

PROFILE

JOHN NZE-BERTRAM LLB LLM MPABUS

John Nze-Bertram possesses a diverse international background. Over two decades, this experience has ranged from participating in a conference to organize the African diaspora in the People's Republic of China at the invitation of the African Union Ambassador to the Republic of China to advising African leaders on both domestic and international policies. His wealth of experience and successes uniquely qualifies him as a transformational leader. With dual citizenship in Australia and Nigeria, he brings a global perspective and a commitment to fostering multiculturalism, international relations, and ethical governance.

African Union (AU)

John Nze-Bertram currently serves as a member of the African Union's Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (AU CIDO) Steering Committee. Previously, he held a position as a General Assembly member of the African Union's Economic, Social & Cultural Council (AU ECOSOCC).

Qualifications:

- **Legal Expertise:** John holds the distinguished title of a Member of the Roll of Lawyers at the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and is accredited to practice at the Federal High Court of Australia. He possesses a Master of Laws with specializations in international human rights law, environmental law, and energy law, providing a solid foundation in legal matters, human rights, and environmental sustainability.
- **Business Acumen:** In addition to his legal qualifications, John holds a Master of Business and a Master of Professional Accounting. This multifaceted education equips him with a profound understanding of financial and business aspects, enabling him to contribute effectively to strategic decision-making and financial governance.

Professional Experience:

- **Old Government Treasury Accreditation:** In his role as a Transfer Duty Self Assessor at the Queensland Government Department of State Revenue, Queensland Treasury, John Nze-Bertram demonstrates a comprehensive skill set:
 - **Regulatory Compliance:** John ensures strict adherence to all regulations and deadlines established by the Queensland Government Department of State Revenue. He promptly lodges transaction statements and accompanying documents while meeting payment deadlines.
 - **Attention to Detail:** Precision is paramount in John's duties. He meticulously verifies that all essential information is included and accurately endorsed when assessing and

stamping instruments or electronic transaction documents, thereby avoiding penalties or infractions.

- **Financial Management:** John effectively manages financial transactions, encompassing the calculation of assessed tax, duty, interest, and penalty tax. He oversees payments, ensuring they are submitted within specified timelines.
 - **Legal and Procedural Knowledge:** John possesses a comprehensive understanding of the Duties Act and associated revenue laws. He discerns the circumstances under which assessments may be made by the Commissioner versus self-assessment and comprehends the conditions for contesting assessments.
 - **Communication Skills:** Clear and concise communication is pivotal in John's role, particularly when interacting with taxpayers, colleagues, and superiors. He articulates procedural requirements, addresses uncertainties, and requests additional information as necessary to facilitate the assessment process.
 - **Problem-Solving Abilities:** John excels in evaluating situations where legal uncertainty exists. He analyzes complex scenarios, identifies significant uncertainties, and takes appropriate measures to seek resolution, including researching relevant legal provisions and seeking expert counsel.
 - **Compliance Monitoring:** John maintains meticulous records and monitors compliance with stamping requirements, payment deadlines, and other legal obligations. He establishes monitoring systems to ensure ongoing adherence to regulatory standards.
 - **Integrity and Professionalism:** As a self-assessor, John carries significant responsibilities. He upholds exemplary standards of integrity, honesty, and professionalism in all aspects of his work, particularly when handling financial matters and sensitive taxpayer information.
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- **Director and Principal Legal Officer:** Currently, John serves as the Director and Principal Legal Officer of On Call Lawyers Australia Pty Ltd, where he has honed his skills in criminal and family law practice and business leadership.
 - **International Engagement:** John has received international recognition for his contributions, including the South Australian Governor's Award as a finalist for the Outstanding Individual Achievement Award. His involvement in the African Union's Economic, Social & Cultural Council (AU ECOSOCC).
 - **Pan African Australia Diaspora Network (PAADN):** As the founder and chairperson of PAADN, John has effectively aligned projects by members of the African diaspora in the AusIndoPacific region with the African development agenda. He has fostered bilateral and multilateral relations between Australia and Africa, showcasing his capacity for diplomacy and strategic planning.

- **African Union's Diaspora Focal Points:** John's participation in the AU CIDO's Diaspora Focal Points' 6+2 Steering Committee underscores his commitment to harnessing the potentials of the African diaspora for the development of Africa and other engaged countries.
- **Celebration of African Australians Inc ("Celebrate"):** In his capacity as the chairperson of Celebrate, John has celebrated and recognized the contributions of African Australians across various sectors, garnering support from prominent government officials.
- **Sweet Mother International Foundation Inc (SMI):** As President of SMI, John has passionately worked to reduce maternal deaths and improve maternal health in disadvantaged communities in Africa. His humanitarian efforts have made a significant impact.
- **Heritage Reconnection Alliance (HRAALAP):** John's leadership in HRAALAP demonstrates his commitment to reconnecting the "Lost Africans" in the IndoAsiaPacific region with their cultural heritage, fostering a sense of identity, and promoting cultural contributions.

Conclusion:

John Nze-Bertram's diverse educational background, professional experiences, and commitment to multiculturalism, international relations, and humanitarian causes make him an exceptional asset to humanity. His ability to bridge cultural gaps, foster international partnerships, and drive strategic initiatives positions him as a valuable contributor to our societies' successes. John's dedication to excellence, ethical governance, and positive social impact makes him an ideal candidate for challenging tasks.