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## **Regional Workshop for LDCs/SIDS in the Caribbean Region, Georgetown, Guyana (19-20 November 2018)**

### **List of participants (as of 12 November 2018)**



## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



**Delegate HRC32 (Universal Session)**

### Dr. Vanessa A.M. Moe

#### Crown Solicitor

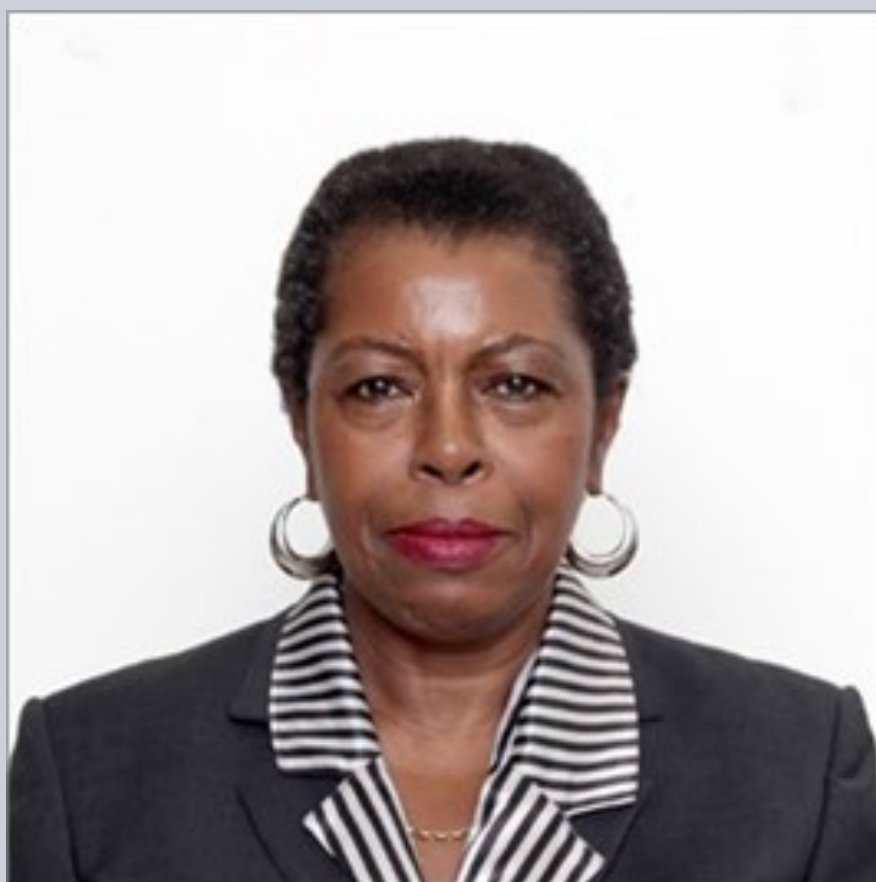
Having joined the Attorney General's Chambers as Crown Counsel in 2002, Dr. Moe had the opportunity to work in the area of Civil Litigation and Land Law. During the period 2003 –2004, she worked at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and was a recipient of the Romulo Gallegos Fellowship. Upon her return to the Office of the Attorney General, she assumed responsibility for matters on Anti-Corruption and International Law. Her thesis examined the strain between intellectual property and human rights while dealing with access to medicines in the Caribbean.

Her other areas of interest are in disability rights and gender equality. In February 2015, she was a participant and panellist at the Regional Conference on ICT and People with Disabilities. In June 2017, she also represented Antigua and Barbuda at the 10th Conference of State Parties on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the United Nations in New York.

Dr. Vanessa Moe, Attorney-at-Law, attained a LLB (Hons) and an LLM in International and Comparative Business Law at London Guildhall University in 1998 and 2001 respectively. She was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2001 at Lincoln's Inn, and in 2002 obtained the LEC and became a Member of the Bar in Antigua and Barbuda.

In 2018 she received a PhD Law from Queen Mary University of London.

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



Delegate HRC37

### Maureen Hyman

Parliamentary Secretary within Ministry of Justice, 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.

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - BAHAMAS



Delegate HRC37

### Charice Rolle

Head of the Economic, Trade and Sustainable Development Division of the Bahamas Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms. Rolle was First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the United Nations in New York from 2015-2018 where she served as the Alternate Representative to the Third Committee and related organs, and as an Elections Officer.

Ms. Rolle previously was Vice-Consul/Second Secretary in the Embassy of The Bahamas to the United States of America/ Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the Organisation of American States (OAS) in Washington, DC from 2006- 2010 where she served as Alternate Representative to the (OAS) Committees on Political and Juridical Affairs and Hemispheric Security, among others.

In addition, Ms. Rolle served as a Senior Foreign Service Officer of the Bahamas Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 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, Coordinator of the Public Awareness-Raising Group of the Bahamas Task Force on Trafficking in Persons Committee, Secretary of the Bahamas Delimitation Committee and member of the Bahamas Anti-Piracy Committee.

Ms. Rolle also worked as Project Officer for Human Development in the Bahamas Ministry of Financial Services (seconded).

Ms. Rolle holds a Master of Arts Degree (phil.) in Politics from Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, (2001), a Master of Arts Degree in International Relations from Keele University, Stoke-on-Trent, England (1998), a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia (1995) and an Associate of Arts Degree in English and Spanish from the College of The Bahamas, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas (1993).

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - BARBADOS



Fellow 2014

### Dr. Ricardo Kellman

#### Foreign Service Officer

Ricardo Kellman is currently stationed at the Permanent Mission of Barbados in Geneva and has been a member of Barbados' Foreign Service for nearly two decades.

From this position, and as a member of Barbados' National Human Rights Coordinating Committee, Dr. Kellman, works to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights at home.

His focus includes fostering effective institutions and mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights; improving Barbados' engagement in the United Nation's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process and the United Nations Treaty Body system.

Dr. Kellman possesses postgraduate degrees in Diplomatic History, International Commerce, International Relations and Public Policy.

Prior to the Foreign Service, he was employed as an Information Officer with the Government Information Service, before which he was a journalist working in the print and broadcast media in Barbados.

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - BELIZE



Delegate HRC36

### Maximiliano Ruiz

#### Foreign Service Officer

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.

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - DOMINICA



Delegate HRC35

### Shearlyn Joseph

Hemispheric Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs

Shearlyn J. Joseph has been a Foreign Service Officer at the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs since 2013. Ms. Joseph undertakes research, provides advise and implements the policies and programmes of the Government of Dominica pertaining to Dominica's membership and participation in hemispheric and regional organizations.

Prior to that post, Ms. Joseph was the Executive Assistant to the Ambassador of the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica to the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Ms. Joseph formed part of a committee mandated by the Ministry for Foreign and CARICOM Affairs to submit proposals for establishment of a National Mechanism for reporting and follow-up of the Universal Periodic Review.

Ms. Joseph holds a Bachelors Degree in Management Studies from the University of the West Indies and a Masters degree in Business and Commerce from the University of Western Sydney, Australia.

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - GRENADA



Delegate HRC30

### **Roxie Kasandra Mc Leish Hutchinson**

Foreign Service Officer, Desk Officer for Human Rights

Roxie K. Mc Leish Hutchinson is a Grenadian diplomat who currently serves as a Foreign Service Officer, with responsibility for Multilateral Affairs, in the Policy and Research Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

She carries eleven years' experience in the practice of diplomacy at bilateral, regional and international levels. She has served as Counsellor/Charge d' Affaires at Grenada's Permanent Mission to the European Union in Brussels and is actively involved in the conduct of Grenada's human rights and climate change diplomatic efforts.

She leads the National Coordinating Committee on Human Rights (NCCHR), a cabinet approved multi-stakeholder grouping which coordinates Grenada's reports to the Human Rights Council as well as other United Nations human rights treaty bodies.

Mrs. Mc Leish Hutchinson holds a Bachelor of Arts (Magna Cum Laude) in International Relations from the Florida International University in the USA and a Master of Contemporary Diplomacy (Distinction) from the University of Malta.



## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - HAITI



Delegate HRC37

### François 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 57th General Assembly of the United Nations at New York from September to October 2002.

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - GUYANA



Delegate HRC32 (Universal Session)

### Tamara M. Evelyn Khan

Legal advisor and Coordinator, Legal Adviser to the Prime Minister, Governance Department, Office of the Prime Minister

Mrs. Khan serves as the Legal Adviser to the Prime Minister, at the Office of the Prime Minister. She has held this portfolio since 2016.

Her key responsibilities are within the areas of governance, reforms and human rights.

Mrs. Khan works closely with a number of multilateral agencies and bilateral teams, negotiating on behalf of the Office of the Prime Minister with regard to relevant collaborations that stand to effect positive change in the areas of governance, human rights and constitutional reform.

Centrally also, working with the myriad government agencies forms a significant component of her work.

Mrs. Khan holds Bachelor of Arts degrees and post graduate certification in the fields of Law, English Literature and Education.

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - JAMAICA



**Delegate HRC30**

### **Nardia Patricia Andrews**

#### Legal Officer

Ms. Nardia Patricia Andrews is currently employed with the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority. Prior to this, she served for 8 ½ years at the Ministry of Justice in the Government of Jamaica in varying roles including Deputy Director of Legal Services, and Senior Director, Justice Policy Analysis and Development. Ms. Andrews, a practicing Attorney-at-Law in Jamaica, has been serving the Government of Jamaica since she was called to the bar in 2009. Her expertise extends as far as the areas of law, aviation, logistics/ transportation, to attendance at the Human Rights Council of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Her engagement at the Ministry of Justice, facilitated her tremendous exposure in preparation and finalisation of various International Human Rights Reports - Universal Periodic Review, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Reports, for the Government of Jamaica, while working along with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Attorney General's Chambers, and Jamaica's Permanent Mission in Geneva, Switzerland. She also participated in the consultation process and preparation of official documentation seeking Cabinet approval for the establishment of a National Human Rights Institute (NHRI) in Jamaica, which was under review prior to her departure from the Ministry of Justice.

In September 2015, she was afforded the opportunity by the Ministry of Justice - Government of Jamaica to participate in the Delegate Programme of the United Nations Office the High Commission for Human Rights, in Geneva, Switzerland. This invaluable opportunity also permitted her attendance at the Human Rights Council sitting in which Jamaica made its presentation. In October 2016, she also formed part of Jamaica's delegation which made submissions in Geneva, Switzerland at the Universal Periodic Review of Jamaica.

Her qualifications include a Masters of Business Administration in Aviation from the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, USA; a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of the West Indies (Upper Second Class Honours); and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science and International Relations from the University of the West Indies (Upper Second Class Honours).

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - JAMAICA



Delegate HRC34

### Shae-Alicia Lewis

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 eleven 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).

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - ST. KITTS AND NEVIS



Delegate HRC31

### Thouvia France

#### Foreign Service Officer

Ms. Thouvia France has been employed with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Aviation of St. Kitts for six (6) years.

Of those six years, she has served at the Permanent Mission of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations in New York from 2010 to 2015 where she served as Third Secretary. At the United Nations, she served initially on the Second Committee which deals with economic and financial issues including issues relating to economic growth, sustainable development, poverty eradication and financing for development. She later served on the Fifth Committee which is responsible for the Administration and Budgetary matters of the United Nations.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in St. Kitts and Nevis, Ms. France has most recently assumed responsibility for the geographical regions of Europe, the European Union and Turkey. Her other desk duties includes Human Rights Issues and Sustainable Development which have also been recently assigned.

Ms. France was assigned to the Latin America and Caribbean region prior to being assigned to Europe, with responsibility to the Community of Latin America and Caribbean States (CELAC), an organization that consists of 33 sovereign countries in the Americas representing roughly 600 million people.

Ms. France earned a Bachelor of Honors degree in Managing International Tourism at Leeds Beckett University in the United Kingdom.

Ms. Thouvia France lives on the sister island of Nevis, the smaller island of the twin island Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region - SAINT LUCIA



Fellowship 2015

### Bynta Ernest

Foreign Service Officer in the Ministry of External Affairs,  
International Trade and Civil Aviation, Saint Lucia

Ms. Ernest was selected to participate in the Fellowship in the capacity of a Foreign Service Officer in the then Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade and Civil Aviation. She was chosen as a participant given her role as Administrative Assistant in the compilation of Saint Lucia's national report for the Universal Periodic Review.

Ms. Ernest is desirous of Saint Lucia being more active in the Human Rights Council as well as establishes the necessary domestic mechanisms which will assist in making this possible. Her fellowship research study "*Strategic Plan for Saint Lucia Permanent Mission's engagement in the work of Human Rights Council: Options for defining priorities*", she hopes, provides some guidance in seeing this desire to fruition.

Ms. Ernest has a background in Communication, Criminal Justice and Monitoring and Evaluation for Development Programmes. Her current role at the Department of External of Affairs is as focal point for Human Rights and Communication, where she is tasked with the establishment of a National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-Up and managing the Department's new social media presence.

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region-St. Vincent and the Grenadines



Delegate HRC37

### Westford Joseph

Foreign Service Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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, currently assigned to the Permanent Mission of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations. He is one of the expert covering Third Committee and ECOSOC matters at the Permanent Mission.

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).

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region-St. Vincent and the Grenadines



Delegate HRC31

### Jinnelle Adams

Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, High Commission for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to UK

Ms. Jinnelle Adams has been working with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce for the past eight years.

Currently serving at the High Commission for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in London as Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, M. Adams was part of the Team that prepared the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' 2nd Cycle Universal Periodic Review Report in 2015 – 2016.

Prior to her being posted to London, Ms. Adams worked on the preparation of her Country's National Report to the Committee on the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. Ms. Adams holds a Master's in International law and a Master's in Diplomacy from the Australian National University, Australia, and a Bachelor's degree in International Business from the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, Malaysia.



## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region-SURINAME



**Delegate HRC27**

### **Armilia Tojosemito**

Head of the 'Division Africa, Australia and Oceania', Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Suriname

Ms. Armilia Tojosemito is currently the Head of the Division Africa, Australia and Oceania (Ag.) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Suriname. In this capacity she has the responsibilities to maintain the existing bilateral relations between Suriname and the countries of aforementioned continents, and to advise in regard to the policies of the countries.

Prior to serving in her current position, she has served as a Senior Legal Officer at the Legal Affairs and Treaties Division of aforementioned Ministry from 2005-2017. As a Senior Legal Officer she dealt with various issues, ranging from bilateral to various multilateral issues especially on Human Rights, and the preparations of agreements and legal documents.

Her expertise in human rights is acknowledged as she was a member of the National Committee follow-up and monitoring of the Universal Periodic Review Report (2014-2015). Ms. Tojosemito also participated in the 27th Meeting of the Human Rights Council in Genève (2014) and in the dialogue of the third Periodic Report of the Republic of Suriname on International Convention on Civil Cultural and Political Rights (ICCPR) during the 115th session of the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations (2015). She also assisted on the state reporting procedures under the United Nations CEDAW, CRC and ICCPR.

Ms. Armilia Tojosemito has a Master's degree in Law from the Anton de Kom University of Suriname (2009) and a certificate in the Human Rights Diploma Program (2011-2012) from the FHR Lim a Po Institute for Social Studies.

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region-SURINAME



Delegate HRC32 (Universal session)

### Jasmien Wijngaarde-Lijkwan

Deputy Permanent Secretary for Consular Affairs and Movement of Persons, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Since 2011, Ms. Jasmien S.S. Wijngaarde-Lijkwan has been in the service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Suriname where she started within the Human Rights Division being responsible for human rights cases brought against the State of Suriname by State individuals. As part of her work, she visited the UN in NY regularly as a delegate to the third committee. She participated successfully in HRC32 in 2016 and was responsible for the first Historic Joint Statement of the SIDS/LDC Countries at its tenth Anniversary of the council. In 2017 she was invited by the Council as a motivational speaker at HRC34 at a side event hosted by the Bahamas.

She is currently responsible for all consular matters within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and deals with the rights of Migrants, Refugees, the Suriname diaspora, movement of persons as well as being a member of the Suriname Trafficking in persons Committee.

Ms. Wijngaarde-Lijkwan holds a Masters of Public Administration in Governance. She has followed various trainings and courses on human rights issues and has successfully finished diplomatic training on Multilateral Capacity Building for the Caribbean, Bilateral diplomacy and Consular and Diaspora Diplomacy.

## Former Delegates from the Caribbean Region-TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



Delegate HRC34

### 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.

## Delegates from Africa - SENEGAL



### **Fatou Gaye**

#### Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Senegal in Geneva

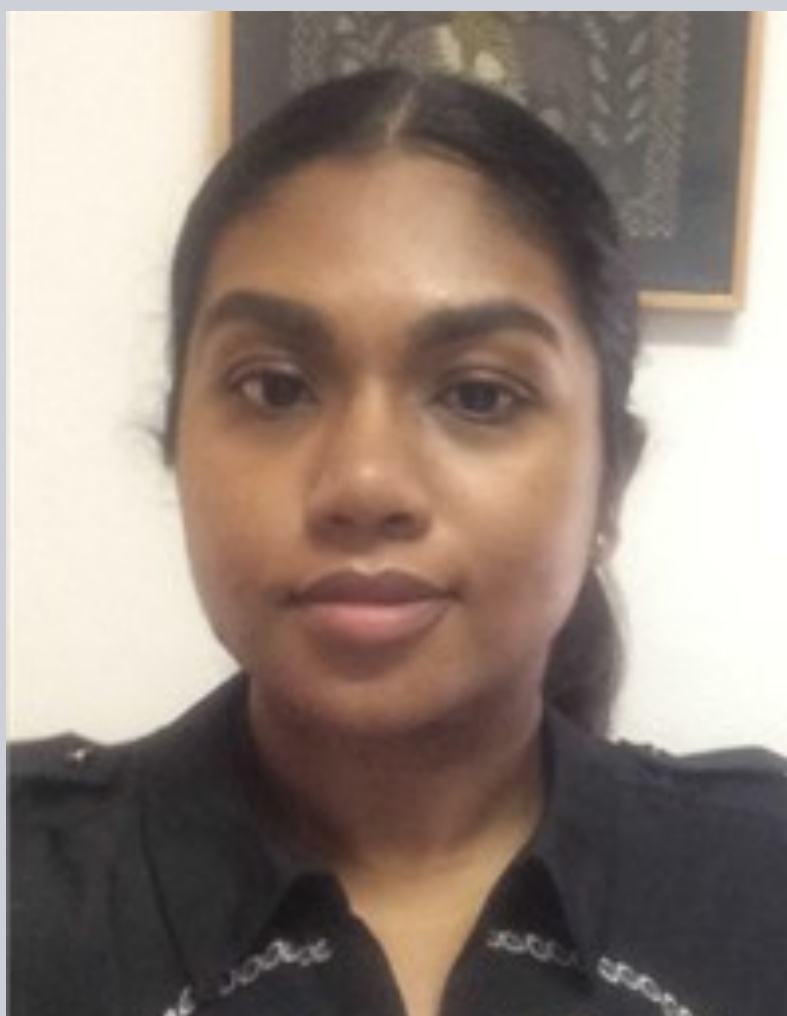
Ms. Fatou Gaye currently works as Minister-Counselor in the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the UN Office in Geneva where she is the Chargé d’Affaires of the Ambassador. She is responsible for advising the Ambassador on all subjects related to the work of the Mission with a special focus on political issues. She provides support to the Ambassador on the financial and human resources management of the Mission.

Prior to that, she worked as a First Counselor and legal expert at the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the UN Office in New York. During the Senegalese mandate to the Security Council (2016-2017), she was expert on terrorism, advised on matters pertaining to Peace and Security in West Africa and was the facilitator and lead negotiator for outcomes (Resolution, Presidential statement and Press statement related to West Africa).

She was the Senegal expert in charge of the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly. Under her tenure, Mr. Sidiki KABA, current Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad who was, at the time, the Minister of Justice, Keeper of the Seals, was elected as the first African President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. She coordinated the Senegalese candidature as a non-permanent member of the Security Council for the January 1st, 2016 to December 31st, 2017 period for which Senegal got the best score with 187 votes out of 191 member States present and voting. She has held several other positions in Senegal embassies abroad and within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ms. Fatou Gaye holds a Bachelor in International Law, a Master in Political Sciences and a Post-graduate degree in Diplomacy.

## Former Delegates from Africa - SEYCHELLES



Delegate HRC35

### Gayethri Murugaiyan Pillay

Counsellor/ Chargée d’Affaires Permanent Mission of Seychelles  
in Geneva

Ms. Gayethri Murugaiyan Pillay is currently the Chargée d’Affaires e.p. and Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Seychelles to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva.

Most recently, Ms. Pillay was the Director for the International Law and Human Rights at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Seychelles. Ms. Pillay was the coordinator of the Seychelles Human Rights Treaty Committee established to oversee the implementation of Seychelles’ international human rights obligations with a specific focus on reporting. In this role, Ms. Pillay coordinated Seychelles’ engagement under the second cycle of the UPR mechanism, and formed part of Seychelles’ delegation for the UPR sessions in the Human Rights Council in January and June 2016. She has also participated in the Treaty Body sessions under the Convention on the Protection of Migrant Workers & their families, and the Convention against Torture.

Ms. Murugaiyan holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Kent and a Master of Laws from the University College of London.

## Former Delegates from Asia and the Pacific - FIJI



Delegate HRC30

### Florieann Wilson

Second Secretary, High Commission of the Republic of Fiji to the UK

Ms. Florieann Wilson has worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Fiji, for the past seven years and prior to her current posting in London, was part of the Foreign Ministry's Multilateral Affairs Bureau, and was desk officer to Fiji's Permanent Missions in New York and Geneva respectively. Ms Wilson was part of Fiji's delegation to the 30<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council and was an LDCs/SIDS beneficiary in September, 2015.

Ms. Wilson's current role as Second Secretary to Fiji's Mission in London involves policy advice and planning; and admin assistance within the Mission.

Ms. Wilson has an advanced degree in Politics & International Relations and Industrial Relations.

## Former Delegates from Asia and the Pacific - MALDIVES



Delegate HRC33

### Laila Shareef

Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives,  
New York

Ms. Laila Shareef began her assignment as the Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nation, in March 2017. In this capacity, she undertakes the responsibility to represent the Maldives and follow-meetings concerning peace and security, including the Security Council as well as is the focal point for matters of political affairs.

Prior to that, she worked in the Global Affairs Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives as a Senior Desk, where she undertook the responsibilities to prepare country reports to be submitted under UN human rights conventions. Before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2015, she worked as Project Assistant for the UNDP and IFRC from 2008 to 2009 and was the activity coordinator of Women for Women—a non-profit organisation. As such, she conducted nationwide activities to create awareness on violence against women and children and assisted victims to be reintegrated back into the community. She was also a Member of the Executive Committee of SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Ms. Laila Shareef holds a Bachelors Degree of Business and Commerce and a Masters Degree in International Relations from the Monash University of Australia.

## Former Delegates from Asia and the Pacific - Republic of MARSHALL ISLANDS



Delegate HRC32 (Universal Session)

### H.E. Ms. Amatlain Elizabeth Kabua

Permanent Representative, New York

Ambassador Kabua was appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations in New York in 2012.

After attending school in the Marshall Islands, Amatlain Elizabeth Kabua graduated from Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii. She became Mayor of the Majuro Atoll in 1986 then held several offices within the Foreign Service. She was the Ambassador of the Marshall Islands to Japan between 1997 and 2003. She then held the position of Field Service Consultant to her country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2003 to 2009 and served as Ambassador to Fiji from 2009 to 2012.



## Former Delegates from Asia and the Pacific - PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Delegate HRC32 (Universal Session)

### Fred Sarufa

Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative, 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.

## Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



### Eric Tistounet

Chief, Human Rights Council Branch

Eric Tistounet is currently Chief of the Human Rights Council Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Since joining the United Nations in 1987, Mr. Tistounet served inter alia as secretary of various treaty bodies, external relations officer, Chief of Cabinet of the High Commissioner and Secretary of the Commission on Human Rights.

## Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



### Fatou Camara Houel

Coordinator, Trust Fund to Support the Participation of LDCs/SIDS in the work of the HRC

Ms. Fatou Camara Houel is the Coordinator of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the work of the Human Rights Council since May 2015. Ms. Camara Houel is also the Secretary of the United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee and Coordinator of the Cooperation agreement between the Organisation Internationale La Francophonie and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights since 2009

Over the past twenty years, Ms. Fatou Camara Houel has been working for the United Nations in the fields of human rights, political affairs, peacekeeping and humanitarian affairs. She has served at Headquarters in both New York and Geneva, as well as in Haiti (Mission civile internationale UN- OAS), Rwanda and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In New York, she was the Special Assistant of Assistant Secretary-General for Africa and Security Council Affairs. In Geneva, Ms. Camara Houel was Special Assistant to the Director of the Human Rights Council (from April 2009 to November 2016). She also assisted several HRC special Procedures.

Ms. Camara Houel is graduated from Sciences Po (Paris) and holds Master and Postgraduate degrees in Human Rights and Economics (Paris, and Lyon, France) She speaks French and English and has a working knowledge of Spanish.

## Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



### Hui Lu

#### Senior Human Rights Officer, New York

Ms. Lu is the Chief, Intergovernmental Affairs, Outreach and Programme Support Section, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (New York)

She is currently responsible for the Section which focuses and supports the engagement of the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms with Member States and New York-based UN intergovernmental bodies in particular the Third Committee. The Section also supports the OHCHR's engagement with the Fifth Committee.

She Joined the UN in 2001 and has worked on various areas of human rights, including on minority and indigenous rights, human rights monitoring, human rights and development, peace and security and the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council. She has served in Geneva (OHCHR), New York (DESA, OHCHR), Haiti (MINUSTAH) and undertook human rights missions in a number of countries.

Six years working at the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council, she served also from 2014 to April 2015 the first the Coordinator of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the work of the Human Rights Council.

Ms. Lu graduated from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Ph.D social anthropology) and la Sorbonne on international relations.

## Office of the President of the Human Rights Council



### H.E. Mr. Vojislav Šuc

President of the Human Rights Council Twelfth Cycle (2018)

H. E. Mr. Vojislav Šuc has been serving as Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations Office at Geneva since January 2014.

Prior to his appointment to Geneva, Mr. Šuc had been Head of the Diplomatic Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2010. He served as Slovenia's Ambassador to Sweden, Finland, Latvia and Estonia from 2006 to 2010. Mr. Šuc was the Head of the Division for North and Latin America and the Caribbean at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia from 2000 to 2006, and served as Consul General of Slovenia in New York from 1996 to 2000.

A career diplomat, Mr. Šuc entered the Yugoslav Foreign Service in 1982. He served as Secretary for Human Rights and Disarmament at the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1986 to 1990. He entered the Foreign Service of Slovenia in 1991, holding a number of posts, including as Head of the Department for Multilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1993 to 1996.

## Office of the President of the Human Rights Council



### Špela Košir

#### Special Advisor to the President of the Human Rights Council

Ms. Špela Košir has been holding a post of First Secretary and Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Slovenia in Geneva since December 2013. Her responsibilities at the Permanent Mission included human rights issues, humanitarian affairs and migration issues. In January this year she has taken up the post of the Special Advisor to the President of Human Rights Council.

Prior to her work in Geneva she has been working at the Project Unit for the Preparation of the Pleading before the Arbitral Tribunal at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia.

She holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree from the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana.

## CARICOM



# H.E. Ms. Missouri Sherman Peter

## Permanent Observer of CARICOM, New York

HE Ms. A. Missouri Sherman-Peter has served as Permanent Observer of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to the United Nations since November 2014. Prior to her appointment, Ambassador Sherman-Peter, a Bahamian national, served as Adviser to the Minister of National Security and as Establishment and First Chair of The Bahamas Inter-Ministry Committee on Trafficking in Persons 2011 - 2013.

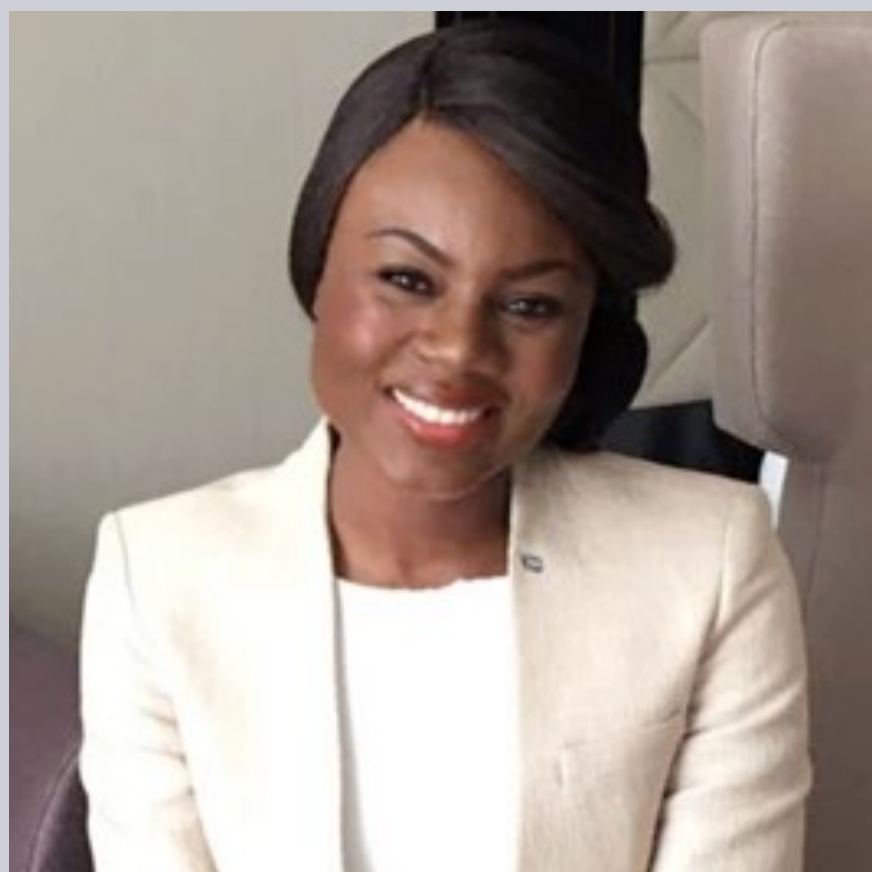
Ambassador Sherman-Peter participated on behalf of CARICOM, through the support of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in the first Universal Session of the Human Rights Council in June 2016, on the occasion of the HRC's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In addition to the many posts Ambassador Sherman-Peter held in various Bahamas Government Ministries and Offices, she also represented her country in 2012 at the Bahamas-United States Partnership Dialogue and the Third Meeting of National Coordinators on Trafficking in Persons of the Organization of American States, and in other bilateral, regional and multilateral organizations and mechanisms. She concurrently served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Special Envoy and Chef de Cabinet to the President of the Fifty-Eighth United Nations General Assembly between 2003 and 2004, having previously served her country at the United Nations for nineteen years, including as Deputy Permanent Representative from 1988 to 1994. She also represented her country as High Commissioner to Canada between 1997 and 2000 and as Non-Resident High Commissioner (Ambassador) to Zimbabwe commencing 1999.

From 1994 to 1997, Ambassador Sherman-Peter was Assistant Director in the Political Affairs Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, United Kingdom, and also served in various capacities in a broad range of regional and international meetings at levels including Heads of Government. She also served as Representative of the Bahamas on the United Nations bodies including the Commission on Narcotic Drugs from 1982 to 1994, the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, as Chair of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), and on various United Nations Expert Groups. She was Head and Consul General of the Bahamas Consulate General in New York from 1977 to 1988.

Ambassador Sherman-Peter holds a Master's Degree in International Affairs (International Law and Organization) from the School of International and Public Affairs of Columbia University in New York, USA, and a Bachelor of Arts in History (Special Honours) from the University of the West Indies.

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### **Sasha Dixon**

#### **Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Bahamas, Geneva**

Ms. Sasha Dixon is a Foreign Service Officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Bahamas and is presently posted to the Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to her posting in Geneva, Ms. Dixon completed a four year posting at the Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the United Nations in New York, during which time she worked on human rights issues, among others. Ms. Dixon has served on a number of delegations of The Bahamas to international conferences, including the Rio+20 Sustainable Development Conference. A focus on human rights and multilateral diplomacy has been a hallmark of Ms. Dixon's career in the Foreign Service thus far, including during her current posting to the Geneva Mission, where she has responsibility for the human rights, migration and humanitarian affairs portfolios. Ms. Dixon has been involved in supporting the country's reporting to a number of human rights treaty bodies and has served on successive national preparatory committees for The Bahamas' constructive dialogues with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, including acting as an official responder during the dialogue. Ms. Dixon is representative for The Bahamas to the Human Rights Council at expert level and participated in The Bahamas' successful campaign for first-time election to the Human Rights Council for the term 2021.

Ms. Dixon completed her undergraduate studies at University College London where she obtained a BSc (Honours). In June 2018, Ms. Dixon completed postgraduate studies in Diplomacy at the University of Oxford. Ms. Dixon is fluent in French and holds a certificate in the language from the Institut de Langue et de Culture Françaises of the Université Catholique de Lyon.



## Commonwealth



### Sumedha Ekanayake

#### Human Rights Advisor, Human Rights Unit, Commonwealth Secretariat

Mr. Sumedha Ekanayake plays a key role in delivering the mandate of the Commonwealth Secretariat's Human Rights Unit to support Commonwealth small states to enhance their effective participation in the Geneva-based international human rights mechanisms. This includes providing technical assistance and developing capacities of member states to participate effectively in the UPR mechanism of the UN Human Rights Council and to fulfil their international human rights treaty obligations. His work also involves further strengthening of Commonwealth Secretariat's partnerships in Geneva, including with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund.

Before moving to London as Human Rights Adviser, Mr. Ekanayake also served as a human rights technical expert based at the Commonwealth Small States Office (CSSO) in Geneva during the period: 2013–2015 and provided technical assistance to small states, which were anchored at the CSSO as well as those states, which did not have a permanent presence in Geneva.

Mr. Ekanayake joined the Commonwealth Secretariat in 2013 having served in the Sri Lanka Foreign Service for over twelve years with two senior diplomatic assignments at the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva. Other assignments included Deputy Director at the United Nations and Multilateral Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the primary focus on human rights. In those capacities, he represented Sri Lanka at numerous multilateral forums, including the UN General Assembly, the UN Commission on Human Rights and the UN Human Rights Council. He also served as an expert assistant to the Vice President as well as the Coordinator of the Asian Group of the Human Rights Council, and advised Sri Lanka's delegation to the UPR during its first cycle.

He has also provided human rights technical expertise to Sri Lanka's Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission in the drafting of its final report.

Mr. Ekanayake has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations, Political Science and History from the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and a Master of Arts Degree in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy of the Tufts University in Boston, USA.

## Forum of Small States (FOSS)



### Eunice Sin

Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore, Geneva

Ms. Eunice Sin is the Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to the United Nations Office and Other International Organisations at Geneva since March 2017. She follows developments concerning human rights, development, refugees, labour, migration, and small states.

Prior to her current posting, Ms Sin held appointments in the Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Directorate and the International Organisations Directorate in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore.

Ms. Sin holds a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Business from the University of Warwick.



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