

BIOGRAPHIES OF LDCs/SIDS DELEGATES ATTENDING HRC34

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Bhutan



Mr. Thinlay Norbu

Senior Desk Officer Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Thinlay Norbu has served as Senior Desk Officer in the Policy and Planning Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bhutan since 2014. He is responsible for all Human Rights issue, including matters on Refugees and Migration. He is also the focal point for International Committee for Red Cross (ICRC) and “Bhutan for Life” a joint effort of the Royal Government of Bhutan, WWF and other partners and is a ‘Project Finance for Permanence (PFP)’ mechanism to provide sustained flow of fund to manage Bhutan’s protected areas and biological corridors for effective management. From 2011 to 2014 he was Second Secretary (Head of Chancery) in the Royal Bhutanese Embassy in Bangkok. In addition, he was liaison officer and served in the Department of Protocol in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Norbu holds a Bachelor’s in Humanity (History and Political Science) from St. Joseph’s College in Darjeeling, India, and a Master’s in Diplomacy and International Affairs from Rangsit International University in Bangkok, Thailand. **This is his first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council**

Cabo Verde



Luis Olegário Monteiro Sanches

Director of Human Resources, Ministry of Foreign Affairs -
Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the National
Commission for Human Rights

Mr. Sanches has served as a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the National Commission for Human Rights since October 2016. Joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2003, he has served as an adviser for legal and institutional affairs. In addition, he has served in the Embassy of Cape Verde to the Federative Republic of Brazil and in the Diplomatic and Consular Inspection Service. He has also been the national focal point for relations with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization. Mr. Sanches holds a degree in law from the Universidade Lusitana in Lisbon. **This is his first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

Jamaica



Ms. Shae-Alicia Lewis

Acting Assistant Director International Organizations Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Ms. Lewis is currently the Assistant Director (Acting) of the International Organizations Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, where she has been employed for the past ten years. She prepares and coordinates submission of Jamaica's human rights treaty reports, in addition to monitoring and analysing international and regional human rights developments. Between 2010 and 2015, Ms. Lewis served as First

Secretary/Student Affairs Coordinator in the Embassy of Jamaica in Havana, Cuba, as well as Counsellor in the Embassy of Jamaica in Caracas, Venezuela, where she coordinated political, economic, consular and administrative activities. Prior to her overseas assignments, she also served as a Desk Officer for the UN General Assembly Third and Fourth Committees, with special focus on the rights of women and children, and trafficking in persons. Ms. Lewis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, and a Master of Science in Government (International Relations) from the University of the West Indies (Kingston, Jamaica). **This is her first time in Geneva and attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

Marshall Islands



Molly M. Helkena

Assistant Secretary: Programming, Planning & Assessment, Ministry
of Internal Affairs

Ms. Helkena has been the Assistant Secretary of Program Planning & Assessment in the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Government of the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) since October 2011. She currently supervises the Community Development Division, which includes the Human

Rights, Gender, Youth, and Disability Office. Several projects that were under her supervision and have been endorsed by the Government are, National Study on Health and Safety, RMI Child Equity Atlas, and RMI National Gender Equality Policy, National Universal Periodical Report, National CEDAW Report and National Child Rights Report. Prior to joining the Ministry of Internal Affairs, she worked in the Ministry of Education for 12 years in which she held several Director positions. Ms. Helkena holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from Western Oregon University and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from San Diego State University. **This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

Micronesia (Federated States of)



Norleen Oliver

Gender Development Officer, Department of Health and Social Affairs

Ms. Norleen Oliver has been working as Gender Development Officer in the Department of Health and Social Affairs in Palikir since March 2016. She is responsible for the national coordination of the implantation activities of the national agenda on gender issues/policies with close collaboration with the four FSM States. In addition, she is responsible for securing financial and technical support from regional and international partners to support the nation's response to gender issues. She is also responsible for the CEDAW report and is also on the Human Rights Taskforce charged with all other Human Rights treaties that the FSM is a state party to and mandated to report on. Prior to that, Ms. Oliver was the Program and Performance Improvement Manager for the National Public Health Improvement Initiative. She was a FSM resource/technical person for public health accreditation readiness and quality improvement trainings in the four FSM states. She was also the Systems Administrator and Registry Coordinator for the immunization program in the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs. Prior to that a part time instructor at the National College of the FSM. Ms. Oliver holds a Bachelor of Technical Management from DeVry University in USA, a Bachelor of Business Studies from Massey University in New Zealand and Masters in Public Health with concentration on Health Policy and Administration. **This is her first time in Geneva and attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

Myanmar



Aye Lei Mon

Head of Branch-2, International Organizations and Economic Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms. Aye Lei Mon joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Junior Assistant at Political Affairs Department in 2009. She was promoted as a Head of Branch-2/ Third Secretary in 2015 and transferred to the International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since April 2009. Prior to that, she was Attaché to the Consular and Legal Affairs Department. She also served as Junior Assistant in the Political Affairs Department. She has participated in workshops in Myanmar on the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights joined by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights as well as the Conventions against Torture and Rights of the Child. Ms. Mon holds a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Foreign Languages in Mandalay. **This is her first time in Geneva and attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

Papua New-Guinea



Fred Sarufa

Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Fred Sarufa is currently the Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations in New York since January 2015. Previously he served as Counsellor at the Papua New Guinea Permanent Mission to the United Nations from September 2012 to January 2015. He was also the Charge d' Affaires ad interim of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations from August 2015 to May 2016. Prior to his posting to New York, Mr. Sarufa was Director, Asia Branch, Political, Security and Treaties Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Papua New Guinea (2010-2012). He also served as Director, International Organizations Branch, Political, Security and Treaties Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Papua New Guinea (2007 - 2009). He also served as the First Secretary, Embassy of Papua New Guinea in Jakarta, Indonesia (1999 - 2006). Mr. Sarufa holds a Masters Degree (International Relations) from the University of Wollongong (New South Wales, Australia) and a Bachelor of Arts (International Relations, Politics and Public Administration) from the University of Papua New Guinea.

Senegal



Abdoulaye Keita

Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Abdoulaye Keita has been Counselor of Foreign Affairs in the Human Rights, Litigations and Consultations Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad in Senegal since August 2016. He is in charge of human rights questions and litigations. Prior to that, he served as First Counselor in charge of political, economic and educational questions first in Morocco and, then, in Mali. He has also served as Counselor in the Western Africa (Africa and Asia) Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad. Mr.

Keita holds a Bachelor's degree in Literature, a diploma of Archivist-Documentalist from the Ecole des Sciences de l'Information in Rabat, as well as a Certificate from the Diplomatic Section of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Dakar. **This is his first time in Geneva attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council**

Timor Leste



Cidália do Rosário da Cruz

Chief of Legal Translation Department, Ministry of Justice

Ms. Cidália do Rosário da Cruz is currently Chief of Legal Translation Department in the Ministry of Justice of Timor-Leste. She is also the Focal Point for the Working Committee on Trafficking in Persons within the CPLP (Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries) as well as a member of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons of Timor-Leste. Prior to that, she participated in the Sixth Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime. In addition, she has been Interpreter for the national seminar organized by the National Parliament on gender and equality. Ms. Cidália do Rosário da Cruz's educational background includes five years at the Universidade Nacional TimorLorosa'e. She has also participated in legal translation and terminology training. She has degree in Portuguese Language Teaching. She is also a finalist student of the Law Faculty at Universidade Nacional Timor Loro Sa'e . **This is her first time in Geneva and attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

Tonga



Polotu Fakafanua - Paunga (Akanesi Feangatapu Paunga)

Deputy CEO & Head of Women's Affairs Division Ministry of Internal Affairs

Ms. Polotu Fakafanua - Paunga (Akanesi Feangatapu Paunga) has been Deputy CEO & Head of Women's Affairs Division in the Ministry of Internal Affairs since July 2012, focusing on gender and social inclusion. She has also been responsible for the review of budgets and accounts at national and local levels for the Division. From 2014 to 2016 she served as a freelance consultant to the UNDP and the government of Tonga to develop an analysis report on youth engagement. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office and Deputy Director and Head of Women's Department in the Ministry of Education, Women's Affairs and Culture, providing advice on strategic policies on gender issues and budget allocation. She has been the Supervisor for the project to develop legislation protecting women and has helped to build strategic partnerships with line Ministries, the private sector, NGOs and other partners. She also served in the Prime Minister's Office as the Focal Point for the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the development of the first national MDG report. Ms. Paunga holds a Bachelor's in English and a Master's degree from Auckland University in New Zealand. **This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**

Trinidad and Tobago



Ian Rampersad

Director, International Law and Human Rights Unit,
Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs

Mr. Rampersad has been the Director of the International Law and Human Rights Unit in the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago since 2013. In addition to providing legal opinions to the Attorney General on international law, he coordinates reports for submission to the United Nations on treaty obligations under international human rights instruments to which Trinidad and Tobago is a party. From 2010 to 2013, Mr.

Rampersad was the Senior Legal Executive in the International Law and Human Rights Unit of the Ministry of the Attorney General. Prior to that, he served as its legal officer, completing numerous National Human Rights reports and international convention briefs acceded to by Trinidad and Tobago. He has also represented Trinidad and Tobago before the Human Rights Council in Geneva. Mr. Rampersad holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of London and post-graduate diplomas in international relations and mediation studies from the University of West Indies. He holds a Master's of Law in legal practice management from Staffordshire University with a specialization in human rights reporting. **This is his first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.**