewed sports personalities

**Manager** 2012-08 - 2014-05

Broadwings Travel and Tours-Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

Recruited students for exchange programs

Marketed and promoted travel opportunities

**Intern** 2011-05 - 2011-08

National Road Safety Commission, Accra-Ghana

Road safety education

Traffic data analysis and report production

## **Volunteer/Community Service**

### **Campus Coordinator**

2017-05 - Present

Department of State-Foreign Service(Howard University)

Works both institutions to expose students the work of the Foreign Service

Coordinate campus events for the Department of State

Help students to find internships with the Department of State and Foreign Service

### **2018 Selection Committee Member**

2017-10 - Present

Mandela Washington Fellowship (MWF)

Read and graded the application of prospective fellows for selection into MWF

### **Member**

2016-11 - 2016-11

Voter Protection Project-Howard University

Monitored the 2016 Presidential elections in the United States

Wrote a report on the outcome of results for Michigan, Ohio and Florida

### **Server**

2014-09 - 2016-05

Bozemen Community Cafe-Montana

Served food to needed members of the Bozeman Community



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## Richmond Danso



Richmond Danso is a teaching and research assistant and doctoral student at Howard University's Department of Political Science.

Mr. Danso's is an emerging leaders, active in the local and university scene to engage and empower residents. His career and research focuses on regional integration, democratic institutions and political leadership in Africa. His professional experience includes serving as a program assistant for the Young African Leadership Initiative and as campus coordinator for the Department of State.

A Ward 5 resident, Mr. Danso received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and a Masters in Public Administration from Montana State University.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Lauren C. Vaughan, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** October 13, 2018  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Mayor's Order appointing Etayenesh Asfaw, Richmond Danso, and Diebynaba Sall as members to the Commission on African Affairs

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**This is to Certify** that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Mayor's Order and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Elizabeth Cavendish