
BIOGRAPHIES OF FELLOWS ATTENDING THE 2017 LDCs/SIDS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

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| 1. Cambodia (Kingdom of) | Ms. Heng Somoly |
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Cambodia (Kingdom of)



Ms. Heng Somoly

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Ms. Heng Somoly has been the Official in charge of Human Rights Related Works in the General Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation since March 2016. She has also served since July 2016 as Representative Member from Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Cambodian Human Rights Committee (CHRC), where she participates in the Working Group on Human Rights Treaty Report to the United Nations. Prior to that, Ms. Somoly served in 2015 as an intern in the Royal Embassy of Cambodia to the Republic of Korea in Seoul, and in the Asia II Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Cambodia.

Ms. Somoly holds a Higher Ranking Civil Servant Diploma from the Royal School of Administration, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Economic Informative Technology from the Royal University of Law and Economics, and an L.L.B degree, First Class, from the Royal University of Law and Economics.

Subject of Research Paper: "Examining the Rights and Minimum Standards for the Protection the Rights of Victim of Human Trafficking"

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

Malawi (Republic of)



Ms. Lumbani Mwafulirwa

Senior State Advocate
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Ms. Lumbani Mwafulirwa has been Senior State Advocate in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs since 2013. She is responsible for providing advice to government ministries and departments on human rights. She ensures government compliance to obligations undertaken under international treaties and conventions. His engagement with international and intergovernmental bodies on legal matters includes negotiating contracts and agreements on behalf of the government of Malawi.

Ms. Mwafulirwa is currently part of the legal team working on the compilation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention against Torture, the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights, and the Maputo Protocol (2nd cycle reporting). Prior to that, Ms. Mwafulirwa was part of the legal team that appeared before the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. She also participated in the legal team compiling the international convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In addition, she organized the quarterly meeting to assess the Universal Periodic Review, whose recommendations were accepted in 2016.

Ms. Mwafulirwa holds a Bachelor's degree in Law (Hons.) from the University of Malawi, Chancellor College.

Subject of Research Paper: "Assessment of Malawi's past contributions to the work of the Human Rights Council in light of challenges faced by LDCs: Examining options for strengthening and enhancing Malawi's participation in Human Rights Council mechanisms and subsidiary bodies."

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Marshall Islands (Republic of the)



Ms. Andrea C. Muller

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Ms. Andrea C. Muller has been a Foreign Service Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Marshall Islands since January 2017. She assists with drafting official communications and diplomatic notes for the Secretary and Minister, as well as memoranda and other types of communications between the Ministry and other RMI government ministries and agencies or foreign governments. She analyzes reports and information supplied by overseas Missions and provide policy recommendations. She is responsible for maintaining, strengthening, and promoting cordial relations between the RMI and its multilateral partners. In addition, she ensures that other government ministries, agencies, and interested parties are kept informed regarding multilateral and international opportunities, capacity building initiatives, and other related opportunities. From July 2016- Dec. 2016, Ms. Muller was Executive Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where she maintained Ministry documents and Cabinet Minutes. In addition, she served as an Administrative Assistant, processing Imprest Funds, assisting the Assistant Secretary of Management with the management/monitoring of RMI Embassy funds/reimbursements, as well as managing HOME Office funds. Ms. Muller holds a Bachelors of Arts in International Relations from Chaminade University of Honolulu.

Subject of Research Paper: "How can the Marshall Islands prepare for the 3rd cycle of UPR coming up in May 2020? In the perspective of Human rights to the Foreign Policy of the Marshall Islands."

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

Mauritania (Islamic Republic of)



Ms. Warda Mohamed Khouye

Ms. Warda Mohamed Khouye is an Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. She assists the Department of Asian and American Affairs, to ensure the successful transmission of documents with Asian countries. Prior to that, she was the assistant of the Human Resources' Director at the Mauritania Cooperation Enterprise (MCE), and a member of the Provisional Electoral Council of the district of Dar Naim.

Ms. Warda Mohamed Khouye holds a Master's degree in Economy and Management and a Diploma of Foreign affairs officer from the National School of Administration, Journalism and Judiciary.

Subject of Research Paper: "Fighting discrimination against women in Mauritania."

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

Mme Warda Mohamed Khouye est Conseillère au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et de la Coopération de la République Islamique de Mauritanie. Au sein de la direction des affaires asiatiques et américaines, elle s'assure de la bonne transmission des documents avec les pays d'Asie. Auparavant, elle a été assistante du Directeur des ressources humaines de la Mauritanienne de Construction et d'Équipement (MCE) et membre du Conseil électoral provisoire de la circonscription de Dar Naim.

Mme Warda Mohamed Khouye est titulaire d'un Master en économie et gestion et d'un diplôme de conseiller des affaires étrangères de l'École Nationale d'Administration, de Journalisme, et de Magistrature.

Sujet de sa recherché : **"Lutte contre la discrimination à l'égard des femmes en Mauritanie."**

C'est sa première fois à Genève et sa première fois de participer à une session régulière du CDH .

Samoa (Independent state of)



Ms. Elizabeth Kitty Ledua Tagi

State Solicitor
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Office of the Attorney General

Ms. Tagi has been State Solicitor in the Civil Division, Commercial and International Relations of the Office of the Attorney General since August 2016. She is responsible for providing legal research, advice and representation as requested by the Assistant Attorney General or Attorney General. In addition, she assists in providing quality opinions on and reviews or draft of international documents including conventions, treaties, bilateral and multilateral agreements. She provides legal advice for the Global Environmental Fund – United Nations Development Programme (GEF-UNDP) Project Board as well as CEDAW Committee/Taskforce under the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development. Prior to that, Ms. Tagi served as an intern in the Political Governance & Security Division of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. She assisted the International Legal Adviser in providing advice to forum members on good governance, electoral observance, human rights, security, conflict prevention and human security. In addition, she assisted the International Legal Adviser with reviews of bilateral and multilateral agreements between forum members, providing analytical review and analysis of proposed international agreements as well as research on governance and security issues within the forum island member countries. Ms. Tagi holds a Bachelor of Law, a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Politics as well as professional diplomas in Legal Practice and Legislative Drafting from the University of the South Pacific.

Subject of Research Paper: "Assessing the effective utilization of the existing Human Rights Council's platform and mechanisms to increase Samoa's compliance on its human rights obligations."

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