

## **Aimable NDEJURU**

Aimable Ndejuru was Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. His experience in Human Rights spans over 20 years, 12 of which were spent as Commissioner at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB). Since ending his term as Commissioner at the IRB, Aimable has worked as a Special Counselor in professional development, acting as a mentor to the Commission. Continuous training and participation in various Human Rights seminars have helped Aimable carry out his functions.

Aimable holds a joint Ph.D. in Sport Science and Anthropology from the University of Cologne and the Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln, in Germany. The latter institution had previously awarded him a State Diploma in Physical Education and Sports, with a specialty in athletics, basketball, wrestling, fencing, boxing, and tennis.

Aimable's professional experience spans three continents. In Africa—Rwanda specifically—he was a sports coach at the National University of Rwanda, the Institut Pédagogique National (IPN), and the Byimana Teacher Training School (École normale de Byimana). His coaching skills helped the University's sports teams and those of the IPN to win Regional Championships in Athletics and Soccer. In Germany, he had the privilege of acting as a guide at the Olympic Games in Munich. He also taught Physical Education and worked as a coach in colleges, particularly in the sports of athletics, basketball, and swimming. In parallel, he has also been working as a tennis coach in private tennis clubs and as a sports journalist and commentator for Radio Deutsche Welle.

In Canada, he was a lecturer and professor at the Department of Kinanthropology at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). A very active member of the Montreal community, he was one of the founding members of neighbourhood tennis clubs and an organizer of various inter-community tennis competitions. He gave swimming and tennis lessons at the Montreal YMCA, and furthermore provided tennis coaching to children for the city of Montreal as well as tennis lessons to adults in private clubs.

A former cross country and long distance (5000m and 10 000m) runner, Aimable is still active in tennis and cycling. Married and father of three girls, he is also a grandfather to one boy and one girl.