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**(26 February—24 March 2018)**

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| <b>7. Haiti</b>                           | <b>Mr. Francois Dessources</b>            |
| <b>8. Mozambique</b>                      | <b>Mr. Juvenal Francisco Monjane</b>      |
| <b>9. Nepal</b>                           | <b>Mr. Ram Babu Dhakal</b>                |
| <b>10. South Sudan</b>                    | <b>Ms. Agnes A. Oswaha</b>                |
| <b>11. St. Vincent and the Grenadines</b> | <b>Mr. Westford Joseph</b>                |
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## Afghanistan



**Mr. Suhrab Wali**

Desk Officer

Directorate for Human Rights and Women's International Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Suhrab Wali has been an Official of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan since 2014. Previously Mr. Wali held the positions of Dean of Faculty of Law & Political Science and Acting Dean of Faculty of Economics at the Ghalib University, Afghanistan. He has also worked as a Public Affairs Advisor for the Afghanistan Institute of Democracy in Mazar e Sharif, Afghanistan.

Mr. Wali holds an LL.M. (Master of Law) Degree in International Law from Payam e Nor, Kabul, Afghanistan and an M.A. Degree in Political Science from Karnataka State Open University.

[This is his first time in Geneva and first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.](#)

## Antigua and Barbuda



**Ms. Maureen Hyman**

Parliamentary Secretary/Junior Minister

Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, National Security, and Labour

Ms. Maureen Hyman is currently employed by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda in the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, National Security, and Labour as the Parliamentary Secretary/Junior Minister. She is also a member of the Parliament and a Senator in the Upper House (reappointed in 2014), and has served as a Magistrate in Antigua and Barbuda for 15 years until 2007.

She also works closely with the Attorney General and the Environment Department on issues relating to law and policy, and represents Antigua on the Negotiating Committee on the regional agreement on the access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Prior to that, Ms. Hyman was appointed as Justice of the Peace in 1989 by the Lord Chancellor of the United Kingdom, and served as a magistrate in the Middlesex Petty Sessions Area in the district of Brent for almost five years before immigrated to Antigua and Barbuda.

Ms. Hyman holds a Master of Arts (B.A.) (Hons) in Law from Middlesex University, UK, 1980, a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Socio-Legal Studies from Thames Valley University, UK, 1993, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from University of the West Indies, Caribbean, 1999.

[This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.](#)

## Bahamas (Commonwealth of)



### **Ms. Charice Abigail Rolle**

First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to the United Nations in New York

Ms. Charice Abigail Rolle has been First Secretary of Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the United Nations, New York, USA since 2015. She is also an Elections Officer and is the Bahamas Alternate Representative to the Third Committee and related organs.

Prior to that, Ms. Rolle was a Senior Foreign Service Officer of Minister of Foreign Affairs of The Bahamas. In this capacity, she was Deputy to the Head of Section in overseeing the programmatic tasks necessary for the functioning of the International Relations Division and Coordinator of the Public Awareness Raising Group of the Bahamas Task Force on Trafficking in Persons Committee.

Ms. Rolle also worked as Project Officer in Human Development of Ministry of Financial Services (seconded) of The Bahamas. During this period, she was a member of the Bahamas Inter-Ministerial Trafficking in Persons Committee and the Bahamas Anti-Piracy Committee.

Ms. Rolle holds a Master of Arts Degree in Politics from Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, 2001, a Master of Arts Degree of International Relations from Keele University, Stoke-on-Trent, England in 1998, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree of Political Science from Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia in 1995.

[This is her first time in Geneva and first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.](#)

## Bangladesh



### **Mr. Md Showeb Abdullah**

Assistant Secretary

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Md Showeb Abdullah has been serving as an Assistant Secretary of the United Nations Wing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since December 2016. He is responsible for dealing with human rights issues including working for country reports under ICCPR, ICESCR and UPR. His duties also extend to questions of peace and security such as UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding. Mr. Abdullah is currently working on the Bangladeshi National Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle of Universal Period Review in April/May 2018. Moreover, currently he is dealing with the Rohingya crisis.

Mr. Abdullah has previously worked as Assistant Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign affairs with various positions of responsibility.

Mr. Abdullah holds a Master of Science Degree and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Statistics from the University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2010 and 2009 respectively.

[This is his first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.](#)



**Ms. Claphe Christine Ntunzwenimana**

Advisor in the Department of Treaty Bodies, Universal Periodic Review, Special Procedures and Other UN Mechanisms

Ministry of Human Rights, Social Affairs and Gender

Ms. Claphe Christine Ntunzwenimana works at the Ministry of Human Rights, Social Affairs and Gender of Burundi. Since November 2016, she has been Advisor to the Department of Treaty Organs, Special Procedures and Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations and Other Mechanisms of the Ministry with human rights in their attributions. Previously, from December 2014 to November 2016, she was Advisor to the Cabinet of the Minister of the aforementioned Ministry. At the same time, she is currently a member of the Permanent Inter-ministerial Committee for Drafting Initial and Periodic Reports of the United Nations, since February 2016.

Ms. Claphe Christine Ntunzwenimana, in connection with her duty of promotion and protection of human rights, benefited of a training in human rights organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Ministry of Human Rights, Social Affairs and Gender of Burundi.

Ms. Claphe-Christine Ntunzwenimana holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Burundi.

[This is her first participation in a regular session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.](#)

*Mme Claphe Christine Ntunzwenimana exerce ses fonctions au Ministère des Droits de la Personne Humaine, des Affaires Sociales et du Genre du Burundi. Depuis novembre 2016, elle est Conseillère au département des Organes des Traités, Procédures Spéciales et Examen périodique Universel des Nations Unies et Autres Mécanismes du Ministère ayant les droits humains dans ses attributions. Auparavant, de décembre 2014 à novembre 2016, elle a été Conseillère au Cabinet du Ministre du ministère précité. Parallèlement, elle est actuellement membre du Comité Interministériel Permanent de rédaction des rapports initiaux et périodiques des Nations Unies, depuis février 2016.*

*Mme Claphe Christine Ntunzwenimana, en rapport avec ses prérogatives de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme, elle a bénéficié d'une formation en droits de l'homme organisée par l'Office du Haut-commissariat des Nations unies aux Droits de l'Homme et le Ministère des Droits de la Personne Humaine, des Affaires Sociales et du Genre du Burundi.*

*Mme Claphe-Christine Ntunzwenimana est titulaire d'un Licence en Droit obtenue à l'Université du Burundi.*

*C'est sa première participation à une session ordinaire du Conseil des Droits de l'Homme à Genève.*



**Mr. Jean Paul Owondje Yango**

Magistrate Research Officer in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration

Mr. Jean Paul Owondje Yango is, since January 2017, Research Officer in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration and Expert of the Inter-ministerial Commission for Human Rights of the Democratic Republic of Congo. A magistrate by training, he served as a Judge at the High Court of Kinshasa/Matete (2008 to 2013) and Kisangani (2013 to 2017). He has, among other things, been supervisor and president of the jury in the recruitment of new magistrates (promotion 2010-2011), and in 2013, responsible for the training of magistrates in the city of Kikwit.

Mr. Jean Paul Owondje Yango holds a Bachelor's degree in Internal Public Law obtained at the University of Kinshasa. He has also followed several national and international trainings and seminars.

[This is his first time to attend a regular session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.](#)

*Mr. Jean Paul Owondje Yangoest, depuis janvier 2017, Chargé d'Etudes au Cabinet du Vice-Premier Ministre, Ministre des Affaires Etrangères et de l'Intégration Régionale et Expert de la Commission Interministérielle des Droits de l'Homme de la République Démocratique du Congo. Magistrat de formation, il a occupé la fonction de Juge au Tribunal de Grande Instance de Kinshasa/Matete (2008 à 2013) et de Kisangani (2013 à 2017). Il a, entre autres, été superviseur et président du jury dans le recrutement des nouveaux magistrats (promotion 2010-2011), et en 2013, responsable de la formation de magistrats dans la ville de Kikwit.*

*Mr. Jean Paul Owondje Yango est titulaire d'une Licence en Droit Public Interne obtenue à l'Université de Kinshasa. Il a également suivi plusieurs formations et séminaires nationaux et internationaux.*

*C'est sa première participation à une session ordinaire du Conseil des Droits de l'Homme à Genève.*



### Mr. Francois Dessources

First Assistant at the Legal Affairs Department

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Since April 2015, Mr. Francois Dessources is the First Assistant at the Legal Affairs Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Haiti. He also worked in the Economic Affairs and Cooperation Department then in the Consular Affairs Department. Prior that, he was “Attaché” in the Department of Consular Affairs and in the Legal Affairs Department.

Mr. Francois Dessources holds a Bachelor degree in Law from the Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences of the University of State of Haiti and a Master degree in International Relations (option International Cooperation) in 2007 at the University of Panama, Panama.

He already have an experience with the United Nations process by attending the 57<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the United Nations at New York from September to October 2002.

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

*Depuis avril 2015, M. François Dessources est le Premier Assistant au Département des Affaires Juridiques du Ministère des Affaires Etrangères de Haïti. Il a également travaillé au Département des Affaires Economiques et de la Coopération, puis au Département des Affaires Consulaires. Auparavant, il était « Attaché » au Département des Affaires Consulaires et au Département des Affaires Juridiques.*

*M. François Dessources est titulaire d'une Licence en Droit de la Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Economiques de l'Université d'État d'Haïti, ainsi que d'un Master en Relations Internationales (option Coopération Internationale) obtenu en 2007 à l'Université du Panama au Panama.*

*Ayant assisté à la 57<sup>ème</sup> Assemblée Générale des Nations Unies à New York de septembre à octobre 2002, il a déjà une expérience du processus des Nations Unies.*

*C'est sa première participation à une session ordinaire du Conseil des droits de l'homme à Genève.*



### Mr. Juvenal Francisco Monjane

Minister Counsellor

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

Mr. Juvenal Francisco Monjane is a Desk Officer for Human Rights at the Directorate for International Organizations and Conferences.

Prior to that he was a Desk officer at the Directorate for Africa and Middle East; Third Secretary at the Embassy of the Republic of de Mozambique, Havana, Cuba; First Secretary and Counsellor at the Embassy of the Republic of Mozambique in charge of political affairs and the Portuguese Speaking Countries Community, CPLP, Lisbon, Portugal; Minister Counsellor at Embassy of the Republic of Mozambique in Harare, Republic of Zimbabwe.

He was Deputy Director at the Directorate for International Organizations and Conferences and for the Directorate of Europe and Americas.

Mr. Monjane holds a Master Degree in Social Sciences, Quaid I Azam University, 1991, Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

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



## Nepal



### **Mr. Ram Babu Dhakal**

Under Secretary

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Ram Babu Dhakal, currently the Under Secretary in UN, International Organizations and International Law Division and Information Officer and Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is responsible for human rights, international law, UN's cooperation in Nepal, and elections of UN bodies. Since 1984 joined in the foreign service, he has served in different diplomatic posts in Geneva (1991-95), Colombo (1996-1998), New York (2002-2006). Recently, he was Deputy Chief of Mission and Deputy Permanent Delegate of Nepal to UNESCO, Embassy of Nepal, Paris from 2012 to 2017 and alternate representative of Nepal to the Executive Board of UNESCO from 2013 to 2017. While in New York, he looked after matters of Third Committee and was elected to the bureaux of UNGA Sixth Committee (2004-2005) and Fifth Committee (2006) as Vice-Chair.

Mr. Dhakal has worked on the preparations for the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights, the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action, and the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document of UNGA. He had presented Nepal's initial reports to the Committee Against Torture and the Human Rights Committee in 1994. He has extensive experience of negotiations and meetings, drafting reports, statements and national positions on issues of interest, delegate to Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNCEF and UNIFEM. He has also participated in host of multilateral meetings on human rights, refugees (UNHCR), international humanitarian law, law of the sea, trade and development (UNCTAD, ITC, GATT), labor (ILO), environment and health (WHO) and of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

Mr. Dhakal holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) on Political Science and History (1985), Bachelor of Law (LL.B.) (1986), MPA (1988), LL.M. (2000) from Tribhuvan University of Nepal, LL.M. in USA, 2008, and studied J.S.D. (Ph.D.) in USA, 2010.



## South Sudan



### **Ms. Amb. Agnes Adlino Orifa Oswaha**

Director of Human Rights, Gender, Child and Social Welfare

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Amb. Agnes A. Oswaha serves as the Director of Human Rights, Gender, Child and Social Welfare at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFA&IC) since June 2017. She is also the Director of East African Community (EAC) Department at the MFA&IC since July 2015. Working closely with the South Sudan EAC Secretariat, Amb. Oswaha oversees the EAC file within the MFA&IC. In addition, Amb. Oswaha is a Member of the Board of Directors for the South Sudan Women's Empowerment Network (SSWEN), where she served as the Board Chairperson from September 2014-January 2018.

Between 2011 and 2012, Amb. Oswaha served as the Acting Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Sudan at the United Nations in New York. She had previously worked as the Director of Culture, Community and Consular Affairs for the Government of Southern Sudan Mission to the United States and the United Nations, working towards establishing the South Sudan embassy in Washington, D.C. and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Sudan to the United Nations in NY.

Amb. Oswaha is a graduate student at the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University. She holds a Master of Social Work (MSW) and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law, Society and Justice with a double major in Political Science from the University of Washington, Seattle, USA.

[This is her first time in Geneva and first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.](#)

## St. Vincent and the Grenadines



**Mr. Westford Joseph**

Foreign Service Officer

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce

Mr. Westford Joseph is an Foreign Service Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines since March 2015.

Mr. Westford Joseph holds a *Bachelor of Science* in International Relations and Economics from the University of the West Indies, received with *Honours*. Additionally, he holds several Certificates of Participation, in particular for the Workshop on the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Member of their Families (CMW), and for the Capacity Building Workshop on the International Human Rights System with special emphasis on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

[This is his first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.](#)

## Yemen



**Mr. Esam Ali Muthanna Qasem**

General Director of International Organizations and Reports

Mr. Esam Ali Muthanna Qasem is currently the General Manager of international organizations & reports, at the Ministry of Human Rights of Yemen. He is also the founder & chairman of Executive Bureau of Organization for Human Rights, chairman of the Southern Bloc of Human Rights, a leader at the Youth and Student Support Forum, and a member of executive management of Aldhalea Charitable Organization for human rights affairs.

In addition, Mr. Qasem has taken courses of human rights, journalism, leadership, management and governance in Yemen, Jordan and international institutions, including OHCHR, UNSCIF, UNDP and DRC.