

SECOND PART: APPLICATION FORM IN WORD FORMAT

Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Latin American and Caribbean States

Appointment to be made by the Human Rights Council at its 48th session

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11 JUNE 2021 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME

- The application process consists of two compulsory parts:
(1) online survey¹ (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/717995>)
and
(2) application form in Word format² (to be downloaded from <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC48.aspx>)
- Once fully completed, in English or French only, the Word application form should be submitted by email to hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org
- A maximum of up to three optional reference letters may be attached to the email (in Word or PDF format).
- No additional documents (e.g. CVs, resumes or additional reference letters) will be accepted.
- Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email when both parts of the application process, i.e. the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received by the Secretariat.
- Applications will only be considered if both parts and all sections of the Word application form have been completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline. **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
- Eligible for Working Group mandates are only nationals of the States belonging to the [regional groups](#) for which specific vacancies have been advertised.
- General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx> and <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx>
- In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Family (last) name: BORGES	5. Year of birth: 1968
2. First (given) name: VAG-LAN	6. Place of birth: PORTO NACIONAL, TOCANTINS, BRAZIL
3. Other name, if any:	7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): BRAZILIAN
4. Gender: MALE	8. Any other nationality:

¹ The short **online survey** is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity. The same name, gender and nationality must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form.

² The **application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). The application form should be completed in English or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form will be used as received to prepare the public list of eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process.

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II. MANDATE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE

NOTE: Please describe why the candidate's competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:

1. QUALIFICATIONS (200 words limit)

Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)

I am a bachelor in political science and sociology, expert in international relations. I speak fluently Portuguese, English, Spanish, Working Knowledge of French, and Elementary German and Italian.

2. RELEVANT EXPERTISE (200 words limit)

Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired.)

Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations' work in the area of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state how this was acquired.)

Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state years of experience.)

In the classical study of Norberto Bobbio regarding the evolution of human rights, he establishes four generations of principles based on legal, political, social, and economic aspects of access to social well-being and an environment of peace and self-determination. In the current post-modern society, international human rights are under the aegis of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Thus, they need to attend and defend a vast plethora of individual voices, desires, and dreams, equity principles of access to public goods, and inclusion of the diverse ethnic and social world groups into the same spaces and places, creating and promoting sharing environment and co-living. In this diverse environment of performativities, identity networks, and communities, it is important to trace and screen the demands, cosmovisions, and interests of public choices and pressure groups. That is, human rights need to take a close observation on minorities and ethnic groups that are persecuted for their beliefs, profession, race, religion, skin color, and social and geographical origins.

The article authored by the that I cite hereunder sheds light upon this new institutional context of the post-modern society in the transition to a new form of states and political institutions, resilient and chaotic governance system, and multicultural advocacy coalition networks.

3. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words limit)

Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.)

I have worked with human rights since the eighties when I was a teenager involved with the grassroots ecclesial movements created by the Catholic Church of Brazil to articulate the Liberation Theology in the peripheries and small and medium-sized cities of Brazil. Within this theological and missionary process, I have begun to involved me also with landless movements, which demanded agrarian reform

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and land distribution for agriculture workers. Was here in our state, the Tocantins, the stage for the most bloody and cruel confronting between landowners and landless people resulting in the death of a lot of people and a priest, Padre Zozimo, two years before Chico Mendes, in Acre. These deaths were very important to begin and accelerate the distribution of land in the Amazon region, and thus, reduce the land conflict and murderers in the rural areas. Currently, as a scholar, my research as a political scientist and sociologist considers the new era of human rights, within the context of the post-modern and global civil society, diverse, open, digital, inclusive, resilient.

4. PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events participated in relation to the mandate.

4.1. Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Title of publication: After the Nation-State: Societal Governance, Chaotic Institutions, and Complex Systems Resilience. In: R. Brears (ed.), The Palgrave Handbook of Climate Resilient Societies

Journal/Publisher: Springer Verlag- Nature

Date of publication: 12 June, 2020

Web link, if available: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-32811-5_85-1

2. Title of publication:

Journal/Publisher:

Date of publication:

Web link, if available:

3. Title of publication:

Journal/Publisher:

Date of publication:

Web link, if available:

If more than three publications, kindly summarize (200 words limit):

4.2. Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Event organizer:

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Web link, if available:

2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Event organizer:

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Web link, if available:

3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Event organizer:

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Web link, if available:

If more than three, kindly summarize (200 words limit):

5. FLEXIBILITY/READINESS AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME (200 words limit) to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on two country visits per year, drafting reports according to established deadlines, organizing and participating in consultations and meetings, addressing allegations of human rights violations with all concerned, providing advice to States and other stakeholders on issues related to their mandate and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated time of four to six months per year to the work of a mandate depending on its workload.

Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of "experts on mission".

I have flexibility, availability of time, and readiness to accept the commitments and carry out this set of responsibilities. I can dedicate the necessary time accomplish the duties set out by the Mandate.

6. NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE

Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):

- Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is self-nominating)**
- Governments**
- Regional groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems**
- International organizations or their offices**
- Non-governmental organizations**
- National human rights institutions**
- Other human rights bodies**

Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only) (200 words limit):

Since the eighties I have worked with human rights in Brazil, specifically in the Amazon region, in agrarian and land conflicts, marginalized people and communities. In the nineties,

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after the United Nations Conference RIO-92, I have worked for UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) as an expert in the Amazon region, with forest dwellers and riverine and extractive communities and populations. My academic and theoretical research as a scholar has been based upon the new sociological and political trends where civic capacity, science, and communication (practice) is becoming and have been the new vectors of the social and political action, interaction, communication, and institutionalization. In this way, this mandate will be very fruitful and worthwhile for me both as a citizen and as a scholar and researcher.

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III. MOTIVATION LETTER, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF THE MANDATE

(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below and not sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be drafted and signed (i.e. with a typed signature) by the candidate himself/herself even if nominated by another entity.)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am very pleased to send to you my application for the mandate of Delegate for the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporation and other business enterprises, member from Latin American and Caribbean States. As I have related in the previous sessions of this form, Relevant Expertise and Established Competence, since my teenage and youth I have worked with human rights in Brazil, in the eighties, in a society still under a authoritarian political and military regime in democratization. Anyway, due to social, economic, and environmental frailties of the Brazilian and Latin American Societies and the authoritarian recurrence, the struggle for the human rights is a ever present social and political agenda.

As can be read in the article authored by me, the new human rights agenda is everyday bigger, since it brought together the minorities and ethnic groups rights, as well as, the rights of the identities groups and their performativities (Judith Butler), which sometimes have considered as a social threat and moral shent, as has been happen currently in Brazil for the extreme rights movements.

On the other hand, the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs, 2011) set out preventive and precautionary principles regarding bad conditions of working in terms of safety, health, burnout, modern slavery, and insufficient remuneration, an old political and social that need be equationated in the context of the global civil society and more social, economic, and trade integration.

Considering thus my social and academic interests and commitments, both as a citizen and as a scholar and researcher, I would be very happy and grateful whether I am invited for this Mandate at the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Araguacema, Tocantins, 9 June, 2021.



Vag-Lan Borges

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IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)

Please indicate all language skills below.

1. Mother tongue: Portuguese

2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:

Arabic: Yes or no: **No** If yes,

Read: Easily or Not easily:

Write: Easily or Not easily:

Speak: Easily or Not easily:

Chinese: Yes or no: **No** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

English: Yes or no: **Yes** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

Write: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

Speak: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

French: Yes or no: If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

Write: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

Speak: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

Russian: Yes or no: **No** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

Spanish: Yes or no: **Yes** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

Write: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

Speak: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

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V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country*). If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.

Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:	Years of attendance (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003; for ongoing education, please put e.g. 2018-present):	Place and country:
Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science, Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development, University of Brasilia, full-time	1991-1996	Brasilia, Brazil
Master’s Degree in Development Economics, Environmental Economics and Policy, International University of Andaluzia (UNIA), full-time	1997-2003	Palos de la Frontera, Huelva, Spain
Post-graduation certificate in Territorial Planning, Urban Management, Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), part-time	2007	Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil

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VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate's current (most recent) occupation. Also, indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.

Name of employer, functional title, main functions of position, full- or part-time:	Years of work (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005; for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present):	Place and country:
Secretary of Agriculture, Aquaculture, and Livestock of the State of Tocantins (SEAGRO), Government of Tocantins, Brazil. Policy Analyst and Manager	2013- Present	Palmas – Tocantins - Brazil
UNDP (United Nations Development Programme). Expert and Senior Consultant	1997 - Present	Brasilia – DF - Brazil

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VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS

(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)

To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate's behalf.

1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.

No

2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate's ability to act independently in discharging the mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

3. Is there any reason, currently or in the past, that could call into question the candidate's moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which the candidate discharges the mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1? (Please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation.)

Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.

Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate holders will act in their personal capacity.

Yes

5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, the candidate will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.

Non applicable. I am free to assume independent position.

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VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION

To be completed by the candidate. The candidate's name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.

I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.

Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by email (hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org).

Please review the application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.

Name: Vag-Lan Borges

Date: 8 June, 2021
