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Angola (Republic of)



Leticia Catxivile Martins

3rd Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms. Leticia Catxivile Martins is 3rd Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has worked in the Directorate for Multilateral Affairs of the Ministry since 2011. She is responsible for follow-up on the Convention on Rights of the Elderly and the Convention on Persons with Disabilities as well as the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, UNICEF, and the UN Commission on Drugs and Crime.

Currently, Ms. Martins is a member of the Intersectoral Committee for the Elaboration of a National Report on Human Rights. In addition, she is a member of the National Institute for Fear Against Drugs, and she has worked with UNICEF to adopt UN resolutions concerning drug addiction in Angola.

Prior to that, Ms. Martins participated in the Conference relative to the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the 13th UN Congress on Crimes and Criminal Justice, and the Regional Seminar on Universal Periodic Review.

Ms. Martins holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of Lusiada in Angola. Her main disciplines are geopolitics, geostrategies and political sociology.

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



Belize

Mr. Maximiliano Ruiz



Foreign Service Officer
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Maximiliano Ruiz has been a Foreign Service Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belize since 1998. He is responsible for bilateral relations on political/diplomatic, economic and cooperation issues with the European Union and EU Member States, South America

Member States, Mexico, Cuba and Central and Eastern European countries. In addition, at the multilateral level, he is the Desk Officer for the United Nations and the alternate for Trade matters with the World Trade Organization (WTO). He is also the National Liaison Assistant (NLA) officer to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). He serves as Desk Officer for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), EU-CELAC, and as alternate to the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA) and the Central American Integration System – Security matters (SICA-ESCA). He is a member of the Belize Trade Technical Team. Prior to that, Mr. Ruiz was responsible for Latin America Member States and Canada, and served as Desk Officer for International Trade and International Security matters with the UNSC and SICA. At the multilateral level, he was responsible for candidatures, the United Nations (Human Rights Council), United Nations Security Council, Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), the Central American Integration System (SICA), and the Mesoamerican Project, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

Mr. Ruiz holds a Bachelors degree in International Relations from the Faculty of Advanced Studies in International Relations of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and a Global MBA in Global Management from Thunderbird, School of Global Management, Arizona State University, USA.

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



Guinea-Bissau (Republic of)



Ms. Basiliana Hopffer Soares Tavares

Director of the United Nations Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and
Communities

Ms. Basiliana Hopffer Soares Tavares is currently Director of the United Nations Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Communities.

Prior to that, she served as an expert to the Third Committee of UN General Assembly for social, cultural and humanitarian affairs, participating in the UN Ordinaries Sessions from 1995 -1997, 2000 – 2013 and 2015-2016. She has participated in many international events and negotiations since 2000, including the 4th Ministerial Conference of the Forum of the Sino-African Cooperation in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, November 2009 and the 26th Ordinary Session of the Council of Mediation and Security of the Economical Community of the States of Western Africa (ECOWAS) in Bissau, March 2009.

In addition, she has served as an expert for electoral issues. She has participated in the ECOWAS Electoral Observations since 2008, most recently as ECOWAS Observer, Deputy Coordinator of EKITY Region to the General Elections in Nigeria in March 2015.

Ms. Hopffer Soares Tavares Holds a Master Degree of Arts with a specialty in International Relations from the Ukrainian Institute of Internationals Relations at Kiev State University.

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

Mali (Republic of)



Mr. Mahamadou Ouedraogo

Foreign affairs advisor

Permanent secretary of the inter-ministerial Committee

Mr. Mahamadou Ouedraogo, foreign affairs conseller, is Head of Department of Research and General Studies since November 2016 to the Legal Department. He is also permanent secretary at the inter-ministerial Committee supporting the drafting of initial and periodic reports on the implementation of Conventions ratified by Mali (CIMERAP Mali).

He negotiates international treaties and oversees the ratification process; monitor the implementation of international conventions; deals with human rights and counter-terrorism issues, chemical weapons conventions issues, environmental treaties, AUO/AU, ECOWAS and WAEMU; provides legal advices on different matters; drafts the pre-periodic reports of Mali for the implementation of international human rights instruments.

From November 2010 to July 2016, Mr Mahamadou Ouedraogo was Vice-Consul in Cameroun.

Mr Ouedraogo holds a bachelor's degree in law and attended the Malian National School for Administration.

This is his first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council

Mr Mahamadou Ouedraogo, Conseiller des Affaires Etrangères, est Chef de Département de la Recherche et des Etudes Générales à la Direction des Affaires Juridiques depuis novembre 2016. Il occupe aussi le poste de Secrétaire permanent du Comité Interministériel d'appui à l'élaboration des rapports initiaux et périodiques de mise en œuvre des Conventions ratifiées par le Mali (CIMERAP).

Il est en charge de l'élaboration et de la négociation des traités internationaux ; supervise la procédure de ratification ; s'assure du suivi et de leur mise en œuvre ; gère les questions relatives aux droits de l'Homme et de la lutte contre le terrorisme ; traite les dossiers OUA/UA, CEDEAO, UEMOA, les conventions sur les armes chimiques et les traités sur l'environnement ; donne des conseils juridiques sur différents dossiers ; élabore les rapports pré-périodiques du Mali visant à la mise en œuvre des instruments juridiques internationaux relatifs aux droits de l'Homme.

De novembre 2010 à juillet 2016, Mr Mahamadou Ouedraogo occupait le poste de vice-consul du Mali au Cameroun.

Mr Mahamadou Ouedraogo a une maîtrise en droit et a fréquenté l'école nationale d'administration au Mali.

C'est sa première fois à une session ordinaire du Conseil des droits de l'homme