***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 27 JUNE 2024 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME***

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://forms.office.com/e/2zbGHzqvQ6*](https://forms.office.com/e/2zbGHzqvQ6)*), and****(2) mandate-specific application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc57*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc57)*)*
* *Once fully completed,* ***in English or French only****, the Word application form should be saved in Word format and submitted by email to* [*ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org*](mailto:ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org)
* *A* ***maximum of up to three optional letters of support*** *may be attached to the email (in Word or PDF format).*
* *No additional documents (e.g., CVs, resumes or additional letters of support) 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. Please read the instructions in this form carefully and fill the form fully in accordance with such instructions.* ***No incomplete or late applications will be accepted****.*
* *Candidates eligible for* ***Working Group mandates*** *are only nationals of the States belonging to the* [*regional groups*](https://www.un.org/dgacm/content/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/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/nominations*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/nominations) *and* [*https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/basic-information-selection-independent-experts*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/basic-information-selection-independent-experts)
* *In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (*[*ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org*](mailto:ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org)*) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).*

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** Sall | **5. Year of birth:** 1955 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Dethié | **6. Place of birth:** Dar el Barka(Mauritania) |
| **3. Other name, if any:** | **7. Nationality (please indicate the one nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Mauritanian |
| **4. Gender:** Male | **8. Any other nationality:** |

**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-word limit)

**Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights, and 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).**

As a Human Rights lawyer, former Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH), and former Human Rights Officer (HRO) at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), I possess extensive expertise in the legal field, particularly concerning legal instruments related to human rights. My professional journey has equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary to play a pivotal role in promoting and safeguarding fundamental rights. My commitment to human rights is evident through my work in various high-impact roles and my active participation in organizations dedicated to defending these rights.

I'm instrumental in leading initiatives to monitor and address human rights violations, advocating for policies that uphold human dignity and justice. At the OHCHR, I worked on numerous international projects, collaborating with stakeholders from diverse cultural and legal backgrounds to advance human rights globally. These roles have honed my ability to navigate complex legal frameworks and engage effectively with a wide range of audiences.

Fluency in two languages—French and English—further enhances my ability to communicate and collaborate both nationally and internationally.

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200-word limit)

**Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles (please indicate how this was acquired). Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the work of the United Nations or other international or regional organizations in the area of human rights, and particularly in the area of the mandate (please indicate how this was acquired).**

**Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate (please indicate years of experience).**

During my tenure as the secretary – General of the Commission of Mauritania and former Human right officer, I had the privilege of gaining a deep understanding of the role and responsibilities of a national human rights institution in compliance with the Paris Principles. This position allowed me to actively engage in monitoring and addressing human rights issues, ensuring that the commission operated with independence, transparency, and effectiveness.

In this capacity, I gained comprehensive knowledge of the various mechanisms for protecting human rights. I worked extensively with treaty bodies, participated in the Universal Periodic Review, and contributed to special procedures, gaining valuable insights into the international human rights system.

This enriching experience has enabled me to develop profound expertise in the field of human rights and enhance my ability to promote and safeguard these fundamental rights. My background, which combines legal competence with hands-on experience in both national and international contexts, has equipped me with the skills necessary to advocate effectively for human rights. My commitment to these principles is unwavering, and I am dedicated to ensuring that human rights are respected, protected, and fulfilled for all individuals.

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1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200-word limit)

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

As National Institutions Fellow from the Africa Region with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights from August 2011 to 31 July 2012, I worked with the National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section (NIRMS), Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division.My tasks included research, preparation of legal summaries of different NHRIs, writing briefing notes, reports, concept notes, agenda and invitation letters both in English and French. I also attended NIRMS meetings with NHRIs' representives. At the end, I have acquired a solid knowledge on international human rights law as well as international and regional protection systems, including the establishment and. strengthening of NHRIs in compliance with Paris Principles.

I have an in-depth knowledge of regional and universal systems for the promotion and protection of human rights. As the Secretary General of the National Human Rights Commission, I attended numerous sessions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

The various positions I have held allowed me to strengthen my engagement in human rights issues on a global scale. They have enhanced my ability to collaborate on human rights concerns within the Francophone community and beyond. This participation confirms my ongoing commitment to promoting and protecting human rights worldwide.

1. **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 in which the candidate has participated in relation to the mandate.**

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

**1. Title of publication:** « Droit International Humanitaire et Droits de l’Homme, les Points communs et de Différence »

**Journal/Publisher:** CICR-Mauritanie

**Date of publication:**  mai 2010

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Title of publication:**  Bilan de l'Application de la loi N°2015-31 portant incrimination de l'esclavage et réprimant les pratiques esclavagistes en Mauritanie

**Journal/Publisher:**

**Date of publication:** 2022

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Title of publication:** Dysfonctionnement de la justice (rapport CNDH 2021-2022)

**Journal/Publisher:** Site Web CNDH Mauritanie

**Date of publication:** 2023

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three publications, kindly provide a summary of the rest** (200-word limit):

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

**1. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:** Liberté d'expression et liberté d'opinion principes et limites for CSO and law enforcement officers in Nouadhibou and Nouakchott

**Event organizer:** In House training for the mauritanian the staff of OHCHR'in Mauritania

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:** 2018

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:** Trafic et traite des personnes in Mauritania for CSO

**Event organizer:**  BIT/BHCDH/CDHAHRSC

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:**  March 2019

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:** Slavery in Mauritania how understand an apply the 2015-031 law on slavery

**Event organizer:**

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:**

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three, kindly provide a summary of the rest** (200-word limit):

1. **flexibility/readiness and AVAILABILITY of time** (200-word limit)

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, such as participating in Human Rights Council 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 the 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.**

YES

**Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacity. 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 a salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.**

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

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

**Individual nominations (select this option if the candidate is self-nominating)**

**Governments**

**Regional groups operating within the United Nations human rights system**

**International organizations or their offices**

**Non-governmental organizations**

**National human rights institutions**

**Other human rights bodies**

**For third-party nominations, please provide the name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination** (200-word limit)**:**

Laurent Meillan, Representative of OHCHR-Mauritania

Mahamane Cisse-Gouro, Mahamane.cisse-gouro@un.org

SISI SHAHIDZADEH: sisi.shahidzadeh@outlook.com former deputy of the NIRMS/FOTCD

**III. Motivation Letter, INCLUDING YOUR VISION FOR THE MANDATE**600-word limit. Must be typed in the space below. Cannot be sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be written by the candidates themselves, even if nominated by an other stakeholder. Please include your vision for the mandate.

I am writing to express my keen interest in joining the special procedures as a Special Rapporteur on Belarus. My professional background, skills in human rights, and experience as Secratary of the National Human Rights Commission of Mauritania and Human rights officer in BHCDH- in Mauritania lead me to believe that I am exceptionally qualified for this position.

My long-standing commitment to the protection of human rights and justice is reflected in my professional journey. I have held various positions, including that of Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Commission of Mauritania and Human Rights Officer, which has allowed me to develop a strong expertise in the field of human rights, both in their legal and social aspects, as well as a deep understanding of human rights protection mechanisms.

As Secretary-General of the NHRC, I am fully aware of the challenges related to promoting human rights in a complex political and social context. As an Independent Expert, I am committed to working with determination to advance the cause of human rights in the country. My passion, expertise, and ability to collaborate with various stakeholders will enable me to contribute significantly to the protection of human rights in Belarus

**IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **FRENCH**

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

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

**Read:** Easily ornot 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: **YES** 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: **NO** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**V. EDUCATION**

**Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, academic institution and whether full- or part-time). If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in the additional cell below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **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): | **Degree obtained** (please indicate YES or NO): | **Place and country:** |
| Name of degree: DESS en droit de la consommation  Field of study: RIGHTS  Academic institution: UNiversité Montpellier1  Full or part-time: Full | 1983-1984 | NO | France |
| Name of degree: Master en droit Privé général  Field of study: RIGHTS  Academic institution: Université de Montpellier 1 France  Full or part-time: Full | 1981-1982 | YES | FRANCE |
| Name of degree: Licence en droit Privé  Field of study: RIGHTS  Academic institution: Université de Perpignan France  Full or part-time: Full | 1980-1981 | YES | FRANCE |
| Name of degree: Diplome d'études universitaires générales(DEUG) en Droit  Field of study: RIGHTS  Academic institution: Université de Perpignan  Full or part-time: FULL | 1978-1980 | YES | FRANCE |
| Name of degree:  Field of study:  Academic institution:  Full or part-time: |  |  |  |
| Additional: |  |  |  |

**VI. EMPLOYMENT**

**Please list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate’s current (or most recent) occupation. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in the additional cell below, separating them by a blank line. Please be as precise as possible since this section will be used for assessing the eligibility of candidates in terms of professional experience in the field of human rights.**

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| **Name of employer,**  **functional title,**  **main functions of position (brief description), full- or part-time** (please complete ALL fields): | **Years of work** (provide a range from-to, e.g., 05/1999-10/2005;  for ongoing activities, please put, e.g., 08/2018-present): | **Place  and country:** |
| Name of employer: Bureau Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l’homme (BHCDH)/ Laurent Meillan représentant du BHCDH en Mauritanie  Bureau Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l’homme (BHCDH)  Functional title: Chargé de Programme    Main functions of position: Expert in charge of Slavery and torture slavery and its after-effects being insidiously still present in Mauritania, my task was to make. known the new law prohibiting slavery and to raise awareness throughout Mauritania of the extend of this ban for the law-enforcement authorities as well to the civil society organisations.Mauritania Having ratified the OPCAT in2012 I was involved in the creation of the national mechanism for the prevention of torture(2015), the training of its members and the awareness across all regions of its existence,missions and powers devolved to it  Full- or part-time: Full | 2016-2022 | Mauritania |
| Name of employer: National Human rights Commission(CNDH)  Functional title: Consultant  Main functions of position: Adviser of the Chairman in all areas of human rights helping to be in compliance with the Paris Principes thus to keep A Status granted by the Subcommittee of accreditation of the Global ALliance of National human rights instittions (GANHRI)  in 2020:train of staff members of the CNDH and civil society organisation(CSO ) to master the main conventions and traities to which MAURITANIA is a party in the view to give them tools to efficiently advocate for harmonisation of local laws with the international norms and standards.  Full- or part-time: Full | 2022 | Mauritania |
| Name of employer: CNDH  Functional title: Secrétaire Général de la Commission nationale des droits de l’homme de Mauritanie (CNDH-MIE)  Main functions of position: As Secretaire Général in addition to assisting the chairperson in all administrative tasks, I was the co-author of the annual reports on the human rights situation as well as all communications, advice and other recommendations relating to human rights in Mauritania.  Full- or part-time: FULL | 2013-2016 | Mauritania |
| Name of employer: Sous commité d'accréditation des institutions nationales des droits de l'homme(SCA/NIRMS/FOTCD)  Functional title: Representative of the Africa region within the Accreditation subcommittee of national institutions of Global Alliance of National Human Rihts institutions(SCA/GANHRI)  Main functions of position: Représentive of Africa I assessed regarding Paris Principes more 150 NHRIs.This allowed me to better understand through various cultures and horizons(AMerica, Europa,Asia and Africa)hoaw to address human rights violationsand effectively advise States to comply with their international commitments and respect humans rights in all circonstances.  Full- or part-time: PART Time | 2012-2016 | GENEVA |
| Name of employer: National Institution and regional mechanism section (NIRMS/FOTCD)  Functional title: Fellow  Main functions of position: As National Institutions Fellow from the Africa Region with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2 August 2011 to 31 July 2012, I worked with the National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section (NIRMS), Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division.  I supported all NIRMS's staff members, assisting them in the preparation of various meetings and events. This entailed research on the human rights situation in several countries, including about ratifications of main human rights instruments, reporting status, concluding observations and recommendations made by treaty bodies and special procedures mechanisms of the Human Rights Council. This enabled me to acquire substantial knowledge of the OHCHR programmes and the overall UN Human Rights System, as well as the situation of human rights in individual country.I also attended several sessions of the Human Rights Council, which have enabled me to acquire in- depth knowledge of the functioning of the Council as well as the special procedures mechanisms and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). This has also enabled me to get familiarized with the engagement of different National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) with the International Human Rights System. I also attended sessions of Treaty Bodies, including CAT, CEDAW, CMW, and Human Rights Committee and prepared briefing notes on existing National Human Rights Institutions in States under review by these mechanisms. My tasks included research, preparation of legal summaries of different NHRIs, writing briefing notes, reports, concept notes, agenda and invitation letters both in English and French.  Full- or part-time: FULL | 2011-2012 | GENEVE |
| Name of employer: Commission Nationale des droits de l'homme Mauritanie  Functional title: Legal Adviser  Main functions of position: Advice the Chairman of CNDH to review the fondamental law establishing the CNDH, in order to be conform with the Paris Principe(PP) as well as participating in writing reports and statements before authorities and various human rights organs.  Full- or part-time: Full | 2010-2013 | MAuritania |
| Name of employer:  Functional title:  Main functions of position:  Full- or part-time: |  |  |
| Name of employer:  Functional title:  Main functions of position:  Full- or part-time: |  |  |
| Additional: |  |  |

**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. 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 paragraphs 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, and provide 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 a 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 that the candidate will take in this regard.**

**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.***

**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 (**[**ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org**](mailto:ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org)**).**

**I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and 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.**

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

**Name:** Sall Dethié

**Date:** 21 /06/2024

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1. The **online survey** is used to collect information for administrative 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The **mandate-specific 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)