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Election, in accordance with articles 28–32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of nine members of the Human Rights Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2024

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Note by the Secretary-General*

1. In conformity with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the fortieth meeting of States parties to the Covenant is to be held at United Nations Headquarters on 29 March 2024 for the purpose of electing nine members of the Human Rights Committee from a list of persons nominated by States parties (sect. II) to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2024 (sect. I).

I. Members of the Committee whose terms will expire on 31 December 2024

| <i>Name of member</i> | <i>Country of nationality</i> |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Ms. Tania María Abdo Rocholl ^a | Paraguay |
| Ms. Wafaa Ashraf Moharram Bassim ^a | Egypt |
| Mr. Mahjoub El Haiba ^a | Morocco |
| Mr. Carlos Gómez Martínez | Spain |
| Ms. Marcia V.J. Kran | Canada |
| Mr. José Manuel Santos Pais | Portugal |
| Mr. Soh Changrok ^a | Republic of Korea |
| Ms. Kobauyah Tchamdja Kpatcha ^a | Togo |
| Mr. Imeru Tamerat Yigezu ^a | Ethiopia |

^a Member eligible for re-election under the Committee's rules of procedure.

* The present report was submitted to the conference services for processing after the deadline so as to include the most recent information.



II. Persons nominated by States parties

2. In accordance with article 30 (2) of the Covenant, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 24 November 2023, invited the States parties to submit, in conformity with article 29 of the Covenant, their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee by 15 March 2024. All curricula vitae received by 15 March 2024 are included in the present document (see annex). Nominations received after that date will be issued in addenda to the present document.

3. Pursuant to article 30 (3) of the Covenant, listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee, and the States parties that nominated them.

| <i>Name of candidate</i> | <i>Nominated by</i> |
|--|---------------------|
| Ms. Tania María Abdo Rocholl | Paraguay |
| Ms. Wafaa Ashraf Moharram Bassim | Egypt |
| Mr. Zirignon Constant Delbe | Côte d'Ivoire |
| Ms. Suchitra Durai | India |
| Mr. Mahjoub El Haiba | Morocco |
| Mr. Carlos Ramón Fernández Liesa | Spain |
| Mr. Konstantin Korkelia | Georgia |
| Ms. Dalia Leinartė | Lithuania |
| Mr. Bongani Majola | South Africa |
| Mr. Pacifique Manirakiza | Burundi |
| Mr. Jean-Paul Nguimout | Cameroon |
| Mr. Akmal Kholmatovich Saidov | Uzbekistan |
| Mr. Ivan Šimonović | Croatia |
| Mr. Soh Changrok | Republic of Korea |
| Ms. Biljana Tanurovska-Kjulavkovski | North Macedonia |
| Ms. Kobauyah Tchamdja Kpatcha | Togo |
| Mr. Imeru Tamerat Yigezu | Ethiopia |

Annex

Curricula vitae*

Tania María Abdo Rocholl (Paraguay)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: 16 November 1978, Asunción, Paraguay.

Working languages: Spanish and English.

Current positions or functions

Chair of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (CCPR).

Former Vice-Chair of the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

Former Rapporteur on reprisals of the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

Former Focal point of the Human Rights Committee for the inter-American human rights system.

Main professional activities

Lecturer, Master's programmes in legal sciences and human rights, University of Columbia, Paraguay.

Lecturer, Human Rights Programme, Higher Technical Institute of the Legislature (ITSL).

Academic Director-General, Training Centre of the Public Defender of Paraguay (current).

Director-General, Higher Institute of Public Defence (current).

Member, Humanitarian Rights Commission, Italian Diplomatic Academy.

Director and Member, Editorial Board of the Public Defence Service journal (current).

Education

Master's Degree in Family Law; Postgraduate Degree in Civil Law: Nullity, Separation and Divorce; Postgraduate Degree in Child Law, Protection of Individuals and Adoption, Law School, University of Barcelona, Spain.

International Master's Degree in Law, Economics and Management, University of Limoges, France.

International Specialized Diploma in economic, social and cultural rights, food safety and public policies on hunger, Henri Dunant Institute and Foundation, France.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Public policy design and implementation: Member of the Access to Justice Indicators Design Team for Paraguay. Member of the Design, Construction and Implementation Team for the "System for Monitoring of International Human Rights Recommendations to Paraguay" (SIMORE).

Team coordination, implementation and regulation: "Gender in Prison" programme for mothers and their children; project on hearings by videoconference for persons deprived of their liberty; modernization of shelters.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing. The full curricula vitae of the candidates as submitted by the relevant State party can be consulted on the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/events/2024/40th-meeting-states-parties-2024-elections>.

Development of regulations: Treatment of hunger strikes; academic internships in shelters and centres of deprivation of liberty; access to justice for children and adolescents in custodial contexts.

Drafting of bills: “Of protection for children and adolescents against corporal punishment and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment”, amendment to the Human Trafficking Act.

Most recent publications in the field

“Labour Code of the Republic of Paraguay. Annotated and Harmonized with International Labour Regulations and Other International Instruments” (Co-author. International Labour Organization (ILO), 2018).

“Tri-Partite and Inter-Institutional Guide for Intervention in Forced Labour Cases” (ILO, 2017).

“Formalization of Informal Economy”; “Labour Mediation System”; “Vocational Training System”; “Enabling Environment for Reactivation of the Economy and Production” (Co-author. Production, Industry and Commerce Federation and Bureau for Employers’ Activities/ILO, 2015).

Wafaa Ashraf Moharram Bassim (Egypt)

Date and place of birth: 21 November 1955, Cairo, Egypt.

Working languages: Excellent command of Arabic, English and French, Very good command of Italian.

Current position or function

Member of the Human Rights Committee since 2021.

Main professional activities

2014–2016: Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Holy See.

2012–2013: Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations Office in Geneva, the World Trade Organization and Other International Organizations in Geneva.

2005–2012: Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Chef de Cabinet of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, witnessed different transformations whether in terms of mechanisms or political developments. Prominent among these transformations was the establishment of the Human Rights Council in 2006 and the deliberations which preceded that significant development, as well as the review of the Council's status, work and functioning.

2001–2005: Ambassador to Romania and non-resident Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

1999–2001: Deputy Assistant Minister for European Affairs, chief negotiator of the general framework of cooperation between Egypt and the European Union set by the association agreement, including issues of human rights.

Educational background

Bachelor's Degree in Political Sciences and International Relations, Cairo University, 1977. Certificate of Diplomatic Studies, Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo 1978. Certificate of end of United Nations Fellowship on Disarmament and Arms Control United Nations, New York, 1980. Diploma of international Law and International Relations from HEI, Geneva, 1984.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

My professional life has been dedicated to studying and practicing human rights. My long service as Egypt's representative to the United Nations and in the Egyptian embassies as well as my previous experience as a Deputy Assistant Minister for European Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during which I was a chief negotiator of the general framework of cooperation between Egypt and the EU set by the association agreement including issues of human rights, has provided me with the opportunity to study and understand human rights norms and instruments. I followed closely the work of the Human Rights Commission and the Human Rights Council, and locally as senior Assistant Minister and subsequently Chief of the Cabinet of the Minister, has availed me of the opportunity to formulate a comprehensive vision of the civil and political rights in relationship with other human rights, its components, its sectoral priorities as well as various impediments that hinder the realization all human rights.

Most recent publications in the field

As an official representative of Egypt throughout my long diplomatic career, I have written and supervised many human rights reports, the most recent of which are the reports of the foreign affairs Committee of National Council on Women on gender based violence and also on the Egypt economic cost of gender based violence survey, in an evaluation report for the UNDP on the activities of the Cairo Centre For Conflict Resolution And Peace Keeping in Africa (CCCPA).

Zirignon Constant Delbe (Côte d'Ivoire)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 6 October 1968, Gagnoa, Côte d'Ivoire.**Working languages:** French and English**Current position or function**

I am a judge of the highest rank and currently the Human Rights Director of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights. I am also leading the Interministerial Committee for Monitoring the Implementation of International Human Rights Instruments and the Committee for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders. Furthermore, I am a member of the board of the National Public Procurement Regulatory Agency.

Main professional activities

As the Human Rights Director, my main activities involve promoting and protecting human rights, ensuring that human rights laws and regulations are appropriately implemented, ensuring that the relevant international commitments of Côte d'Ivoire are respected and reviewing draft international conventions on human rights. In this regard, I contribute to the preparation of reports to the treaty bodies and to the implementation of the recommendations made to Côte d'Ivoire by the treaty bodies and in the context of the universal periodic review, special procedures and the Working Groups. My activities also involve the provision of training and awareness-raising on respect for human rights.

Education

I hold an inter-university Diploma of Specialized Studies in International Human Rights Law, magna cum laude, from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, completed in 2004, a Diploma of Higher Education from the National School of Administration, Judicial Section, completed in 1995 and a Master of Law from the National University of Abidjan completed in 1992.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

I am involved in the reforms aimed at bringing national legislation into line with international human rights instruments. I am also involved in the accession of Côte d'Ivoire to human rights treaties. I am currently coordinating the consultations on the preparation of the national report of Côte d'Ivoire for the fourth cycle of the universal periodic review. I represented Côte d'Ivoire during the presentation of its periodic report to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in October 2020, as well as before the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in 2019 and 2020. I was an expert member of the National Human Rights Commission of Côte d'Ivoire for five years and have been a trainer in international human rights and humanitarian law for over 15 years.

Most recent publications in the field

« Les mécanismes de protection des droits de l'Homme » ("Human rights protection mechanisms"), Abidjan, 2021 ; « Le droit des Femmes à un égal accès au foncier rural » ("Women's right to equal access to rural land tenure"), Abidjan, 2019 ; « L'application de la jurisprudence des juridictions internationales de protection des droits de l'Homme par les juridictions nationales » ("Application of the jurisprudence of international human rights protection bodies by the national courts"), Abidjan, 2008.

Suchitra Durai (India)

Date and place of birth: 13 September 1962, India.

Working languages: English, Spanish and Hindi. Spoken language: Tamil. Basic knowledge of German.

Current position or function

Retired from Indian Foreign Service (1988 Batch) on 30 September, 2022 as Grade I Ambassador (rank of Permanent Secretary). Served as Ambassador of India to Thailand and Permanent Representative of India to UN Economic & Social Commission for Asia & the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok from November 2018 to September 2022. Earlier, served as High Commissioner of India to Kenya, Ambassador of India to Somalia (concurrent) and Permanent Representative of India to the UN Habitat, UNEP and UN Offices in Nairobi (October 2015 to October 2018). Also served as Ambassador to Eritrea (concurrent) in 2016.

Main professional activities

Ambassador of India/High Commissioner of India to Thailand, Kenya, Somalia and Eritrea and Permanent Representative of India to several UN bodies including UNEP, UN Habitat and UNESCAP (2015 to 2022).

Joint Secretary (Director General) in Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for Sri Lanka, Maldives and the Indian Ocean Region.

Director General for Consular Affairs responsible for visa policy, welfare of Indian nationals abroad and official and diplomatic passports (2012 to 2015).

Deputy Head of Division in charge of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Maldives (2007).

Director of the Indian Cultural Centre in Cairo, Egypt from 2009–2012.

Alternate Governor for India to International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna and Head of External Relations Section of the Department of Atomic Energy, Mumbai, India (1998 to 2006).

Desk officer for Disarmament and Desk Officer for Western Europe in MEA (1992 to 1996).

First Secretary (Political, Press & Consular) in the Embassy of India, Buenos Aires and Third Secretary / Second Secretary (Commercial) in Embassy of India, Madrid.

Educational background

B.A. English Literature (1982) – University of Madras

M.A. English Literature (1985) – University of Madras

M.Phil (Defence Studies) (2008) – University of Madras Alumnus of the National Defence College, New Delhi (2008)

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Thirty-four years of professional experience dealing with multilateral work at the UN.

As a desk officer have participated in UN meetings at New York, Geneva and Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), The Hague.

As a Counsellor, represented India for four years at the International Atomic Energy Agency.

As Ambassador, represented India at the meetings of UN Environment Programme, UN Habitat and UNESCAP. Have served as rapporteur, friend of the chair and as chair of many sessions of these bodies.

Have dealt with UN SDGs including human rights issues closely for seven years as Permanent Representative of India to various UN bodies.

Also dealt with political rights, human rights and humanitarian affairs as well as capacity building as High Commissioner to Kenya and Ambassador to Somalia and Eritrea.

Most recent publications in the field

Published articles/Op Eds on India and the UN in daily newspapers of Nairobi (*The Standard*, *The Star*) and Bangkok (*Bangkok-Post*).

Mahjoub El Haiba (Morocco)

Date and place of birth: 15 December 1956, Morocco.

Working languages: Arabic, French and English.

Current position or function

Since 1983: Professor at Hassan II University in Casablanca and Lecturer at the Faculty of Law at Mohammed V University in Rabat

Consultant in Human Rights, Transitional Justice, Environmental Law, and Water Law

Member of the UN Human Rights Committee

Main professional activities

Since July 2019: Member of the National Human Rights Council

2011–2018: First Inter-Ministerial Delegate for Human Rights to be nominated

Former Member of the Higher Council for Education, Training and Scientific Research

2002–2011: Member and Secretary General of the Advisory Human Rights Council

2004–2005: Member of the Equity and Reconciliation Commission

Former President of the Jury of the Arab Award for Environment of the League of Arab States

Former President of the Jury of the Hassan II Award for Environment

Founding Member of the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights

Founder of the Arab Network on Environment and Development

Founding Member of the Moroccan Society of Environmental Law

Educational background

1994: PhD in Public Law and Political Science, Hassan II University in Casablanca

1984: Diploma of The Hague Academy of International Law

1982: Postgraduate Degree in Public Law, Hassan II University in Casablanca

1980: Postgraduate certificate in International Relations, Hassan II University in Casablanca

1979: Postgraduate certificate in General Political Science, Hassan II University in Casablanca

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

2011–2017: Coordination of the drafting of Periodic Reports of Morocco to UN Treaty Bodies and Head of Delegation to interactive dialogues with these bodies

2008–2010: Coordination of the Steering Committee for the National Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy

Co-Author of the report of the Equity and Reconciliation Commission

Most recent publications in the field

Behnassi M., Gupta H., El Haiba M., Gopichandran R. (eds.), *Social-Ecological Systems in the Era of Risks and Insecurity – Pathways to Viability and Resilience*, Springer International Publishing, Switzerland, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-76247-6>

Behnassi M., Baig B.M., El Haiba M., and Reed R.M. (eds.), *Emerging Challenges to Food Production and Security in Asia, Middle East, and Africa – Climate Risks and Resource Scarcity*, Springer International Publishing, Switzerland, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-72987-5>

Behnassi, M., El Haiba, M. (2022). Implications of the Russia–Ukraine War for Global Food Security. *Nature Human Behaviour*, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-022-01391-x>

Behnassi M. and El Haiba M. (2023), “Environmental Law and Governance in Morocco: Frameworks, Performance, and Challenges”, in Wang Shuyi (ed.), *Foreign Environmental Law*, China Social Science Press (in Chinese)

Carlos Ramón Fernández Liesa (Spain)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: 30 October 1964, Zaragoza, Spain

Working languages: Spanish (native), French (fluent) and English (intermediate).

Current positions or functions

Professor of Public International Law, Carlos III University, Madrid (2005). Director, Sustainable Development and Human Rights Programme (Official Gazette, 3/XII/2021). Director, *Tiempo de Paz* magazine of the Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad (since 2015). Director, *Iberoamerican Electronic Journal* (since 2007, Scopus category). Delegate with the rank of Dean, Guardia Civil University Centre affiliated with Carlos III University.

Main professional activities

Academician, Aragon Royal Academy of Case Law and Legislation and Vice-Chair of the International Law Section of the Spain Royal Academy. Formerly Secretary-General, Vice-Chancellor and Director of the International Law Department and Director, Deputy Director and Secretary of the Francisco de Vitoria Institute of International Studies. As full-time professor and researcher, I led a research group that initiated important projects in the areas of human rights, international cooperation, sustainability, international institutions and international law. As Director of the Master's degree in Solidarity Actions (25 editions) and of the expert diploma on Indigenous and human rights (20 editions), I have been a guest professor at several internationally renowned centres. I work with civil society and public entities on human rights issues.

Education

Bachelor of Law and Diploma from the School of Legal Practice, Zaragoza University (1987). Master of Higher International Studies and Diploma of European Studies (valedictorian), European Institute for Higher International Studies (1988). Doctorate of Law, summa cum laude, Carlos III University, Madrid (1992). Diploma from the Research Centre of The Hague Academy of International Law (1995).

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

As a professor of international systems for the protection of human rights in a number of post-graduate programmes, I was Vice-President of the Peces-Barba Human Rights Foundation (2016–2024), member of the Ethics Board of the Spanish Olympic Committee (2007–2013) and coordinator of a human rights encyclopedia published by Dykinson (24 volumes) and of the Human Rights Forum established jointly by Carlos III University and the General Council of the Judiciary for the training of judges (since 2017). As an expert of the Moscow Mechanism of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (2022–2028), I have led the Villarroel International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law Programme and the Concepción Arenal Programme of the Ministry of Labour and have worked as a researcher for the poverty reduction programme set up by the Sustainable Development Goals Fund.

I am a member of the scientific board of the Peces-Barba Institute, the Rights and Freedoms publication and the Business and Human Rights publication by Colex.

Most recent publications in the field

I have published many scientific books and articles, the most recent of which include: “El sistema universal de derechos humanos: teoría y realidad” (“The universal human rights system – theory and practice”), inaugural statement to the Aragon Royal Academy of Case Law and Legislation, Zaragoza, 2021; “Questions on theory of law in international human rights law”, *The Age of Human Rights Journal*, No. 15, 2020; *El Derecho internacional de los derechos humanos en perspectiva histórica* (*International Human Rights Law from a Historical Perspective*), Thomson Reuters, 2013, 576 pp.

Konstantin Korkelia (Georgia)

Date and place of birth: 11 April 1974, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Working languages: English, Russian, French; Georgian (native).

Current position or function

Professor of International Law of Human Rights, Faculty of Law, Tbilisi State University, Georgia (since 2005).

Main professional activities

Permanent Representative of Georgia to the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France (2013–2017);

Member of the Governing Board, Council of Europe Development Bank, Paris, France (2013–2017);

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia to the Republic of Latvia, Latvia (2007–2013);

Deputy Secretary, National Security Council of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia (2005);

First Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia (2005–2007);

Member, the Governmental Commission on Legal Reform in Georgia (2006–2007);

Head, Department of International and European Law, Institute of State and Law, the Georgian Academy of Sciences, Tbilisi, Georgia (2005–2006);

General Representative of Georgia to the European Court of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice, Georgia (2000–2002).

Education

Doctor of Legal Science, Faculty of International Law and International Relations, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia (2000–2003);

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Public International Law (cum laude), Faculty of Law, University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands (1999–2000);

Candidate of Legal Science (equivalent to Ph.D), Faculty of International Law and International Relations, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia (1998–1999);

Law Degree (diploma with honours), Faculty of Law, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia (1991–1997).

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Expert, Development of National Action Plan in compliance with international human rights obligations of Georgia, UNDP, 2023;

Expert, Development of National Strategy and Action Plan on Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe, 2022;

Key Expert in charge of developing National Strategy of Georgia for the Protection of Human Rights in Georgia (2021–2030), Narrative part, UNDP, October 2021;

Expert, Preparation of the Module on Article 2 (right to life) and Article 3 (prohibition of torture) of the ECHR, OHCHR, March, 2021;

Expert, Georgia's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Context of Human Rights: Lessons Learned and Recommendations for the Future, OHCHR, 2020.

Most recent publications in the field

Effective Protection of Human Rights: International and National Experience, K. Korkelia (editor), 2022;

Human Rights Restrictions in Georgia During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons Learned and Recommendations, 2021;

Protection of Human Rights and State Obligations, K. Korkelia (editor), 2019;

The Right to Private and Family life and State Obligations, in co-authorship with B. Bokhashvili, 2017;

National and International Mechanisms for Protection of Human Rights, K. Korkelia (editor), 2016;

Human Rights and Rule of Law, K. Korkelia (editor), 2013.

Dalia Leinartė (Lithuania)

Date and place of birth: 25 October 1958, Trakai, Lithuania.

Working languages: English, Russian.

Current position or function

Professor at the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and CEDAW Rapporteur for Reprisals

Fellow Commoner at Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge

Main professional activities

Former Chairperson 2017–2018 and Vice-chairperson 2015–2016 of the UN CEDAW; Chair of the Working Group in charge of drafting UN CEDAW General Recommendation No 38 Trafficking in Women and Girls in the Context of Global Migration, adopted in 2020; Professor of Andrei Sakharov Research Centre for Democratic Development, Vytautas Magnus University 2017–2019; Member of Advisory Board of the Arts and Humanities Research Council, Doctoral Training Programme, University of Cambridge 2014–2017; Visiting Professor at Idaho State University, USA 2005–2008; Director of Gender Studies Centre at Vilnius University 2000–2017.

Education

Habilitation in History, Vilnius University

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Research Fellow, Idaho State University

Fulbright Research Fellow, The State University of New York

PhD in History Vytautas Magnus University

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

UN CEDAW Focal Point for coordination with the UN Human Rights Committee and other human rights mechanisms since 2022; UN CEDAW Focal Point for the 2020 Review on the reform of the UN treaty body system 2018–2020; Member of the Working Group on Inquiries under UN CEDAW Optional Protocol since 2023, also 2017–2018; Member of the Working Group on Individual Communications under UN CEDAW Optional Protocol 2015–2016, 2019–2020; Member of the Advisory Group on Anti-Human Trafficking, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, OSCE since 2019.

Most recent publications in the field

Rapporteur on the Guidelines on UN CEDAW General Recommendation No 38, 2023

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/cedaw/guidelines-cedaw-gr38.pdf>

Family and the State in Soviet Lithuania. Gender, Law and Society. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2021

Women's Experiences of Repression in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe (Co-authored). London: Routledge, 2017

Bongani Majola (South Africa)

Date of birth: 9 May 1952.

Working languages: English; IsiZulu; Kiswahili.

Current position or function

Until 31 December 2023, was Chairperson and commissioner of the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC).

Main professional activities

As commissioner I promoted respect for human rights as well as a culture of human rights; promoted the protection of human rights and monitor and assess the observance of human rights. Activities included handling complaints of human rights violations from members of the public and secured redress for complainants. I engaged with government departments at national and provincial government levels; held several investigative hearings into systemic human rights violations, made findings and recommended remedial action to government; engaged civil society, government departments and business in promoting human rights; visited provinces to monitor and assess the state of human rights against the provisions in the Bill of Rights; used litigation in courts to protect human rights and engaged with international bodies in promoting human rights.

Education

LLM, Harvard Law School, USA;

LLB, University of Zululand, South Africa;

B.Iuris, University of Zululand, South Africa.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

From 2003 to 2015, I participated, as a member of the prosecution, in the investigation and prosecution of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity arising from the Rwandan genocide of 1994. That way, I facilitated punishment of acts that violated civil and political rights such as the rights to life, to personal integrity, and rights to freedom of expression, religion, and conscience. From 1982–1996, I taught law and human rights at universities in SA, especially criminal court procedure and constitutional law. From 1994 to 1996, I was one of the legal advisors to the Constitutional Assembly when it drafted the current South African Constitution of 1996.

Most recent publications in the field

There are no “most recent” publications.

Pacifique Manirakiza (Burundi)

Date and place of birth: 27 January 1967, Gitega, Burundi

Working languages: French and English

Current position or function

Associate Professor, Faculty of Law (Common Law Section), University of Ottawa, Canada

Co-Chair, International Law Group, University of Ottawa

Main professional activities

2024: Lecturer, International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg (France)

2004–present: Professor of Law, University of Ottawa – Common Law Section

2014–2015: Member of the African Union Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan, lead by President Obasanjo, to investigate human rights violations

2011–2015: Commissioner, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

2011–2015: Chair of the African Working Group on Extractive Industries and Human Rights

2011: Visiting professor in many African, Université Martin Luther King and Hope Africa University, Bujumbura, Burundi

2001: Legal Assistant to the Law Society of Upper Canada – Equity Initiatives

1999: Legal intern, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

1995–1996: Assistant professor of Law, University of Burundi, Faculty of Law

1993–1995: Deputy Prosecutor for Rutana and Ngozi provinces, Ministry of Justice

Education

1999–2003 PhD, University of Ottawa –Faculty of Law

1995 Certificate for teaching and researching in human rights law at university level, International Centre for Teaching and Research in Human Rights Law in Universities, Strasbourg, France

1988–1993 LLL (Hon.), University of Burundi, Faculty of Law

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Investigating and adjudicating human rights violations cases:

- Carrying out investigations' missions on human rights violations in different African countries, including South Sudan, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia.
- Adjudicating human rights cases as a member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.
- Appearing and leading a defense team (on behalf of the African Commission) before the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in the seminal case of the Ogiek indigenous peoples of Kenya.

Professional trainings on international human rights and international criminal law:

- International Institute of Human Rights.
- Regional Great Lakes Training Programme on International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law.
- Gambia Bar Association/Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa.

Presiding Judge of semi-finals and finals of many moot competitions in Africa:

- Regional Moot Court on International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law, Initiatives for Peace and Human Rights (IPeace), Kigali (Rwanda), since 2014 to present.
- Africa Gender Equality Moot Court Competition, Equality Now, Nairobi (Kenya), since 2021 to present.

Teaching courses of international human rights law and international criminal law at University of Ottawa and Hope Africa University, along with Supervising and evaluating thesis and major papers on international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law of university students from all over the world.

Selected publications in the field

Relevant books (co)edited:

- Manirakiza, Pacifique, *La répression des crimes internationaux devant les tribunaux internes* (Prosecution of International Crimes by National Courts).
- Manirakiza, Pacifique, Andrew Chigovera & Jill Heine, *Pre-Trial Rights in Africa: A Guide to International Human Rights Standards*, Geneva, International Commission for Jurists, 2016.

Peer-reviewed book Chapters and academic articles

- Manirakiza, Pacifique, “The Burundian Independent National Human Rights Commission,” in Charles M. Fombad, ed., *Compendium of Documents on National Human Rights Institutions in Eastern and Southern Africa*, Pretoria University Law Press, 2019.
- Manirakiza, Pacifique, “Complementarity between the International Criminal Law Section and Human Rights Mechanisms in Africa », dans Charles C. Jalloh, Kamari M. Clarke, Vincent O. Nmeihelle (eds.), *The African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples’ Rights in Context – Development and Challenges*, Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- Manirakiza, Pacifique, “Asserting the Principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) in Sub-Saharan Africa in the Extractive Industry Sector”, in Isabel Feichtner and Markus Krajewski (eds.), *Human Rights in the Extractive Industries: Transparency, Participation, Resistance*, Springer, 2019.
- Manirakiza, Pacifique, “Typology and Appraisal of the African Human Rights System”, in DiGiacomo, Gordon and Kang, Susan (eds.), *Readings in Human Rights Institutions*, University of Toronto Press, 2018.
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Jean-Paul Nguimout (Cameroon)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 12 June 1958, Edéa, Cameroon**Working languages:** French and English**Current position or function**

Since 2020, Vice-President of the Court of Appeals of Littoral Region (Douala, Cameroon)

Main professional activities

1990–1998 State prosecutor at the Regional Court of Bafia;

2005–2010 State prosecutor at the Regional Court of Foumban;

2010–2017 Judge at the Administrative Court of Yaoundé;

2017–2020 President of the Regional Court of Yaoundé.

Education

1978–1982 Master of Law (private law – judicial track).

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

President of the departmental commission for the oversight of presidential and legislative elections (2018 and 2020) in the Mfoundi riding of Yaoundé.

Most recent publications in the field

Group report on internship at the National School of Administration in Paris, France.

Akmal Kholmatovich Saidov (Uzbekistan)

Date and place of birth: 11 October 1958, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Working languages: Excellent command of Uzbek, Russian, English and French.

Current position or function

The First Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of Parliament of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Director of the National Centre of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights.

Main professional activities

Senior researcher and Head of Department at the Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan (1985–1989), President of the Committee of the Youth Organization of Uzbekistan (1989–1991), Director of the Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan (1991–1992), Founder and Director of the Institute for Strategic and Inter-Regional Researches attached to the President of Uzbekistan (1992–1993), Rector of the Tashkent State Law Institute (1993–1994), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Uzbekistan to France and Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan at the UNESCO (1994–1996), Director of the National Centre of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (1996–present), Director of the Centre for Public Opinion Research “Ijtimoiy Fikr” (1997–1998), Founder and Chair-holder of the UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Peace, Democracy, Tolerance and International Understanding at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent (1999–2010), full member of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan (since 2017), Chairperson of the Advisory Council for the Development of Civil Society under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (2018–2020), Member of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (2018–2021), Chairperson of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (2019–2020), Vice-chairperson of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (2020–2021), Chairperson of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups “Uzbekistan-Belgium”; “Uzbekistan-France”; “Uzbekistan-Japan”; “Uzbekistan-Turkey”; “Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan” (since 2020).

Education

Graduated from the Tashkent State Law Institute (1981), Ph.D. Dissertation in Comparative Law (1984), Doctoral Dissertation on Comparative Law Other main activities in the field of human rights (1990).

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

He additionally serves as the Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. He is recognized as a distinguished legal scholar and statesman within Uzbekistan, with extensive expertise in international human rights law, constitutional and parliamentary law, international law, and comparative law. He is renowned for his contributions to literature, authoring several notable books in the field. Currently, he is honored as a full member of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan and a corresponding member of the International Academy of Comparative Law. His distinguished contributions have earned him the diplomatic rank of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Representative, accompanied by the status of a minister. Until now, he led the delegation of Uzbekistan in the submission of reports to the UN Charter and treaty bodies.

Most recent publications in the field

Over 300 works, including books, have been published under his name in areas such as international human rights law, parliamentary law, and comparative law. He has been a notable presenter at over 100 global conferences, encompassing UN Human Rights Council sessions, UN treaty body gatherings, and seminars hosted by UN OHCHR, OSCE, and OIC IPHRC. He leads as the Editor-in-Chief for the “Public Opinion. Human Rights” and “Democratization and Human Rights” Journals based in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Additionally, he holds a position on the International Editorial Committees for Journals from the UK, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan.

Ivan Šimonović (Croatia)

Date and place of birth: 2 May 1959, Zagreb, Croatia

Working languages: Croatian, English, German, Italian.

Current position or function

PR of Croatia to the United Nations in New York / Zagreb Law School Professor (returning to active academic duty in 2024)

Chair of the UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) (2023–2024)

Vice-president of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) (2023–2024)

Member of the International Commission Against the Death Penalty (ICDP)

Director General of the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik (IUC) and the co-director of the course on Atrocity Crimes Prevention and Human Rights

Main professional activities

University of Zagreb Law School professor of Legal theory, Human rights, and International relations, published over one hundred books and articles (1986–to date)

Visiting professor: Brisbane, Leeds and Penn (2016–2020)

Special Adviser of the UNSG on Responsibility to Protect (2016–2018)

Senior Visiting Scholar and Fellow, Columbia University, New York (2016–2018)

UN Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights, Head of NY Office (2010–2016)

Minister of Justice of the Republic of Croatia (2008–2010)

Agent of Croatia before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) (2000–2010)

Vice-Rector Zagreb University (2007–2008), Law School Vice-Dean (2005–2006)

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Croatia (2003–2004 and 2005–2006)

PR of Croatia (1996–2002) and President of ECOSOC (2002–2003)

Education

1994 – Research fellowship, Law School, University of Graz, Austria

1993 – Fulbright postdoctoral fellowship, Yale Law School, New Haven, USA

1990 – Ph.D., Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia

1984 – Master's Degree in Public Administration, Zagreb, Croatia

1982 – Bachelor of Laws Degree, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Advisory Board, Auschwitz Institute (2022–to date)

Co-chair of the Group of Friends of R2P at the UN in New York (2021–to date)

Co-coordinator of all UNGA COVID-19 pandemic related activities (2021–2022)

Advisory Board, Global Centre for R2P (2019–to date)

Chief organizer of UN events on moving away from death penalty (2013–2016)

Commission for Democracy through Law, CoE (2009)

European Commission against Racial Discrimination and Intolerance CoE (2008)

Head of delegation, First Special Session of the UN HR Commission (1993)

Vice-President (Croatia), of the World Conference on Human Rights (1993)

Plenipotentiary of Croatia on humanitarian issues during conflict (1992–1995)

Most recent publications in the field

Do we need the UN? Zbornik PFZ, 73, (2–3) 561–591 (2023)

Towards Evidence Based Atrocity Prevention (with Bellamy, A. J), *Journal of International Peacekeeping*, 24, (3–4), 285–566 (2021)

Why does fight against the death penalty matter? Zbornik PFZ, 70, (2–3) (2020)

Atrocity Crimes and Preventive Diplomacy, Global Center for R2P (2020)

Das OHCHR als Prometheus? German Review on the UN, Vol. 66, No. 6 (2018)

Changrok Soh (Republic of Korea)

Date and place of birth: 26 May 1961, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Working languages: English

Current position or function

Vice-Chair and Member, United Nations Human Rights Committee

Professor, Korea University, Graduate School of International Studies

Director, Korea University International Human Rights Center

President, Human Asia

Board Member, Transitional Justice Working Group

Main professional activities

Member, Human Rights Policy Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea, 2023–present

Member, Policy Advisory Committee of the Ministry of National Defense of the Republic of Korea, 2023–present

Member, Policy Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, 2022–Present

Member, Korea International Cooperation Agency Advisory Committee, 2021–Present

Member, International Human Rights Committee of the National Human Rights Commission of Republic of Korea, 2021–Present

Member, Ministry of Unification Policy Advisory Committee, 2012–present

Education

Ph.D. in International Relations, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, 1992

Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy in international Relations, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, 1987

B.A. in Political Science, Department of International Relations, Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea, 1984

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Promoting human rights in a new digital era:

- Hosted multiple international seminars and contributed to the Committee's work on addressing new and emerging technological threats to the right to privacy
- Addressed the aforementioned issues in state reviews and incorporated them in the list of issues for discussion in upcoming reviews

Protecting the most vulnerable:

- Actively protected the human rights of migrant workers and refugees and safeguarded their rights as a founder and representative of Human Asia (NGO)

Domestic and regional contributions:

- Led multiple community development projects vis-à-vis human rights-based development and emergency aid
- Provided educational and training programs to support and train future leaders of the human rights movement in Asia

- Analyzed evolving human rights concerns through international UN-based protection mechanisms at the forefront of the regional academic movement

Most recent publications in the field

International Organizations: Politics of Global Governance, 3rd Edition (Dasan Publishing co., 2023) (in Korean)

“A Study on the ‘Right to Clothing’ from a Human Rights Perspective”, Journal of Human Rights Studies, Vol. 6 (2023) (in Korean)

“The Future of South Korean Human Rights Diplomacy”, Foreign Relations, Vol.145 (2023) (in Korean)

Moving Forward, Slowly but Surely – New Human Rights Stories from UN Human Rights Committee Member (Bookstone, 2022) (in Korean)

“New Frontiers of Profit and Risk: The Fourth Industrial Revolution’s Impact on Business and Human Rights”, New Political Economy, Vol.25 (2020)

Biljana Tanurovska-Kjulavkovski (North Macedonia)

Date and place of birth: 14 September 1972, Skopje, North Macedonia

Working languages: English (fluent), Serbian (fluent), Bosnian (fluent), Croatian (fluent); French (basic), Bulgarian (basic); Slovenian (basic) Macedonian (native)

Current position or function

Freelance researcher, curator and cultural worker, working in the independent, civil sector in culture and art, applying an intersectional approach, including themes of cultural workers' rights, queer and feminist, ecocritical and ecofeminist curatorial and institutional approaches, democratic/inclusive institutional and governing models in culture and art, advocating for equity, sustainable platforms for collaboration, and universal basic income for artists in the Balkans.

2003–present – founder, program director of NGO Lokomotiva – Centre for New Initiatives in Arts and Culture (leads programs and projects related to feminist, environmental (curatorial) practices and performance, working conditions, cultural policies, cultural and workers rights)

2013–present – initiator/ co-mentor of the Critical Practice_ Made in Yu program on critical reflection and writing on contemporary arts

2022/23 – mentor on European Diploma of Project Management, initiator/mentor Curatorial Practice in Context.

Main professional activities

Program leader/researcher/ curator/ advocate: Non-Aligned Movements project (research, creating working conditions and disseminate artworks in Balkan region); The RE-IMAGINE (collaborative project on green transition in Balkans); First Gender Summit in Skopje – The New Ge(n)deration, organized and supported by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Sarajevo and local organizations; research and curating “Ecstatic Bodies: Archive of Performative Queer Bodies in Macedonia”; Art Climate Transition Project (European cooperation project on ecology, climate change and social transition; “Political Performance as Extended Field in N. Macedonia in 90s”.

Cultural policy expert National Strategy for Culture for 2023–2027 of North Macedonia; Strategy for the culture of the city of Skopje 2023–2030 (as a frame of ECoC); development of new Law of Culture of North Macedonia (working conditions, and cultural rights of freelance workers), Decentralization and democratization of culture (a regional strategy of the culture of the Pelagonija Region in Macedonia (as part of the project Decentralized collaboration between Low Normandy, France and N. Macedonia) among other.

Education

2018 – PhD in Science, Dramatic Arts, Cultural Policy and Management in culture, Faculty of Drama Arts, Belgrade, Serbia, (won the ENCATC International Research Award for her PhD research)

2007 – M.Sc., UNESCO chair in Interculturalism, Mediation in Balkans, Cultural Policy and Management, University of Arts in Belgrade

1998 – BA at History of Art and Archaeology, University of St. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Throughout my professional life, I have been thoroughly involved in the civil sector, dedicating my expertise and time to improving working conditions in the field of culture, particularly in our underdeveloped, marginalized, and socially deprived areas of the Balkans. My focus has been on creating conditions for the practice of culture and ensuring the right to access education and culture for all.

Dedicated to collaborative processes we, colleagues from the civil sector, together have established several organizations, platforms, associations, and initiatives that play a crucial role in developing art and cultural practices that facilitate the participation of diverse cultural groups, professionals, and communities. We have founded regional and local platforms and associations that advocate for the development of the field, including missing institutions, working conditions, and workers' rights, recognizing that culture and art within the civil sector are often the most precarious.

Additionally, I have served on several boards, including the European Capital of Culture Skopje 2028, the Cultural Diplomacy Platform in Brussels, and the "EU – Western Balkans Cultural Relations" initiative, among others. These roles have allowed me to ensure the participation of diverse cultural groups and contribute to the advancement of cultural cooperation and understanding.

Most recent publications in the field

Book: Modelling Cultural and Art Institutions, Publisher ENCATC book series – P.I.E. PETER LANG SA, Éditions Scientifiques Internationales, Bruxelles · Bern Berlin · New York Oxford, 2021// author of the book

Texts and edited publications and books:

- "From praxis to policies: Environmental shift in arts and culture, Lokomotiva, (Art Climate Transtion), 2003/ Editor in chief, writer
- Ecstatic Bodies: Archive of performative queer bodies in Macedonia, 2022/ research, written with Slavco Dimitrov
- "Curatorial Institutions as Critical Institutions in Contemporary Performing Arts", in "Performing Arts between Politics and Policies: Implications and Challenges" edited by Ana Letunic and Jovana Karaulic, Faculty of Dramatic Arts, Belgrade and Academy of Dramatic Art, Zagreb, 52–63 pp., 2021/ author of text
- "Cultural Spaces for Active Citizens, A Short Read on a Few Public Spaces in Macedonia's Culture", Lokomotiva, 2018/ co-editor and author of text
- "Modeling public space(s) in culture – Rethinking Institutional Practices in Culture and Historical (Dis)continuities", publication, Lokomotiva, Skopje, 2018,/ co-editor and author of text

Kobauyah Tchamdja Kpatcha (Togo)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 4 June 1967, Kara, Togo

Current position or function

As of 18 March 2024, I have been a grade 1, group 1, step 1 judge for nearly 28 years.

I am currently the Director of Seals, Nationality and Civil Status at the Ministry of Justice of Togo, having been appointed on 21 September 2012.

Main professional activities

The certificate of nationality ties a person to a State. The department I head issues a certificate of Togolese nationality to persons who meet the criteria for receiving or acquiring this nationality, which are established in the Constitution and the Nationality Code. A digital platform for requesting copies of the certificate of Togolese nationality and tracking the processing of the original certificate online was launched in January 2023. I regularly organize mobile court hearings where individuals can apply for their certificate. I am the focal point for statelessness and was President of the National Statelessness Commission from 2018 to 2022. In this capacity, I led a number of awareness-raising and training activities on statelessness. I also took part in the workshops held by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and in the eighth ordinary and extraordinary sessions and the ninth session of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs in December 2022 and 2023 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Education

Postgraduate diploma from the National School of Administration, Judicial Section (1995); Master of Law (1992); Bachelor of Law (1991); training of trainers programme on children's rights; training on family law, biometric identification, statelessness, mediation, intellectual property and competition law by the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (2021–2024), Vice-Chair of the Committee, member of the regional group for Africa, Committee focal point for the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Special Rapporteur on new communications and interim measures; consultant who supported, in Tunis in 2015, the efforts to develop a draft protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the specific aspects of the right to a nationality and the eradication of statelessness in Africa, which was adopted at the meeting of Ministers in Addis Ababa in December 2023; member of various drafting and review committees regarding the decree on child adoption in Togo (2012–2013), the Persons and Family Code (2001–2012), the Children's Code (2007), the law on the protection of persons living with HIV/AIDS (2005) and the Nationality Code (ongoing); family judge at the Lomé Court (2001–2012); trainer of legal trainees at the Judicial Careers Training Centre in matters of family law.

Most recent publications in the field

The impact of mobile court hearings on the civil status system in Togo (Ministry of Territorial Administration, 2021); Consequences of irregular civil documentation on the enjoyment of human rights (United Nations Development Programme and National Human Rights Commission, 2021); Key messages of the Persons and Family Code (Ministry of Social Welfare, 2019); Ensuring equal nationality rights for women in Togo (2017).

Imerut Tamerat Yigezu (Ethiopia)

Date and place of birth: 15 November 1958, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Working languages: English

Current position or function

Member, Human Rights Committee (2021 to date)

Special Rapporteur, Follow-Up to Concluding Observations (2023–to date)

Consultant in the field of international law, human rights, democracy and governance, child rights, environment and climate change, water rights and governance and negotiations skills.

Main professional activities

Member, Human Rights Committee (2021–2024)

Special Rapporteur, Follow-up to Concluding Observations, Human Rights Committee (2023 to date)

Member, Advisory Committee of the United Nations Human Rights Council (2012–2018)

Member, Working Group on Communications (WGC) of the United Nations Human Rights Council (2014–2018); also Chair/Rapporteur of the WGC (2015–2018)

Member of the International Board, Plan International (development and humanitarian organization advancing children's rights and equality for girls (2016–2018)

Associate Professor (part-time), International law, Human rights law, International Environmental law and natural resources, Law Faculty, Addis Ababa University, (2006–2017)

Education

LLM (Merit), International Law, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (1991/92)

LLB (Chancellor's Medal), Law Faculty, Addis Ababa University (1987)

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Special Rapporteur, Follow-Up to Concluding Observations (2023–to date).

Participated in an individual capacity in the UN Treaty Body Focused Review, Freetown Sierra Leone, 7–11 December 2021.

As a Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council on two thematic areas, contributed to the understanding of the nature and contents of States' obligations regarding violations of civil and political rights and was instrumental in getting the UN Human Rights Council to take further actions.

As a Member and Chair/Rapporteur of the Working Group on Communications of the Human Rights Council dealt with the screening and admissibility of hundreds of cases of alleged gross violations of civil and political rights.

Most recent publications in the field

As a Member of the Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council produced two reports, namely:

“Study on the Implementation of the Principles and Guidelines for the Elimination of Discrimination against Persons affected by Leprosy, A/HRC/35/38, OHCHR, 4 May 2017

“Progress Report containing recommendations on mechanisms to assess the negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights” A/HRC/28/74, 10 February 2015