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Mr Rongedzayi Fambasayi (LLB, Post-grad Diploma in Child Sensitive Policies; LLM) is a Doctoral Candidate and Researcher at the South African Research Chair in Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability. A holder of an LLM in International Child Law, his career span over six years in child rights governance, research and litigation. He is a registered legal practitioner with the High Court of Zimbabwe, and a member of the Law Society of Zimbabwe. Previously, Mr Fambasayi worked as a Lecturer at the Herbert Chitepo Law School, Great Zimbabwe University; and as a Programmes Lawyer with the Legal Resources Foundation, both in Zimbabwe. He has published in peer-reviewed journals in the area of children's rights.

Rongedzayi's research interest is dedicated to a critical legal perspective on the interface of child rights and emerging issues such as climate change law, artificial intelligence and smart cities. Currently, his studies focus on the nexus of the child rights regime and the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a focus on African cities. In 2019, he won the Fasken 1st Prize for the best presentation at the Environmental Law Association National Annual Student Conference, Durban; and the best presentation award at the National Post-Graduate Student Conference on Local Government and Urban Governance, North-West University. He has attended numerous international child rights governance courses, such as an Advanced Summer School under the Human Rights for Development (HR4DEV) programme with a focus on children's rights in a globalized world, held at the Ghent University (2016).