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Congolese statesman · Human rights defender

Fernandez MURHOLA is a Congolese statesman and human rights defender whose engagement began in 1990. His work brings together the protection of fundamental freedoms, rural development, conflict resolution and regional planning in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

From 2015 to 2022, he served as a National Human Rights Commissioner and Coordinator of the Permanent Sub-Commission on Civil and Political Rights at the DRC National Human Rights Commission (CNDH-RDC). His institutional career continued at the head of the Technical Unit for Human Rights (CTDH-RDC), according to the chronology published on his official website.

His education includes studies at the Higher Institute of Rural Development in Bukavu, the University of Kinshasa and Uppsala University in Sweden. He also holds a diploma from the DRC Higher College of Strategy and Defence (CHESD). In 2016, he received the Human Rights Prize awarded by the French Embassy in the DRC.

His career connects Congolese civil society organisations with African and United Nations human rights mechanisms. Under his leadership, his organisations have produced reports, memoranda, training materials and institutional contributions on human rights in the DRC.

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