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Amb. Salah S. Hammad, the Head of the African Governance Platform Secretariat and the Head of the Human Rights and Transitional Justice Unit within the Department of Political Affairs of the African Union Commission. He holds an LLM Degree in Human Rights and a Doctorate Degree in International Relations with focus on Human Rights.

Originally from Sudan, Amb. Hammad studied law and political science in the United States of America. Amb. Hammad has recently been appointed an Ambassador within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sudan and he was voted as Ambassador for Human Rights by the Arab Council for Human Rights in 2013.

Amb. Hammad also served as the President of the African Union Staff Association, a mechanism established to promote the welfare and protect the wellbeing of the Staff.

For the past 25 years, he has dedicated his life to world development and human rights. As an international expert, he worked on issues of refugees and resettlement for the Migration and Refugee Services, an organization based in Washington D.C. He also worked in global development for a number of international and continental organizations. He joined the Human Rights Segment at the Department of Political Affairs of the African Union Commission, six years ago.

As a young man, Amb. Hammad dreamed of becoming a medical doctor because of his ongoing commitment to help heal the world. Today he keeps that dream alive through his work in promoting and protecting human and peoples' rights in his native Africa.