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Introduction

This document is divided into two parts. The first is an overview of each member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination that will be reviewing the United States during the August 2014 session. In this section, you will find the curriculum vitae of each member and their photo. The CVs provided in this document are entirely taken from the CERD website, with some minor edits for formatting purposes. Aside from eliminating unnecessary information, the content included in the CVs has not been altered from its original presentation on the CERD website.

The second section consists of tables tracking each Committee Member's interests as related to issues of racial discrimination as presented during previous country reviews (2012-2014, Sessions 80-84). This information is based on summary records provided by the CERD website. Notes preceding the table give more information about how these interest areas were analyzed.

The sequence of Committee Members presented in both sections of this document is determined by alphabetical order of members' surnames. While Mr. Carlos Manuel Vazquez retains his position on the Committee, he will not be participating in the US review because of his national affiliation.

Finally, two notes regarding Committee Members' previous involvement with CERD;

The following members participated in the last US review in 2008: Mr. Amir (Algeria), Mr. Avtonomov (Russian Federation), Mr. Cali Tzay (Guatemala), Ms. Dah (Burkina Faso), Mr. Diaconu (Romania), Mr. Huang (China), Ms. January-Bardill (South Africa), Mr. Kemal (Pakistan), Mr. Lahiri (India), Mr. Alves (Brazil), and Mr. Murillo Martinez (Colombia).

The following members joined the Committee in 2014: Mr. Bossuyt (Belgium, rejoining after prior term 2000-2003), Ms. Hohoueto (Togo), Mr. Khalaf (Lebanon), and Mr. Yeung Sik Yuen (Mauritius).

Mr. Nouredine Amir

Vice-chairperson

Term Period: 2001-2018

Country of Origin: Algeria

Working Languages: French, English, Spanish, Arabic



Current position/function

Professor of rights and diplomatic drafting, National School of Administration (ENA), Algeria
Professor of Political Science, University of Algeria (systemic analysis, human rights, international conventions), University of Algiers

Main professional activities

1962-2001: Diplomat (Washington, Karachi, Bern, Paris, Strasbourg, Rabat)

Officer-in-charge of immigration issues, international policy (disarmament, strategies of the great powers, rights of the child: author of the settlement of the question of the protection of the rights of the child born to mixed and divorced couples, Algerian-European Convention, European Parliament, President: Lord Plumb, 1988, Strasbourg).

African national liberation struggles (companion of Nelson Mandela)

Participation at the Organization of African Unity in issues relating to human rights and the rights of peoples

Academic background

First Year Literature Certificate, University of Algiers

Hispano-American studies certificate in cultural minorities, University of Algiers

Bachelor's degree in Sociology: Critical Analysis of Contemporary Theories and Social Change

Doctorate in political science, development of two advanced diplomas in international relations and defense policy, Paris 1, Sorbonne

Thesis director Ms. Hélène Carrère d'Encausse, Kremlinologist, member, Académie française

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

Question of cultural minorities

Ethnic question (amazighité in Algeria)

Migration, the case of Algeria in France

Schengen Convention

Citizenship, the case of colonial Algeria

With the exception of the Schengen Convention (professional responsibility 1986-1990), other issues still current in the context of the Symposium on Demography and Development in

Developing Countries (seminars)

Publications

“Le terrorisme, une pathologie criminelle”, Maroc-hebdo (1998)

La dernière décade des relations internationales (Algiers, National School of Administration, 2002)

La sécurité internationale et la discrimination raciale (Algiers, international seminar, 2003)

La mise en oeuvre de la Convention sur l'élimination de la discrimination raciale (Algiers, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2005)

Mr. Alexei S. Avtonomov

Vice-chairperson

Term Period: 2003-2016

Country of Origin: Russian Federation

Working Languages: English, French, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Polish, Italian, Bulgarian, German, Serbian, Finnish

Current position/function

2001-present: Professor of the State University of Humanitarian Sciences

1994-present: Senior research fellow and the head of a section of the Institute of State and Law (Russian Academy of Science)

Main professional activities

1985-present: Member of the Russian Political Science Association

1993-present: Member of the Council of the Centre for Volunteer Effort

1997-present: Member of the Expert Council on Constitutional Law under the Chairman of the State; Duma of the Russian Federation, 2002- Co-Chair of the Council

1999-present: Member of the Expert council of the Russian Ombudsman

1999-present: Head of the Council of the Institute on the Development of the Election Systems

2000-present: Member of the International Consultative Council of the International Foundation on Election Systems

2002-present: Member of the Commission on drafting the Constitutional Act of the Union State of Russian and Belarus, Head of the Russian Expert Group

Academic background

1981: Graduate of Moscow State Institute for International Relations (International Law faculty)

1984: PhD in Law, Moscow State Institute for International Relations

1986: Graduate of the Social and Economic Stream of the Department for the Professional Skill Improvement, Moscow State Institute for International Relations

1995: Graduate of the 16th Summer Human Rights School organized by the Canadian Human Rights Foundation

1999: Doctor of Juridical Science, Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Science

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

Participated in the preparation of the analytical materials for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in drafting the following laws: “On Political Parties”, “On Charities and on Non-profit Organizations” within the Working groups of the Supreme Soviet; “On Public Organizations”,



“On Voluntary Activities”, “On Legal Guarantees of Opposition Activities”, “On Noncommercial Funds” and “On Juvenile Courts in the Russian Federation” within the working groups of the State Duma of the Russian Federation.

Publications

Author of numerous publications in Russian, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria, United Kingdom
Member of the Editorial Board of the journal “Representative Power” (Moscow, since 1995);
Member of the International Research Group “Forum Eastern Europe”;
Member of the Editorial Council of the Russian Edition of the journal “Constitutional Law, East European Review” (Moscow, since 1999);
Member of the Editorial Board of the journal “Perspectives on European Politics: Journal of Intra-European Dialogue” (Leiden, the Netherlands, since 2000);
Chief Editor of the anthology “Questions of Juvenile Justice”.

Mr. Marc Bossuyt

Term Period: 2000-2003, 2014-2018

Country of Origin: Belgium

Working Languages: Dutch, French, English

Current position/function

President-Emeritus of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (9/10/2007-8/1/2014)

Main professional activities

Judge (since 28 January 1997) at the Constitutional Court of Belgium

Professor of International Law at the University of Antwerp (1977-2007)

Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons (1987-1997)

Academic background

Doctor honoris causa, University of Hasselt (2011); *Docteur ès sciences politiques*, University of Geneva (IUHEI); Doctor of Laws, University of Ghent (1968)

Diplome of International Law and Comparative Law of Human Rights of the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg (1972)

Certificate of International Relations, Bologna Centre of the School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University (1969)

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

Member (2000-2003) and Rapporteur (2001) of the *Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*

Member (1981-1985; 1992-1999; 2004-2006), Rapporteur (1992; 1997), Vice-Chairman (1983, 1999, 2005) and Chairman (2006) of the UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

Chairman/Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Draft Declaration at the World Conference on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (Durban, 2001)

Representative of Belgium (1986-1991), Vice-Chairman (1986) and Chairman (1989) of the UN Commission on Human Rights

Publications

“Nationalité et minorités en droit international”, in S.F.D.I., *Droit international et nationalité* (Colloque de Poitiers), Paris, Pedone, 2012, 145-163.



- “Judges on thin ice: the European Court on Human Rights and the Treatment of Asylum Seekers”, *Inter-American and European Human Rights Journal*, 2010, 3-48.
- “The South African Constitutional Court and socio-economic rights”, in *Liège, Strasbourg, Bruxelles : parcours des droits de l'homme : Liber amicorum Michel Melchior*, Limal, Anthemis, 2010, 281-309.
- “Témoignage d'une présence belge au sein des organes des Nations Unies en matière de droits de l'homme”, *Revue trimestrielle des droits de l'homme*, 2008, 329-346.
- “The New Human Rights Council: A first appraisal”, *Netherlands Human Rights Quarterly*, 2006, 551-555.
- “Le mandat et le statut des experts indépendants” in Decaux, Emmanuel (éd.), *Les Nations Unies et les Droits de l'Homme*, Paris, Pedone, 2006, 209-216.
- “Non-discrimination as enshrined in article 2, paragraph 2, of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights”, E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/19, Geneva, 2005, 18 p.
- (with Stefan Sottiaux), “Hate Speech” & “Immunities” in Shelton, Dinah (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of genocide and crimes against humanity*, New York, Thomson Gale, 2005, vol. I, 433-436 & vol. II, 485-488.
- (with Stef Vandeginste), “The issue of Reparation for Slavery and Colonialism and the Durban World Conference against racism” *Human Rights Law Journal*, 2001, 341-350.
- “The concept of affirmative action”, final report, E/CN.4/Sub.2/2002/21, Geneva, 2002, 40 p.
- “Les lois belges relatives à la répression du racisme”, in Decaux, Emmanuel, *Le droit face au racisme*, Paris, Pedone, (Publ. Fond. Marangopoulos, Série n° 4), 1999, 118-125.

Mr. Jose Francisco Cali Tzay

Chairperson

Term Period: 2004-2016

Country of Origin: Guatemala (Mayan Kaqchikel)

Working Languages: Spanish, English, Kaqchikel

Current position/function

Director of Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala



Main professional activities

Consultant to the VP of Republic of Guatemala with respect to indigenous issues and compliance with international commitments (2007)

Presidential Commissioner (in charge of Unit of International Relations and Cooperation) at Presidential Commission against Discrimination and Racism against Indigenous Peoples in Guatemala (2003-2006)

Director of Indigenous Rights at Center for Human Rights Legal Action (1995-2003)

Political advisor to Rigoberta Menchu (1991-1992)

UN Commission on Historical Clarification on Guatemala

CEPRODI (Center of Integral Development Projects)

President of Board of Directors at the International Indian Treaty Council (2000-Present)

Academic background

2005-2007 Student, Faculty of Legal and Social Sciences, Mariano Galvez University, Chimaltenango Region School, successfully completed third year

2004: Tecpan Institute of Secondary Education

1979-1980: Dr. Imrich Fischmann Vocational Technical Institute

1976-1978: Tecpan Institute of Basic Education

1969-1974: 25 de Julio 1524 Boys' School, Tecpan

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

1982: Founded Comité Campesino del Altiplano (CCDA, Altiplano Peasants' Committee)

1991-1993: Political adviser to Nobel Peace Prize-winner Rigoberta Menchú Tum

1985-2007: Advocacy work with the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, United Nations

1987-1993: Alternate for Rigoberta Menchú, member of the Presiding Officers of the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)

1994: Co-founded Guatemala Mayan Organizations Coordination Office (COPMAGUA)

1995: Founded the Unión del Pueblo Maya de Guatemala (UPMG, Union of Mayan People of Guatemala); founder member of the Human Rights Legal Action Centre (CALDH); board member, Centre for Integrated Studies and Community Development (CEIDEC); board member, Cholsamaj Foundation. Lobbied Governments of Guatemala and Mexico to sponsor a resolution on the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples. Responsible for lobbying political parties in connection with proposal for constitutional reforms on indigenous peoples

1996: Coordinator, Standing Committee on Constitutional Reform for Indigenous Peoples

1997-2000: Vice-Chair, Presiding Officers of IITC

2000: Chair, Presiding Officers of IITC. CERD, independent expert

Ms. Anastasia Crickley

Vice-chairperson

Term Period: 2010-2018

Country of Origin: Ireland

Working Languages: English, German, Irish, basic proficiency in Spanish and French



Current position/function

Inaugural Chair of the Management and Executive Boards of the European Union (EU) Fundamental Rights Agency (2007-2010).

Head of Department of Applied Social Studies, National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

Main professional activities

First woman Chair of the EU Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (2003-2007). Personal Representative of the Chair-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE) on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination. Also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions (2004-2008).

Board member (2002-2006) and current associate expert of the Council of Europe Advisory Committee for the Framework Convention on National Minorities.

Ms. Crickley is currently a member of the Council of State of Ireland, an advisory body that aids and counsels the President of Ireland on all matters on which the President may consult them (2004-2011).

Academic background

Bachelor of Social Science, University College Dublin, 1971

Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Social Studies and Certificate of Qualification in Social Work, University of Wales, Swansea, 1981

M.A. in Community Studies, University of Bradford, 1982

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

Chairperson of the Irish National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism (1998-2008) and Founder and Chairperson of Pavee Point National Travellers Centre which promotes the rights of Roma and Travellers in Irish society.

Founding member of a number of organizations including the European Network Against Racism (ENAR) and the Migrant Rights Centre in Ireland. Participated in the World Conference

Against Racism (2001) and the Durban Review Conference (2009) and also at the UN Social Summit (Copenhagen, 1995) and the UN Women's Conferences (Nairobi, 1985 and Beijing, 1995).

Frequent participant in, and a speaker at, UN and other international forums, including the First and Second Session of the UN Forum on Minority Issues (on Education in 2008 and on Political Participation in November 2009).

Publications

Working for Change: Irish Journal of Community Work, 2009

Council of Europe Human Rights in Culturally Diverse Societies Conference Publication, 2008

OSCE Personal Representatives Annual Report, 2008

Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah

Term Period: 2004-2016

Country of Origin: Burkina Faso

Working Languages: French, English, Spanish
Chinese, Fulani, Jula

Current position/function

Retired career diplomat

Main professional activities

Career diplomat with rank of Minister Plenipotentiary exceptional class, retired since September 2001

1972: 1981: Service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso:

January-May 1972: Head of Asia Oceania / service to Directorate of Political Affairs

May 1972-Oct. 1976: Director of African Business

Oct. 1976-Sept. 1977: Office of the Secretary General of Foreign Affairs

Sept. 1977 - Dec. 1981: Technical Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1982-1987: First Counselor at the Embassy of Burkina Faso in Beijing accredited to India, Japan and the People's Republic of Korea

1987-1989: Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations in New York

1989-1994: Service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Burkina Faso:

September 1989 to May 1990: Department of Business administrative and financial

May 1990 to December 1991: Director of Cooperation International

December 1991-February 1994: Secretary General

1994-2001: Ambassador Diplomatic Advisor to the President of Burkina Faso



Academic background

1967: Diploma in French as Political Science, International Relations, Institute of Political Studies at the University of Paris (France).

1970: Masters in Public Law, Faculty of Law, Paris / Assas (France).

Diplomatic training from 1970 to 1971:

Diploma in Diplomatic Training, Carnegie Endowment for peace in Geneva (Switzerland);

Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva (Switzerland); African Institute of Geneva (Switzerland); Placements with international organizations with headquarters in Geneva

Mr. Ion Diaconu

Term Period: 1991-2003, 2008-2016

Country of Origin: Romania

Working Languages: French, English, Russian

Current position/function

Professor at the University of Bucharest

Subjects taught: Juridical Protection of Human Rights, European and Euro-Atlantic Organizations

Main professional activities

Jurist and diplomat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1960-1980, 1986-1993, 2001-2004)

Member, Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations, New York (1981-1986)

Participates in conferences on the codification of international law, and other meetings of the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Romanian Ambassador to Copenhagen and Moscow (1993-2001)



Academic background

192-1956: School of Education, Craiova, Romania

1956-1960: Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, Romania,

1965-1968: Doctorate, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

1971: Defense of Ph. D. in International Law at the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

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

Member, Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (1988-1991)

Member, CERD (2002-2003)

Chairperson, CERD (2002-2003)

Participated in Human Rights meetings of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and in sessions of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights

Attended the 2001 World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in Durban, South Africa, and contributed preparatory studies

Publications

Imperative Norms of International Law (Jus Cogens), 1971 (French), 1977 (Romanian);

Handbook on Public International Law, 1993 (Romanian), 1995 second edition, third edition 2010;

Human Rights (Romanian), 1993;
 Human Rights in the Contemporary International Law (2001 – Romanian);
 Human Rights in the Contemporary International Law, theory and practice (Romanian), 2010;
 Juridical Protection of Human Rights, 2007 and 2010- Romanian;
 Minorities – Status and Prospects, 1996 – Romanian;
 Minorities – Identity and Equality, 1998 – Romanian;
 Minorities in the Third Millennium, 1999 – Romanian;
 Minorities in International Law, 2001 – English;
 Minorities from Non-Discrimination to Identity, 2004-English, published with financial support of UNESCO;
 Minorities in the Contemporary International Law, 2009-Romanian;
 European and Euroatlantic Organizations, 2009, second edition 2011-Romanian;
 International Relations in Modern and Contemporary Times, 2008- Romanian;
 Treaties of international law, vol. I (Introduction and Sources), 2002 –Romanian; vol. II (Representation, Spaces and Population), 2003 - Romanian; vol. III (Economic Relations and Ways and Means of International Cooperation), 2005-Romanian;
 The International Criminal Court – a new stage, 2002 – English;
 Racial Discrimination, 2005 - Romanian; 2007-English, published by the UNDP Office of Bucharest; 2011-English, published by Eleven Publishers, The Hague;
 More than 100 studies and articles on different issues of international law and human rights in Romanian and foreign publications and books, in Romanian, English and French.

Ms. Afiwa-Kindena Hohoueto

Term Period: 2014-2018

Country of Origin: Togo

Working Languages: French, English (can read and write fluently, speaks moderately well)

Current position/function

Senior Judge

Main professional activities

Coordinator, National Commission of the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA) (since September 2012);
Chairperson, Board of Directors, Judicial Professions Training Centre, Togo (since 2010);
Coordinator, National Programme for the Modernization of the Justice System, Togo (2006–2012);
Chief, Research and Judicial Modernization Unit (2008–2012);
Inspector-General, Judicial Services, Ministry of Justice, Togo (2003–2007);
Assistant Inspector-General, Judicial Services, Ministry of Justice, Togo (2001–2003);
Judge, Supreme Court of Togo (1997–2001);
Assistant public prosecutor, Court of Appeal of Lomé (1996–1997);
Judge, Court of Appeal of Lomé (1993–1996);
Senior examining judge (1990–1993);
President, First Criminal Division, First-Class Court of First Instance, Lomé (1987–1990);
Admission, Togolese judiciary, 1985.

Focal point, Ministry of Justice

Represented the Ministry of Justice in formulating and drafting the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP 2);
Represented the Ministry of Justice in formulating and drafting the Accelerated Growth Strategy for Employment Promotion (SCAPE);
Represented the Ministry of Justice in formulating and drafting all instruments relating to sub-regional economic integration, Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)/West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU);
President of the task force acting as temporary executive board of the Judicial Professions Training Centre (CFPJ).

Legal consultant

Member, National Commission on Eligibility for Refugee Status (UNHCR)



Consultant on strategies for peace and conflict resolution in Africa – member from Togo at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS)
Member of the national team of trainers in gender and development
Legal expertise, Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA)

Academic background

Advanced university degree in fundamental rights, University of Nantes, France (2004)
Regional diploma in legal education, Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA) (2003)
Specialization in action research, training course given by the International Centre for Training in Action Research (CIFRA) – German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (2000)
Diploma in Justice, French National School for the Judiciary (ENM), Paris, France (1984)
Diploma, National School of Administration – Cycle III (ENA), Lomé, Togo (1983)
Masters degree in legal science (1980)

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

Participation in major international conferences

1996: Copenhagen, World Conference on Social Development;
1999: Sankt Petersburg, United Nations meeting, Decade of International Law;
2001: Durban World Conference against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
2009: Geneva Review Conference on the implementation of Durban documents.

Membership of international legal bodies

1988-1991: member of the UN Sub commission for the Protection of Minorities and the Prevention of Discrimination;
1991-2002: member of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
1988-2002: member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration;
2002-2003: chairman of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
2008-2012: member of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, rapporteur of the Committee.

Mr. Yong'an Huang

Term Period: 2008-2012, 2012-2016

Country of Origin: China

Working Languages: Chinese, English

No Photo
Available

Current position/function

Member of the Board, Asia-Africa Development and Exchange Society, People's Republic of China (PRC)

Main professional activities

2003-2006 Ambassador of PRC to the State of Eritrea

1999-2003 Permanent Representative of PRC to UN ESCAP, attended 56-59th sessions of ESCAP.

1992-1996 Alternate Permanent Representative of PRC to UN and Other International Organizations in Vienna, participated in sessions on Disabled Person, Aging, Women, Narcotic Drugs, Social Development, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, etc.

1996-1999 Counselor, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of PRC.

Academic background

1991: Studied in Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund of Sweden, and took part in the Advanced International Program of Human Rights organized by Swedish Government.

1969: Graduated from the Beijing University of International Studies, PRC.

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

Head of Chinese delegation for 9th Workshop on Regional Cooperation for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Asia-Pacific Region; Seminar on Trafficking: Using Legal Instruments to Combat Trafficking in Women and Children; Regional Consultation for the 2nd World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.

Deputy head of the Chinese delegation for the 13th Asia Regional Meeting of ILO; International Congress: In Pursuit of a Drug Free.

Alternate Representative of the Chinese delegation for the 3rd World Conference on Human Rights; the UN 9th Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Treatment; the 3rd Committee meetings of the UN General Assembly.

Director of MFA of PRC, in charge of UN human rights and social affairs.

Ms. Patricia Nozipho January-Bardill

Term Period: 2000-2008, 2012-2016

Country of Origin: South Africa

Working Languages: English

Current position/function

Self employed consultant in Corporate Communications, Public Affairs, High-level government relations and stakeholder management.

Board Member: Anglo Gold Ashanti, (SA); Afrisam Group (SA); African Women's Development Fund, AWDF(Ghana) and Chair of AWDF Southern Africa;

Chair of the Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) (SA); Chair of the Swiss South African Cooperation Initiative (SSACI) (SA)



Main professional activities

Consultant in the fields of Corporate Communications, Stakeholder Management, High level government relations and Sustainable Development. Keen interest in good governance
Assisting the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) in creating a platform for communicating SA's role as President of COP 17 as well as assisting the SA Department of the Environment to communicate national responses to the challenges of climate change in preparation for November 2011.

Executive for Corporate Affairs for MTN Group (Mobile Telecommunications Network, March 2007 – April 2011), developed Group strategies for Corporate Communications, Stakeholder Relations, High Level Government Relations and Sustainability Management. Continues to do this for other institutions in South Africa.

Academic background

BA English and Philosophy; Certificate in Education (University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, 1973)

Masters in Applied Linguistics (University of Essex, UK, 1984)

Diploma in Human Resource Management (Damelin South Africa, 1995)

Several short courses in Gender and Race Equality, Counseling, Neuro-Linguistics Programming and Management Development.

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

Served on the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and related Intolerance for 8 years (January 2000 -January 2008)

South Africa's Ambassador to Switzerland and accredited to Lichtenstein and the Holy See (April 2001 -February 2005)

Deputy Director General in the SA Department of Foreign Affairs as Head of Human Capital Management and the Foreign Service Institute where all SA diplomats were trained and prepared for service abroad (Feb 2005 - March 2007).

Executive for Corporate Affairs, MTN Group (Mobile Telecommunications Network), developed Group strategies for Corporate Communications, Stakeholder Relations, High Level Government Relations and Sustainability Management (March 2007)

Publications

“The International Legal Response to Racism”, in Dimensions of Racism, UN, New York and Geneva, 2005

Mr. Anwar Kemal

Term Period: 2006-2018

Country of Origin: Pakistan

Working Languages: English

Current position/function

Language Editor of the Swedish Bulletin

Member, Advisory Board of Kestral Trading (private trading and consulting firm based in Pakistan)

Main professional activities

Additional Secretary (UN) at the Foreign Office (1996-98)

Coordinated Pakistan's policies relating to the UN on human rights, humanitarian affairs, economic and legal affairs, political and security issues, disarmament relations with the specialized agencies, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Non-Aligned Movement, D-8 and the Commonwealth

Ambassador of Pakistan to Egypt (1999-2003)

High Commissioner of Pakistan to Bangladesh and concurrently Ambassador to Bhutan (1990-1995)

Member of Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN in New York (1973-78)

Responsible for Commission on Human Rights, CERD, Fifth Committee, CPC, and ECOSOC agenda items

Appeared personally before CERD during consideration of Pakistan's national reports (Mid 1970s)

Member, Pakistan delegation to the Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (1978)

As Director UN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad responsible, inter alia, for human rights questions including collation and drafting of national reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (1978-82)

Member of the Pakistan delegation to 11 regular session of the UNGA (1973-1982, 1997) and several special sessions

Elected Member of the UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for two consecutive terms (1978-82)

Drafted, negotiated, and piloted consensus UNGA resolution 36/116A settling question of Chinese contributions to Peacekeeping Operations, 1981

Drafted, negotiated, and piloted UNGA resolution 3538 establishing the Negotiating Committee on Financial Emergency of the UN. Served initially as Vice-Chairman and subsequently as Acting-Chairman (1976-82)

Also served at the Pakistan Embassy, Beijing (1970-73) and the Pakistan Embassy, Ottawa (1983-86)



Academic background

Master's degree in Political Science, University of Pennsylvania (1964), John Boyer Scholarship
B.A. Government College, Lahore (1960)

Guest Scholar Award, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.
(Autumn 1995)

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

Since retirement from government service in Jan 2003 contribute regularly to the Op Ed columns of Pakistan leading daily newspaper DAWN on international relations, importance of democracy and human rights, peaceful settlement of disputes and economic development
As Director General, Pakistan Foreign Service Academy (1995), was responsible for the training program of entrants to the diplomatic service of Pakistan, also for special training courses offered to young diplomats of Africa, Central Asian Republics, and other developing countries. Inculcated values of tolerance and mutual respect among participants from different backgrounds and cultures, based on dialogue.

Mr. Melhem Khalaf

Term Period: 2014-2018

Country of Origin: Lebanon

Working Languages: French, English, Arabic

Current position/function

Law firm: Member of the Bar of Beirut

Law professor at various faculties (Faculty of Law and Political Science), Saint Joseph University, Beirut

Member of the Committee for Legislation Reform of the Ministry of Justice

Member of several other legal committees within the Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Social Affairs (rights of the child, prison rights, etc.)



Main professional activities

Legal profession: Trial lawyer, legal adviser, analyst of draft legislation

Teaching profession: In charge of tutorials; member of PhD examining board

Expert legal opinions

Academic background

Doctorate in law, University of Montpellier I, France

Postgraduate degree (D.E.A) in information technology for law and information technology law, University of Montpellier I, France

Master's degree in law, Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon

Collège Notre Dame de Jamhour (Jesuit secondary school) Beirut, Lebanon

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

Founder of the OffreJoie association, Lebanon and France

Founding member of the Islamo-Christian initiative “Autour de Marie”, which the Lebanese Government acknowledged by declaring 25 March (Annunciation Day) an Islamo-Christian public holiday in Lebanon

Member of Human Rights Watch, Lebanon

Involved in various EURMED (Euro-Mediterranean Partnership) youth programs

Publications

Courses on human rights and humanitarian law

Assessment of Lebanese legal instruments in the area of the rights of the child

Living together: contribution of civil society associations – managing religious diversity (Lebanon-Quebec)
Decentralization and the risk of a return to local feudalism (University of Notre Dame)
Debate to promote dialogue in universities: a culture of citizenship (Saint-Esprit de Kaslik University)

Mr. Gun Kut

Term Period: 2010-2018

Country of Origin: Turkey

Working Languages: English,
French, Turkish

Current position/function

2011-Present: Chairperson, Department of
Political Science and International
Relations, Bogazici University, Istanbul

2010-Present: Member of CERD

1996 – present: Associate Professor,
Department of Political Science and
International Relations, Bogazici University, Istanbul

1996 - present: Member (Turkey), the European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance
(ECRI) of the Council of Europe



Main professional activities

Teaching courses on International Relations,
Directing research and theses, and related academic activities at the University,
ECRI activities
CERD activities

Academic background

Baccalaureate, Lycée de Galagtasaray 1976

BA, Political Science, Bogazici University 1981

MA, Political Science State University of New York at Binghamton 1985

Ph.D., Political Science, State University of New York at Binghamton 1985

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

2007-Present: Member of Interim Management Board of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency

2004-2007: Representative of the Council of Europe at the Management Board and the
Executive Board of the EUMC

2001: Participated in UN World Conference against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, &
related intolerance (member of delegation of Turkey)

Rapporteur for several country-by-country reports as part of the monitoring activities of ECRI
Member of a number of permanent or ad hoc working groups dealing with ECRI's relations with
the civil society in Europe, and preparing draft General Policy recommendations on specific

issues of racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, and related intolerance in member states of the Council of Europe

Preparation of and/or contribution to various public events (conferences, symposia, round table meetings, media events on the fight against racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, and related intolerance in Turkey and other member states of the Council of Europe

Publications

Contribution to the drafting and finalization of a number of reports, recommendations, declarations published by ECRI

Mr. Dilip Lahiri

Rapporteur

Term Period: 2008-2016

Country of Origin: India

Working Languages: English, Spanish, French

Current position/function

Retired Diplomat

Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

Main professional activities

2004-2005: Ambassador to France

2001-2004: Ambassador to Spain

1998-2001: Additional Secretary (International Organizations), Ministry of External Affairs

1997-1998: Dean, Foreign Service Institute

1992-1997: Head of Divisions dealing with the Asia-Pacific and later the Americas

1989-1992: Ambassador to Peru and Bolivia

1967-1989: Served in various capacities in the Government of India and Indian Missions in the US, Bangladesh, Philippines and Kenya

Academic background

MA, Delhi University

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

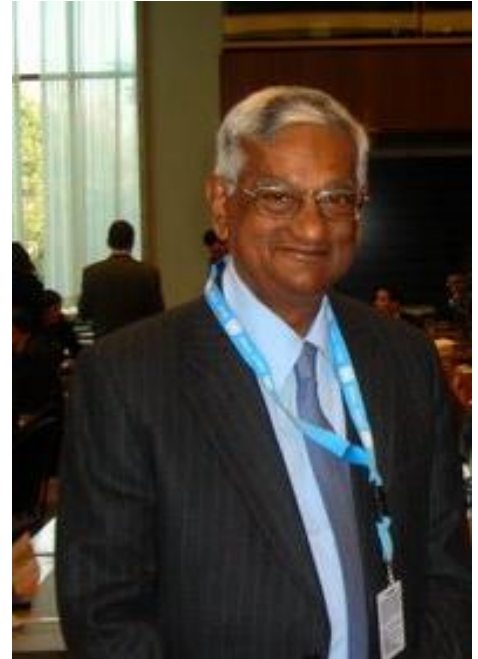
Leader of the Indian delegation to the Rome conference establishing the International Criminal Court

Long experience of multilateral diplomacy in the UN, the Non-aligned Movement and the Commonwealth covering security and disarmament, international law, human rights and social issues, climate change and environment

Participated in several sessions of the UNGA and the erstwhile Commission on Human Rights. Representative of India in the fourth Committee, the Special Committee against Apartheid and the Committee of 24

Supervised the preparation of India's national reports to the monitoring bodies of various UN human rights instrument

Participated in the process of amending domestic laws to Conform to UN human rights instruments to which India became party.



Publications

Indian Foreign Policy: An agenda for the 21st century, 1997

India and Spain: 2000 years of interaction (Spanish), 2002

Has delivered talks at international meetings and written articles for newspapers and journals on nuclear and security policy, climate change, the International Criminal Court, etc.

Mr. Jose A. Lindgren Alves

Term Period: 2002-2018

Country of Origin: Brazil

Working Languages: Portuguese, English, French, Spanish

Current position/function

Brazilian Ambassador in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2011-Present)

National Coordinator for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations



Main professional activities

Diplomat in the Ministry of External Relations, Brasilia, since 1970.

Second and later First Secretary at the Brazilian Embassies in Vienna (1973-4), Prague (1974-8), Tunis (1978-9)

Counselor at the Brazilian Mission to the United Nations, New York (1985-8), at the Embassy in Caracas (1988-9)

Chargé d'Affaires a.i. in Bridgetown (1984), Windhoek (1990)

Head of the United Nations Division at the Ministry of External Relations, Brasilia, 1990-1995

Head of the Department for Human Rights and Social Issues at the Ministry of External Relations, Brasilia, 1995-96

Consul-General in San Francisco, Ca., 1997-2001

Ambassador in Sofia, 2002-2005, and in Skopje (based in Sofia, 2003-2005)

Ambassador in Budapest, 2006-2008

National Coordinator for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, Brasilia, since August 2008

Academic background

Graduate of the Law School of the Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, 1969

Graduate of the Diplomatic Academy of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations (Instituto Rio Branco), 1969

Graduate of the Higher Studies Course (Doctorate), Instituto Rio Branco, with a Dissertation on the "The United Nations and Human Rights", 1989

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

Brazilian delegate to the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993. Coordinator of the “task force” that helped to negotiate the Vienna Program of Action in the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993.

Brazilian delegate to the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 1994. Head of the Department for Human Rights and Social Issues, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil, 1995-96

Brazilian delegate to the IV World Conference on Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Beijing, 1995

Brazilian delegate to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements - Habitat II, Istanbul, 1996

Member of the United Nations Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, 1994-97.

Brazilian delegate to the World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, 2001

Brazilian delegate to the Durban Review Conference, Geneva, 2009

Publications

International Relations and Social Issues: The Decade of Conferences, Brasilia, IBRI/FUNAG, 2001

The Durban Conf. Against Racism and Everyone’s Responsibilities, H.R. Netherlands Quarterly V. 21, N. 3, Sept. 2003.

Human Rights in Post-Modernity, São Paulo, Ed. Perspectiva, 2005

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in action (2002-05) - Rio, Cebri, Dossiê Vol.2, Ano 4, 2005.

Race and Religion in the U.N. CERD, University of San Francisco Law Review, Vol. 42, N. 4, Spring 2008

Mr. Pastor Elias Murillo Martinez

Term Period: 2008-2016

Country of Origin: Colombia

Working Languages: Spanish

Current position/function

Independent Expert, United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), 2008 - 2012.

International consultant on human rights issues



Main professional activities

Nov. 1994-May 2009 Government official at director and adviser levels

Deputy Director (and two time Director) of Negro, Race, and Palenquera Community Affairs at Ministry of Interior and Justice

Permanent Seat on Council for Economic and Social Policy (CONPES)

Human Rights Advisor to Colombia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Multilateral Economic, Social, and Environmental Affairs Division

Member, Negotiating team for FTA between Colombia and USA, promoted rights of migrant workers and families

Alternate to head of Colombian delegation to the Third World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and other related forms of Intolerance (2001, Durban, South Africa), preparatory Regional Conference in Santiago, Chile, and other relevant conferences

Author of initiative that guaranteed retirement pension for more than 750 former workers of Metales Preciosos del Choco

Member of group of experts that formulated law governing Rights of Negro Communities as an Ethnic Group

Academic background

Lawyer with a specialization in environmental law, and diploma in Human Rights

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

Author of the initiative which resulted in United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/169, promoted by Colombia, whereby 2011 was declared International Afro-Descendants Year.

Attached to the Racial Equality, Cultural Differences, Environmental Conflicts and Racism in the Americas - IDCARAN - Research Group at the Centre for Social Studies, National

University of Colombia. Awarded the José Hilario López Military Merit Medal in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law by the Armed Forces of Colombia General Command, September 2007. In recent months has given lectures in Geneva, Peru, Guatemala, Panama, Washington, Colombia and Honduras.

Publications

Reinforcing Racial Impartiality Organisations. Integration Magazine No. 5, Andean Community Cultural Policies, Lima, Peru, February 2010. Affirmative Action Measures or Special Measures for Redressing Historical Injustices and Discrimination, in "Revista El Otro Derecho", No. 41, Latin American Institute for an Alternative Law and Society, July 2010. Bogotá, D.C., September 2011.

Mr. Carlos Manuel Vazquez

Term Period: 2012-2016

Country of Origin: USA

Working Languages: English, Spanish, French

Current position/function

Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, July 2011-present

Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, 1991-present

Main professional activities

Research and writing on a wide range of legal and human

rights topics, including: International Law; International Human Rights; Treaties in U.S. Law;

Conflict of Laws, International Civil Litigation, Foreign Relations Law, and U.S. Civil Rights

Teaching courses to law students

Current courses include Treaties in U.S. Law and Federal Courts and the Federal System

Georgetown Law Human Rights Institute, Director, 2005-2006

US Member of Inter-American Juridical Committee (2000-2003)

American Law Institute, Member, 2003-present

Association of American Law Schools (AALS)

Chair, Federal Courts Section, 2011-present

Member, Executive Committee, Section on Federal Courts, 1999-2002

Hispanic National Bar Association

Member, Latino Law Professors Committee, 1990-2003

American Society of International Law

Board of Editors, American Journal of International Law, 2007-present

Academic background

Columbia University School of Law, J.D., 1983

Yale University, B.A., 1979

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

As a member of Inter-American Juridical Committee of the Organization of American States from 2000 to 2003, and its Vice-Chairman from 2002-2003, addressed various questions relating to human rights and racial discrimination, including the relation between human rights and democracy and the desirability of concluding an Inter-American Convention for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination



At Georgetown, created and administered the International Human Rights Workshop, including supervising student research and writing relating to discrimination on the basis of race and gender

At Georgetown, created and administered the International Human Rights Colloquium, which brought scholars from across the United States to Georgetown to present papers on topics in the area of international human rights

As a private lawyer before joining academia, litigated on a pro bono basis cases involving allegations of racial discrimination

As lawyer in private practice and later as a Professor of Law, wrote and submitted amicus briefs in cases involving refugee matters, including claims regarding discrimination on the basis of race and national origin in refugee policy

Publications

Customary International Law as U.S. Law: A Critique of the Revisionist and Intermediate Positions and a Defense of the Modern Position, 85 NOTRE DAME L. REV. (forthcoming 2011)

Treaties as Law of the Land: The Supremacy Clause and the Judicial Enforcement of Treaties, 122 HARV. L. REV. 599 (2008)

Sosa v. Alvarez-Machain and Human Rights Claims Against Corporations Under the Alien Tort Statute, in LINKING TRADE AND HUMAN RIGHTS: FRAMEWORK AND CASE STUDIES, Oxford University Press (2006)

Direct vs. Indirect Obligations of Corporations Under International Law, 42 COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 927 (2005)

Trade Sanctions and Human Rights: Past, Present, Future, 6 J. INT'L ECON. L. 797 (2003)

The Four Doctrines of Self-Executing Treaties, 89 AM. J. INT'L L. 695 (1995)

Treaty-Based Rights and Remedies of Individuals, 92 COLUM. L. REV. 1081 (1992)

Mr. Yeung Kam John Yeung Sik Yuen

Term Period: 2014-2018

Country of Origin: Mauritius

Working Languages: English and French,
spoken Hakka (Chinese minority dialect),
Mauritian creole dialect

Current position/function

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mauritius
(2007-Present)

Chairman, Judicial and Legal Service Commission

Commissioner, African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights (2007-Present)

Chairperson of Working Group on Rights of Older Persons & Persons with Disabilities in Africa



Main professional activities

2007: Appointed Chief Justice of Mauritius

1995: Senior Puisne Judge

1989: Appointed Judge of the Supreme Court

Academic background

LL.B, University of Leeds (1969)

Called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn (1970)

Read La at Universite de Paris II, Pantheon (1970-1972)

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

1998-2002: Served on Sub-Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations (OHCHR) in Geneva

1999-2002: Served with Working Group on Minorities of Sub-commission

Member of Southern African Chief Justices Associations

Honorary Bencher of the Middle Temple (2009)

Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn (2009)

Publications

Author of UN Working Paper on Human Rights Problems & Protection of the Roma (August 2000)

Author UN Working Paper on Human Rights and Weapons of Mass Destruction, or With Indiscriminate Effect, or of a Name to Cause Superfluous Injury or Unnecessary Suffering (August 2002)

Author of Chapter on “*Rights of Older Persons and persons with Disabilities in Africa*” in the book “*The African Regional Human Rights Systems: 30 years after the ACHPR and beyond*” (2011)

CERD Committee Members – Analysis of Areas of Interest

Each committee member table uses two sections to indicate the interests of committee members. The first indicates any special interests and the second indicates general interests. The information in these tables is based on summary records provided by the CERD website.

Special interests for committee members were determined by the number of times an issue is mentioned (in 3 or more country reviews) or in some cases, the depth of interest as indicated by a less frequent but more specific line of questioning in one or two country reviews, while also taking into consideration the level of interest relative to other members. Some committee member tables do not have a “Special Interests” section if there was no indication of such.

This section also includes an additional chart organized by topic area rather than committee member. For issue areas that were infrequently mentioned and did not appear to be of special interest to any one member, there is a table indicating members who mentioned these areas briefly (once or twice over the course of all country reviews 2012-2014).

Mr. Nouredine Amir - Algeria Vice-chairperson Term Period: 2001-2018
Special Interests
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Treatment of migrants, refugees, asylum seekers (Italy); Access to services for refugees while their status is being determined (Jordan); Process of granting asylum, refugees, temporary protection status (Liechtenstein)
General Interests
Education Rights
Marginalized groups' access to education (Jordan)
Right to Health, Healthcare Disparities, and Reproductive Justice
Equal access to healthcare (Jordan)
Hate Crimes
Denounce public discourse linking Muslims and terrorism (Italy)
Environmental Rights
Landowner compensation if agricultural land becomes unusable (Fiji)
Issues Related to the Implementation of the Convention
Sovereignty of Palestine in order for them to become party to the convention (Israel); Establish national human rights institution (Italy)
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Territorial sovereignty (Canada); Extractive industries violating environmental and land rights (Ecuador)
Equal Access to Justice
Discrimination against non-citizens in domestic legal system (Liechtenstein)
Other Non-Discrimination Issues
Internally displaced peoples (Laos); Equal access to military service participation by all ethnic groups (Fiji)

Mr. Alexei S. Avtonomov – Russian Federation Vice-chairperson Term Period: 2003-2016
General Interests
Worker’s Rights, Economic Rights, and Policy
Protect migrant workers (Kuwait)
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Discrimination against stateless persons (Tajikistan)
Issues Related to the Implementation of the Convention
Affirmative action (Montenegro)
Gender Equality
Right of mother to pass on nationality (Kuwait)
Education Rights
Access to bilingual education (Kazakhstan)

Mr. Marc Bossuyt - Belgium Term Period: 2000-2003, 2014-2018
General Interests
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Living situation of asylum seekers and displaced persons (Montenegro); Right to asylum, has not ratified Convention of 1951 on status of refugees (Uzbekistan); Social benefits for foreigners with residence permits (Poland)
Equal Access to Justice
Language used in courts (Montenegro)
Worker’s Rights, Economic Rights, and Policy
Discrimination against foreign workers (Honduras)

Mr. Jose Francisco Cali Tzay – Guatemala Chairperson Term Period: 2004-2016
Special Interests
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Land rights (Canada, Finland); Self-determination (Canada); Reparations for indigenous communities following TRC (Canada); Insufficient funding for institutions protecting indigenous rights (Ecuador); Use of indigenous language in health-care facilities (Ecuador); Indigenous representation in government (New Zealand); Teach indigenous history/culture in school (New Zealand); Police brutality against indigenous peoples (Chile); Culture and language promoted by media (Venezuela); Necessity of interpreters for indigenous detainees (Mexico); Waste dumps on indigenous land (Chile)
General Interests
Criminal Justice System
Racial discrimination in justice system (Fiji); Police violence (Jamaica)
Gender Equality
Double discrimination against minority women (Venezuela)
Children's Rights
Stateless minors (Dominican Republic)
Housing Rights and Segregation
Requiring some groups to obtain permits to settle in certain areas (Uzbekistan)
Education Rights
Access to education for marginalized groups (Jordan); Compensation for children abused in education system (Canada); Segregation in schools (Slovakia); Bilingual education (Venezuela)
Worker's Rights, Economic Rights and Policy
Protect migrant workers (Italy, Qatar); MNCs treatment of workers (Republic of Korea); Refugees' access to employment (Republic of Korea); Equal employment opportunities, gender discrimination in hiring (Senegal)
Hate Crimes
Xenophobic violence against refugees (Colombia); Prosecute xenophobic/racist acts and statements against refugees (Ecuador)
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Human trafficking (Qatar); Stateless people (Qatar); Access to legal aid for foreign nationals/migrant workers (Qatar); Position on 1951 Convention on Status of Refugees (Thailand);

Status of immigrants and refugees (Algeria); Access to education for foreign citizens (Jamaica)
Equal Access to Justice
Judges unresponsive to complaints by marginalized peoples (Ecuador)
Other Non-Discrimination Issues
State attempts to homogenize national identity (Fiji)

Ms. Anastasia Crickley – Ireland Vice-Chairperson Term Period: 2010-2018
Special Interests
Gender Equality
Protect minority women from discrimination (Laos, Kyrgyzstan, Sweden); Multiple discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation (Liechtenstein); Women's rights (Senegal, Algeria); Violence against minority women (Switzerland, Chad)
Worker's Rights, Economic Rights and Policy
Female migrant workers (Canada, Republic of Korea, Cyprus); Protect foreign domestic workers (Jordan); Gendered pay gap for migrant workers (Portugal); Protect female domestic workers (Qatar, Cyprus); Working conditions for domestic workers (Ecuador); Include migrant workers in non-discrimination legislation (Republic of Korea); Female migrants' access to work permits (Thailand); Discrimination against migrant workers (Sweden)
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Discrimination in asylum process (Canada); Forced expulsion/involuntary repatriation (Italy); Migrants, asylum seekers, refugees (Finland, Jamaica, Belgium); Double discrimination against women migrants and refugees (Liechtenstein, Thailand, Cyprus, Jordan); Access to interpreters (Republic of Korea); Detaining asylum seekers in correctional facilities (New Zealand); Access to citizenship (Russia); Human trafficking (Belarus, Cyprus)
General Interests
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Murder and disappearance of indigenous women (Canada); Right to self-identification (Thailand); Discrimination against indigenous women (Honduras); Structural racism (Honduras); Political participation (Chile)
Criminal Justice System
Large number of Amerindian women in prison (Canada); Police violence (Belize); Police profiling of migrants (Algeria); Racial Profiling (Switzerland, Thailand); Discrimination against ethnic minorities by law enforcement (Russia)
Hate Crimes
Racist remarks by politicians (Portugal);
Housing Rights and Segregation
Public land allocated on discriminatory criteria (Israel)
Education Rights

Discrimination against migrants/foreigners (Italy); Foreign children's access to education (Jordan); Integrate minorities (Kyrgyzstan, Poland); Combat racism in schools (Cyprus)
Right to Health, Healthcare Disparities, and Reproductive Justice
Healthcare (reproductive health rights) for undocumented women migrants (Thailand)
Issues Related to Implementation of the Convention
National human rights institution (Italy, Belarus); Anti-discrimination legislation (Switzerland)

Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah – Burkina Faso Term Period: 2004-2016
Special Interests
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Socio-economic gap (Canada); Land rights (Belize); Double discrimination faced by indigenous women (Belize)
Political Rights
Number of indigenous or Afro-descendant women elected to public office (Mexico); Women in public office (Algeria); Role of women in foreign service (Uzbekistan)
General Interests
Gender Equality
Gender equity and women's rights (Senegal); Double discrimination faced by women from ethnic minorities (Viet Nam)
Education Rights
Portrayal of history in school textbooks (Canada); Segregation in schools (Cyprus)
Environmental Rights
Water conflict could lead to racial discrimination in the future (Uzbekistan)
Voting Rights
Vote buying/election corruption (Belize)
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Asylum seekers and refugees' access to social services (Kuwait); Living conditions in detention centers (Mexico); Refugees (Jamaica)
Issues Related to Implementation of the Convention
Eliminate disparities between implementation at federal and provincial levels (Canada)
Equal Access to Justice
Female migrants' access to justice (Mexico); Human trafficking victims' access to justice (Belgium)
Worker's Rights, Economic Rights and Policy
Protect migrant workers (Kuwait); Rights of seasonal or domestic workers (Mexico)

Mr. Ion Diaconu - Romania Term Period: 1991-2003, 2008-2016
Special Interests
Education Rights
Education available in minority/indigenous languages (Turkmenistan, Honduras, Burkina Faso, Mauritius, Laos, Algeria, New Zealand); Equal access to education (Finland, Senegal, Poland, Switzerland, Sweden); Segregation in schools (Italy, Slovakia); Migrant workers and children's access to education (Kuwait, Qatar); Access to higher education (Kazakhstan)
Worker's Rights, Economic Rights and Policy
Protect migrant workers (Kuwait, Thailand, Dominican Republic); Protect female migrant domestic workers (Qatar); Prohibit racial and ethnic discrimination in employment (Liechtenstein); Migrant workers' access to education/health services (Algeria); Roma access to employment (Sweden)
Issues Related to Implementation of the Convention
Clear definition of "racial discrimination" (Jordan, Burkina Faso, Russia, Tajikistan); Uniform implementation of Convention throughout country (Italy); Align domestic law and convention (Thailand, Fiji, Dominican Republic); Single instrument prohibiting racial discrimination (Cyprus); Discrimination training for state officials (Montenegro)
General Interests
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Protect indigenous knowledge from MNCs (Canada); Different services available on/off-reserve (Canada); Right to self-determination and autonomy (Mexico); Self-identification (Finland); Respecting property rights, right to land (New Zealand, Chile, Ecuador); Communal land/resource rights (Russia); Developing indigenous areas (Honduras); Removing children from parents (Canada); Right to peaceful protest (Ecuador)
Criminal Justice System
Racial profiling (Russia, Switzerland)
Housing Rights and Segregation
Division of localities by "Jewish" and "Arab" (Israel); Destruction of Bedouin villages (Israel); Government consultation of minority groups on infrastructure projects (Viet Nam)
Hate Crimes
Failure to prosecute hate crimes (Russia); Prohibit organizations inciting racial hatred (Montenegro); Xenophobia against Muslims (Liechtenstein)
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Illegal entry and stay as serious (not minor) offense (Italy); Stateless peoples' access to nationality and protection (Turkmenistan, Fiji, Tajikistan, Montenegro, Belgium); Protect undocumented migrants (Republic of Korea); Human trafficking (Tajikistan); Revoking birth certificates (Dominican Republic); Refugees and asylum seekers (Dominican Republic); Nondiscrimination in immigration (Dominican Republic, New Zealand)
Other Non-Discrimination Issues
Reparations/promotion of rights for marginalized persons (Mexico, Fiji); Terrorism is not justification for human rights violations (Algeria)

Ms. Afiwa-Kindena Hohoueto - Togo Term Period: 2014-2018
General Interests
Gender Equality
Gender & sex based discrimination (Honduras)
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
State expropriating ancestral lands for national interest (Honduras)
Equal Access to Justice
Legal aid for vulnerable ethnic groups (Uzbekistan); Difficult for vulnerable members to appeal verdicts before Supreme Court due to lengthy process (Uzbekistan)

Mr. Yong'an Huang - China Term Period: 2008-2012, 2012-2016
General Interests
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Integrate indigenous language in education (New Zealand)
Worker's Rights, Economic Rights and Policy
Migrant workers (Algeria)
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Refugees and asylum seekers (Algeria)

Ms. Patricia Nozipho January-Bardill – South Africa Term Period: 2000-2008, 2012-2016	
Special Interests	
Rights of Indigenous Peoples	
Combat poverty (Ecuador); Compensation for extractive industries (Ecuador); Right to land (Chile)	
Political Rights	
Encourage indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian participation in political life (Ecuador); Participation of indigenous and Afro-Chileans (Chile)	
General Interests	
Criminal Justice System	
Police brutality (Mauritius)	
Gender Equality	
Racial discrimination towards women (Fiji); Equal opportunities for women (Mauritius)	
Education Rights	
Access to education for all culture, religious groups, languages (Mauritius)	
Worker's Rights, Economic Rights and Policy	
Equal access to employment (Senegal)	
Environmental Rights	
Environmental racism (Chile)	

Mr. Anwar Kemal - Pakistan Term Period: 2006-2018	
Special Interests	
Rights of Indigenous Peoples	
General discrimination (Mexico); Consent of indigenous with natural resource projects (Ecuador); Land security (Fiji); Access to employment (New Zealand); Profit from extractive industries benefit indigenous peoples (Russia); Protect language (Chile); Protect from double discrimination (Chile); Access to education (Chile)	
Criminal Justice System	
Police profiling of indigenous peoples (Mexico); Recruit minorities in law enforcement/public office (Austria); Police hostile to marginalized groups (Finland); Discrimination in prison system (Mauritius); High number of indigenous in prison (New Zealand)	
Worker's Rights, Economic Rights and Policy	
Protect migrant workers (Kuwait, Dominican Republic, Cyprus); Living conditions of migrant workers (Algeria)	
General Interests	
Political Rights	
Equal access to public service (Fiji)	
Treatment of Non-Citizens	
Human trafficking (Thailand); Rights of asylum seekers (Thailand); Refugees (Algeria); Human trafficking (Dominican Republic); Statelessness (Kyrgyzstan); Restitution for those who had identity documents destroyed (Dominican Republic)	
Housing Rights and Segregation	
Segregation and discriminatory policies (Israel)	
Issues Related to Implementation of the Convention	
Suggests affirmative action to promote equality (Austria); Define racial discrimination (Republic of Korea)	

Mr. Melhem Khalaf - Lebanon Term Period: 2014-2018
General Interests
Political Rights
Representation of marginalized groups in politics (Uzbekistan)

Mr. Gun Kut - Turkey Term Period: 2010-2014, 2014-2018
Special Interests
Hate Crimes
Violence against minorities (Tajikistan); Racist statements by politicians (Russia)
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Introduce measures to fix statelessness (Tajikistan); Number of people affected by problem of statelessness (Thailand); Access to residence permits for stateless persons, Roma, others (Russia)
Issues Related to Implementation of the Convention
Uniform implementation of convention in federalist state (Russia); Uniform implementation in federalist state (Belgium)
General Interests
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Indigenous communities and the state equal in courts (Canada)
Criminal Justice System
Police brutality (Austria)
Hate Crimes
Equal application of laws prohibiting inciting racial hatred (Israel)

Mr. Dilip Lahiri - India Rapporteur Term Period:
Special Interests
Education Rights
Access to education for immigrant children (Portugal); Access to education for marginalized peoples (Finland)
Issues Related to Implementation of the Convention
Need legislation clearly defining racial discrimination (Thailand, Belarus); National human rights institution (Belarus)
General Interests
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Negatively portrayed in media (Ecuador)
Criminal Justice System
Institutionalized racism (Austria)
Other Non-Discrimination Issues
Racial discrimination in public establishments (Austria)

Mr. Jose A. Lindgren Alves - Brazil Term Period: 2002-2018
Special Interests
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Right to self identify as either indigenous or not (Fiji); Give status to culture (Algeria); Incent/rape among indigenous peoples (Algeria)
General Interests
Other Non-Discrimination Issues
Multiculturalism has not delivered equality for all (Canada); Caste system (Chad)
Gender Equality
Gendered access to nationality for children (Jordan)
Education Rights
Segregation in schools (Israel)
Worker's Rights, Economic Rights and Policy
Discrimination in workforce (Montenegro)
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Access to citizenship (Algeria)

Mr. Pastor Elias Murillo Martinez - Colombia Term Period: 2008-2016
Special Interests
Criminal Justice System
Disproportionate number of African-Canadians in prison (Canada), Racial profiling (Italy, Canada, Thailand); Disproportionate number of minority persons in prison (Switzerland); Structural change in prison system (Venezuela)
Education Rights
Equal access to higher education for marginalized peoples (Israel, Turkmenistan, Laos, Austria); Equal access to education (Republic of Korea, Senegal, Tajikistan)
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Rights of asylum seekers (Liechtenstein); Detention of migrants in prison facilities (Lichtenstein); Human trafficking (Uzbekistan); Separation of immigrant children from parents (Canada),
General Interests
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Reparations/compensation for land (New Zealand); Recognition (Chile); Preserve traditional knowledge (Burkina Faso)
Children's Rights
Discriminatory definition, Israeli or Palestinian, of "child" in armed conflict (Israel)
Housing Rights and Segregation
Access to housing for foreigners (Qatar); Resetting populations displaced by infrastructure projects (Viet Nam); Land rights for people of African descent (Venezuela)
Worker's Rights, Economic Rights and Policy
Integrate migrant workers in labor market (Finland); Rights of migrant workers (Republic of Korea)
Hate Crimes
Efforts being made to stop hate crimes against main victims, people of African descent (Canada), Stop inciting racial hatred on internet (Italy)
Political Rights
Equal representation of ethnic groups in national bodies (Jordan)

Mr. Carlos Manuel Vazquez - USA Term Period: 2012-2016
Special Interests
Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Financial compensation for past grievances, land rights, respecting treaties (Canada); Self-determination (Finland); Language rights (Finland); Right to land (Thailand); Intellectual property rights (New Zealand)
Criminal Justice System
Racial profiling (Finland); Overrepresentation of Maori in prison (New Zealand); 3 strikes law (New Zealand); Racial discrimination by police (Honduras)
Equal Access to Justice
Inform population about filing discrimination complaints (Algeria); Access to legal remedies for discrimination (Dominican Republic); State disadvantaged lawyers critical of gov't (Uzbekistan); Indigenous justice system (Chile)
General Interests
Education Rights
Segregation in schools (Slovakia, Belgium); Equal access to education (Belarus)
Right to Health, Healthcare Disparities, and Reproductive Justice
Access to healthcare for non-citizens (Belgium); Forced sterilization of women (Uzbekistan)
Worker's Rights, Economic Rights and Policy
Anti-discrimination legislation apply in special business zones (Honduras); Discriminatory hiring (Switzerland)
Political Rights
Representation of minorities in civil service (Kazakhstan)
Treatment of Non-Citizens
Discrimination against refugees (Ecuador); Access to citizenship (Thailand); Access to citizenship/nationality (Dominican Republic)
Issues Related to Implementation of the Convention
Lack of federal civil law on racial discrimination (Switzerland)

Mr. Yeung Kam John Yeung Sik Yuen - Mauritius

Term Period: 2014-2018

General Interests

Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Illiteracy, unemployment, malnutrition (Honduras); Forced displacement (Honduras)

Education Rights

Enrollment (Honduras)

Voting Rights

Free and democratic elections (Montenegro)

Issues Related to Implementation of the Convention

Affirmative action (Kazakhstan)

Nonspecific Member Interests

This table is to provide a reference organized by topic for issues not listed as “Special Interests” in any of the above tables (although they are listed in the “General Interests” sections of the correlating Committee Member tables). The following Committee members brought up these issues once or twice during all previous CERD country review sessions 2012-2014.

Issue Area	Committee Member	Member Country of Origin
Children’s Rights	Mr. Alexi S. Avtonomov	Russia
	Mr. Jose Francisco Cali Tzay	Guatemala
	Mr. Ian Diaconu	Romania
	Mr. Jose A. Lindgren Alves	Brazil
	Mr. Pastor Elias Murillo Martinez	Colombia
Housing Rights and Segregation	Mr. Jose Francisco Cali Tzay	Guatemala
	Ms. Anastasia Crickley	Ireland
	Mr. Ian Diaconu	Romania
	Mr. Gun Kut	Turkey
	Mr. Dilip Lahiri	India
	Mr. Pastor Elias Murillo Martinez	Colombia
Voting Rights	Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah	Burkina Faso
	Mr. Yeung Kam John Yeung Sik Yuen	Mauritius
Right to Health, Healthcare Disparities and Reproductive Justice	Mr. Nouredine Amir	Algeria
	Ms. Anastasia Crickley	Ireland
	Mr. Carlos Manuel Vazquez	USA
Hate Crimes	Mr. Nouredine Amir	Algeria
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	Mr. Ian Diaconu	Romania
	Mr. Gun Kut	Turkey
	Mr. Pastor Elias Murillo Martinez	Colombia
Environmental Rights	Mr. Nouredine Amir	Algeria
	Mr. Jose Francisco Cali Tzay	Guatemala
	Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah	Burkina Faso
	Ms. Patricia Nozipho January-Bardill	South Africa