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My first exposure to the United Nations was in 1994 , when I was appointed as Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations from 1994 to 1999. Coincidentally , at the time, my native country Rwanda, had suffered a war and devastating .

Coincidentally, at the time Rwanda was holding a non-permanent member seat at the UN Security Council (1994-1995). I had the opportunity to represent the Rwandan delegation in many UN Security Council sessions as well as the existing UN sanction committees at the time. Since 9 June 2000, I have been working at the field level with DPO for the last 23 years .

My first DPO assignment started on 9 June 2000, where I worked with UNMIK as P 2 Civil Affairs Officer in Kacanik Municipality in Kosovo. Over the following years I was reassigned to other field missions, Cote d'Ivoire (ONUCI DDR) in Haiti (MINUSTAH Civil Affairs) and South Sudan (UNMISS Civil Affairs). In 2017 I was reassigned to UNAMID in Darfur, as Chief of the Governance and Community Stabilisation Section (a brand new section that had resulted from the merger of civil affairs and DDR section).

I currently head the MINUSCA DDR section in the Central African Republic. I was born in Rwanda , but since the age of 8 years old , I have lived in several countries, i.e. Uganda, US, France and Italy as my father was serving in the diplomatic service. I hold a master's in international relations from the University of Turin , Italy and a master's in public administration from Saint Johns University, New York, USA. I speak French, English, Italian, working level Spanish and my native Kinyarwanda. I am married and have one daughter.