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## BAHAMAS



**Mrs. Angelika Hillebrandt, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in New York**

Mrs. Angelika Hillebrandt is a Second Secretary within the Permanent Mission of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to the United Nations in New York. In post since 2015, Mrs. Hillebrandt holds principal responsibility for peace, international security and disarmament affairs, as well as deputy responsibility for human rights.

She has been a career Foreign Service Officer within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2011, with extensive experience in multilateral affairs, including human rights treaty body implementation, national reporting (CEDAW, UPR) and candidatures (HRC, CEDAW). She has assisted in the draft National Gender Policy in 2012 and was actively involved in the recent drafting of the United Nations Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

Mrs. Hillebrandt holds a Bachelor's Degree (honours) in Political Science from New York University, USA (2009) and a Master's Degree in Public Diplomacy from Jilin University, China (2015).

**This is her first attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council .**

## COMOROS



**Mme Chayma Bourhane, Conseillère juridique, Ministère de la justice**

Depuis le mois de septembre 2018, Mme Chayma Bourhane exerce la fonction de Conseillère juridique du Ministre de la justice, des Affaires Islamiques, des Administrations publiques et des Droits Humains. Juriste de formation, elle a exercé comme conseillère juridique dans une société privé jusqu'en 2018. Elle est une membre active de l'ONG CAP ( Conseil de la paix ) comme « point focal Genre ».

Mme Bourhane est titulaire d'un master en sciences criminelles et Droits de l'Homme obtenu à l'université Hassan II de Casablanca. Elle a en outre suivi des formations et séminaires nationaux.

**Il s'agit de sa première participation à une session ordinaire du Conseil des droits de l'homme .**

since September 2018, Mrs. Chayma Bourhane has been acting as Legal Adviser to the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights. A lawyer by training, she worked as a legal counsel in a private company till 2018. She is an active member of the NGO CAP (Peace Council) "Gender Focal Point".

Mrs. Bourhane holds a Master's degree in Criminal Sciences and Human Rights from Hassan II University in Casablanca. In addition, she attended national trainings and seminars.

**This is her first participation in a regular session of the Human Rights Council**

## DJIBOUTI



**Ms. Ayane Said Yassin, Deputy-director of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**

Ms. Ayane Said Yassin is the Deputy-director of Legal Affairs in the Division of Legal and Consular Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Djibouti where she started working in 2016.

Her duties led her to provide legal expertise on international instruments, collaborate on a number of bilateral negotiations, and prepare briefing notes on ratifications of multilateral conventions. She participates in monitoring legal disputes that arise between foreign representations in Djibouti and citizens. In addition, she is a member of the interministerial committee in charge of periodical reports on human rights international instruments since 2017. She collaborated on Djibouti's recent Universal Periodical Review and has since been working with other members on the submission of the remaining United Nations and African Union periodical reports. She is also involved in the working group for the establishment of a national council on international humanitarian law in her country.

Ms. Said Yassin holds a Bachelor in Law and a Postgraduate diploma in Public Law from the University of Reims in France. She also holds a Postgraduate diploma in Private Law from the University of Grenoble-Alpes in France.

**This is her first time in Geneva and her first attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

## DOMINICA



**Melissa Morgan, Director (Ag.), Bureau of Gender Affairs,, Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs, Family and Gender Affairs.**

Ms. Morgan has worked with the division for five years. She is responsible for incorporating gender perspectives into governments' plans, policies and programs and continues to work towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5 - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls in Dominica. Also, she was instrumental in the refinement and the acceleration of approval for Dominica National Gender Policy 2019. More recently, she has worked jointly with the Foreign Affairs Division in the preparation of human rights treaty reports and has been an active member of the committee responsible for the preparation of Dominica's 2019 UPR report. Additionally, she has received training in several workshops on Treaty Body Reporting and International Human Rights instruments such as the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

She has embraced every opportunity for specialized trainings, some of which include, Monitoring and Evaluation and Policy Development through the Government of Dominica.

Ms. Morgan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of the Virgin Islands and will be graduating with her Master of Science degree in Project Management from University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

**This is her first time in Geneva and her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.**

## FIJI



**Ms. Kristy Fong, Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Ms. Kristy Fong joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in May 2018 as a Foreign Service Officer of the Multilateral Bureau. She assists the Bureau through effective participation and representation of Fiji's foreign policy through the formulation of statements, policy briefs and information papers as well as through the provision of logistical and administrative support. She has been responsible for all international elections since August 2018 providing recommendations for Fiji's voting position. She was also a member of the core team that campaigned, strategized and monitored the progress of Fiji's candidacy to the Human Rights Council for the term 2019-2021.

Ms. Fong holds a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and International Business & Marketing from the University of the South Pacific and is currently completing her Postgraduate Diploma in Climate Change.

**This is her first time in Geneva and her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

## THE GAMBIA



**Ms. Mam Ndeban Jobe, State Prosecutor and Special Assistant to the Attorney General and Minister of Justice**

Ms. Mam Ndeban Jobe has worked with the Attorney General's Chambers and Ministry of Justice for eight years. During this period her responsibilities have included representing the State in Court, proffering legal advice to Government departments and agencies.

Ms. Jobe has also been a Coordinator of the Child Rights Unit of the Ministry since 2013, which sees her organize and facilitate trainings nationwide on child rights and work with government and non-governmental organisations on child protection issues. She is also a member of the Human Rights Unit of the Ministry where she proffers legal advice to the government on its human rights obligations; as a member of the National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-Up compiles periodic reports to treaty bodies, participates in Sessions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights and liaise with Civil Society Organisations on human rights promotion and protection in the country.

As a member of the Transitional Justice Team of the Ministry she has been crucial in the implementation of key transitional programs of the country.

Ms. Jobe holds a Masters degree in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law from the University of Essex.

**This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

## KIRIBATI



### **Mr. Aretaake Ientaake, Director of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice**

Currently Mr. Ientaake works as a Director of Human Rights within the Ministry of Justice in Kiribati. His responsibilities include the implementation of the UN conventions that the Government of Kiribati has ratified with the Human Rights Council which are CEDAW, CRC, CRPD; working with budgets and monitoring of Human Rights in Kiribati as well as conducting advocacy programs and formalizing policies with stakeholders.

Overseeing all proposed enacted legislations to be aligned with fundamental human rights in the Country's Constitution. And finally designing of capacity building for human rights staff; tapping funding assistance to Kiribati and working with the Kiribati National Human Rights taskforce established by Cabinet.

His past employments include working as the Consumer Affairs officer within the Ministry of Commerce in 1991-2009; as a Deputy Clerk with the House of Parliament in 2009 -2013; as an Assistance Peoples' Lawyer within the Office of the People's Lawyer Office in 2013-2015; and as a Senior Assistant Secretary within the Ministry of Labour and Human Resources in 2015-2017.

He is a graduate from the University of the South Pacific with BA/LLB/PDLP and awarded with certificate Master Business Administration (MBA).

**This is his first time in Geneva and his first time in attending regular session of Human Rights Council.**

## MADAGASCAR



### **Ms. Noro Hanitriniainia Raveloarison, Head of Service of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Multilateral Relations Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Ms. Raveloarison is an officer in charge of Human rights and humanitarian affairs within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Madagascar. She is coordinating the relations of Madagascar with all the United Nations human rights bodies and works to monitor, disseminate, implement and evaluate all the human rights treaties ratified by her country.

Ms. Raveloarison, supports the National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-Up, as a permanent member. With the representatives of the Government, the National Commission on Human Rights, the civil society, she promotes and ensures the execution of the country's commitments.

She has received training in a workshop on Universal Periodic Review (UPR) delivered by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights in Dakar, Senegal in 2018.

Ms. Raveloarison holds a Bachelor Degree in Public Law and Political Science from the University of Antananarivo, Madagascar and an International Master of Public Policy from Tsinghua University in Beijing, China.

**This is her first time in Geneva and her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council**

## NAURU



**Mrs. Christiana Detenamo, Director of International Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

Mrs. Detenamo is currently serving as the Director of International Affairs within the Department since January 2019. Her main role and responsibilities is dealing and attending to meetings that relates to Nauru's bilateral relations with Europe, Americas and the Caribbean regions as well as multilateral engagements and activities of Nauru with various international organizations including the United Nations, The European Union, The Commonwealth Secretariat, International Exhibitions Bureau and International Sea Authority. The Department is the focal point of communication channel between Nauru and other countries including international organizations. Hence, Mrs. Detenamo work closely with relevant Departments and experts from various international organizations in the area of implementation and reporting of Nauru's obligation and activities on international treaties and conventions including human rights. Mrs. Detenamo have been serving the Department since 2006 in various roles including as a Trade Officer, Assistant Director of Regional Affairs Division, Vice Consul at the Nauru Consulate General Office in Thailand and as a First Secretary of the Embassy of Nauru in Taiwan. She graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Public Policy and International Relations from the Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand.

**This is her first time in Geneva and her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.**

## NEPAL



**Mr. Bishnu Prasad Gautam, Under Secretary (UN, International Organizations and International Law Division) Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Mr. Bishnu Prasad Gautam has been working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal in the capacity of Under Secretary since 2012.

Currently he is serving at the United Nations, International Organizations and International Law Division which is responsible for multilateral affairs. As a middle-level career diplomat, he is responsible to coordinate between the Ministry, other line Ministries, and Nepali missions abroad on multilateral issues.

Mr. Gautam is a member of the inter-agency Drafting Committee to prepare reports of Nepal on the status of implementation of various human rights instruments to which Nepal is a party. In addition, he is also responsible to prepare documents on thematic issues and coordinate and facilitate outgoing and incoming visits of high-level delegations on multilateral affairs.

He has also served in different capacities on bilateral and regional affairs covering Europe-America, Africa, South Asia and assignments at Nepali Embassies abroad.

Mr. Gautam joined Nepal Foreign Service in 2006 and holds a Master's Degree in Arts from the Tribhuvan University (TU), Nepal.

**This is his first time in Geneva and his first attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

## PALAU



**Ms. Joann Risong Tarkong, Inter-Agency Coordinator on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of State**

Ms. Joann Risong Tarkong also known as “Risong” is the Inter-Agency Coordinator on Human Rights and Foreign Affairs in the Ministry of State of the National Government of the Republic of Palau. She has received several trainings and workshops on Human Rights on treaty bodies including on the Universal Periodic Report and related Human Rights processes and preparations. She was Secretary on Palau’s First UPR National

Report Committee and was part of Palau’s delegation presentation of its UPR National Report in Geneva in May of 2011.

Her duty involves coordinating and collaborating reports on Human Rights treaty bodies and related works with various Ministries and Agencies of the National Government of Palau including working closely with the Attorney Generals Office and the public and private sector.

Ms. Tarkong graduated with a Bachelors Degree on “Law & Society” from the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), California, USA.

**This is her first time in Geneva and her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council**

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA



**Ms. Anna Konara Mokono, Foreign Service Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs**

Ms. Mokono is a Foreign Service Officer of the International Organizations Branch in the Multilateral Development Cooperation Division in the Department of Foreign Affairs since 2015. She deals specifically with UN organizations in the field of Human Rights. Her responsibilities include liaising and coordinating all mandated State agencies in monitoring, reporting and implementation of all Human Rights treaties that Papua New Guinea has ratified. This includes submission of timely reports requested by the UN

Treaty Bodies and Committees, facilitation of visits by Special Rapporteurs and providing guidance to the Department on various developments within the Human Rights space.

She is a member of the National Technical working Group on the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRI) in Papua New Guinea and sits in various Committees such as the CEDAW Working Committee, the UPR Taskforce and the Committee on the establishment of National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-Up (NMRF).

Ms. Mokono holds a Bachelor’s Degree in International Relations and Papua New Guinea Studies from the Divine Word University, Papua New Guinea and has attended several diplomatic trainings in Australia, New Zealand, and Chinese Taipei.

**This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council .**

## RWANDA



### **Ms. Raissa Gakuba, Senior State Attorney, Ministry of Justice**

Ms. Raissa Gakuba, has served as a Senior State Attorney within the International Justice & Judicial Cooperation Department at the Ministry of Justice since 2017.

She is a human rights and treaty body reporting specialist. She is in charge of preparing and submitting periodic reports to the relevant Treaty Bodies and human rights mechanisms, both at the UN level and regional level. Her department also serves as the focal point for all issues related to human rights, international justice and judicial cooperation.

In 2018, Ms. Gakuba attended a regional UPR workshop in Uganda organised by the OHCHR, to increase understanding of current practices of the UN human rights mechanisms in general, and the UPR in particular.

She was also recently part of the delegation that presented the state report on the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Ms. Gakuba is fluent in French and English and proficient in Spanish. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Law with Human Rights Law from the University of Kent.

**This is her first time in Geneva and her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.**

## SOMALIA



### **Mr. Mohamed Elmi, Human Rights Advisor, Ministry of Women and Human Rights,**

Mr. Elmi currently works with the Ministry of Women and Human Rights of the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) to manage and develop human rights programs and projects, including the coordination of the establishment process of the National Human Rights Commission, he drafted the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle UPR National Report of Somalia, he is working on the implementation of the comprehensive National Human Rights Roadmap and ensuring that key stakeholders are included in this process.

Mr. Elmi previously worked as a Policy Consultant on social and human rights in the Netherlands, an advisor on social inclusion of migrants/refugees, and a Human Rights and International Law Advisor to the Office of the Somali President of Somalia.

Mr. Elmi holds a Master Degree (LL.M.) in International Law (focus on Human Rights and International Public Law) from Tilburg University, the Netherlands, 2011. He also holds a Bachelor Degree in Dutch and EU Law from Tilburg University, the Netherlands, 2009.

**This is his first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.**



## VANUATU



### **Ms. Angelyne Glenda Dovo, Parliamentary Counsel, State Law Office**

Ms. Dovo is the Parliamentary Counsel of the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu at the State Law Office. She is in charge of the drafting of all Government Legislation to Parliament and works with a team of other legislative drafters.

Ms. Dovo is also the Chairlady of the Vanuatu National Human Rights Committee. She was part of the Vanuatu Delegation for the Presentation of Vanuatu's 3<sup>rd</sup> UPR Report in January 2019 before the UN UPR Committee.

Ms. Dovo holds a Law Degree from the Law School of the University of the South Pacific in Port Vila Vanuatu and a Diploma in Legislative Drafting from the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji.

**This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

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