



# International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

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## Meeting of States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Twenty-sixth meeting

New York, 25 June 2015

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

**Election, in accordance with article 8, paragraphs 1 to 5, of the Convention,  
of nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination  
to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 19 January 2016**

## **Election of nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 19 January 2016**

### **Note by the Secretary-General**

1. In accordance with article 8 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the twenty-sixth meeting of the States parties to the Convention is to be held at United Nations Headquarters on 25 June 2015 for the purpose of electing nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination from a list of candidates nominated by States parties (sect. II), to replace those whose terms will expire on 19 January 2016 (sect. I). Nine members will continue to serve on the Committee until 19 January 2018 (sect. III).

### **I. Members of the Committee whose terms will expire on 19 January 2016**

<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Mr. Alexey <b>Avtonomov</b>	Russian Federation
Mr. José Francisco <b>Calí Tzay</b>	Guatemala
Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire <b>Dah</b>	Burkina Faso



<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Mr. Ion <b>Diaconu</b>	Romania
Mr. <b>Huang</b> Yong'an	China
Ms. Patricia Nozipho <b>January-Bardill</b>	South Africa
Mr. Dilip <b>Lahiri</b>	India
Mr. Pastor Elías <b>Murillo Martínez</b>	Colombia
Mr. Carlos Manuel <b>Vázquez</b>	United States of America

## II. Candidates nominated by States parties

2. In accordance with article 8 (3) of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 11 December 2014, invited States parties to submit, within two months, their nominations for the election of nine members to the Committee. All curricula vitae received by 6 April 2015 are included in the present document (see annex).

3. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee, and the States parties that nominated them.

<i>Name of candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Mr. Alexey <b>Avtonomov</b>	Russian Federation
Mr. José Francisco <b>Calí Tzay</b>	Guatemala
Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire <b>Dah</b>	Burkina Faso
Mr. Ion <b>Diaconu</b>	Romania
Mr. Michael <b>Karayanni</b>	Israel
Ms. <b>Yanduan</b> Li	China
Mr. Nicolás <b>Marugán</b>	Spain
Ms. Gay <b>Mcdougall</b>	United States of America
Mr. Pastor Elías <b>Murillo Martinez</b>	Colombia
Ms. Salomé <b>Ndayisaba</b>	Burundi
Ms. Verene Albertha <b>Shepherd</b>	Jamaica
Mr. Mario Jorge <b>Yutzis</b>	Argentina

### III. Members of the Committee whose terms expire on 19 January 2018

<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Mr. Noureddine <b>Amir</b>	Algeria
Mr. Marc <b>Bossuyt</b>	Belgium
Ms. Anastasia <b>Crickley</b>	Ireland
Ms. Afiwa-Kindena <b>Hohoueto</b>	Togo
Mr. Anwar <b>Kemal</b>	Pakistan
Mr. Melhem <b>Khalaf</b>	Lebanon
Mr. Gün <b>Kut</b>	Turkey
Mr. Jose A. <b>Lindgren Alves</b>	Brazil
Mr. Yeung Kam John <b>Yeung Sik Yuen</b>	Mauritius

## **Annex\***

### **Alexey Avtonomov (Russian Federation)**

**Date and place of birth:** 9 March 1959, Moscow

**Working languages:** English, French, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Polish, Italian, Bulgarian, German, Serbian, Finnish

#### **Current position/function**

- 1994–present: chief research fellow and head of a section of the Institute of State and Law (Russian Academy of Science)
- 2007–present: Director of the Comparative Law Centre of the Higher School of Economics (Russia)
- 2007–present: Editor-in-Chief, “Gosudarstvo i Pravo” (“State and Law”), the oldest Russian Law journal
- 2011–present: Attorney-at-Law (practicing lawyer, advocate)
- Editor-in-Chief of other journals: “Voprosy Yuvenalnoy Yustitsii” (“Juvenile Justice Issues”), “Grazhdanskoye Obshchestvo” (“Civil Society”)

#### **Main professional activities**

Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination since 2003 (chairperson in 2012–2014, vice-chairperson in 2008–2010 and in 2014–2016, head of the Working Group on Early Warning and Urgent Action in 2014–2016, earlier member of this Group, country rapporteur in the majority of sessions).

Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and members of Other Religions in 2014 (appointed by Switzerland) and in 2015 (appointed by Serbia).

- Research work in human rights and international law
- Writing of articles and books
- Conferences and workshops for academics and practitioners in law, NGO activity and human rights
- Scientific consulting
- Legal consultations for persons and entities
- Legal representation in courts
- Legal Opinions for Russian and foreign courts
- Obligations of an Editor-in-Chief of legal journals

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\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

### **Educational background**

- 1981 – graduated from the Moscow State Institute for International Relations, the International Law department
- 1984 – LLD from the Moscow State Institute for International Relations
- 1999 – Doctor Habilitatus in Law from the Institute of State and Law (Russian Academy of Science)
- 2003 – Degree of Professor of Law from the Moscow State University named after Lomonosov
- 2008 – Degree of Professor of Law from the University named after Kunaev (Almaty, Kazakhstan)

### **Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

- Participation in workshops and seminars, organized by the Anti-Discrimination Unit of OHCHR
- Member of the Moscow Civic Chamber
- Cooperation with NGOs of Russian small in number indigenous peoples
- Participation in events on intellectual property of indigenous people, organized by WIPO
- Member of the Association of International Law
- Extra-staff expert of several committees of the Russian State Duma and the Federation Council
- Training members of the staff of the Human Rights Commissioner of Russian Federation (federal ombudsperson)
- Training members of staff of regional human rights commissioners
- Advising the Human Rights Council attached to the President of Russian Federation
- Member of the Moscow Qualification Collegium of Judges in 2003–2009

### **List of most recent publications in the field**

“Procedural Gaps Preventing Full and Adequate Implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination” in: Journal of European Studies and international Relations, Vol. IV, Issue 1/2013 (p. 9–14).

“Individual Communications Consideration by the Treaty Bodies in the UN System” (in Russian) in: Mezhdunarodnoye Pravosudiye (International Justice), n. 3(7) 2013 (p. 78–94).

“International Law Protection of Small in Number Indigenous Peoples Living in the North” (in Russian), chapter in collective monograph “Actual Situation and Ways of Development of Small in Number Indigenous Peoples Living in the North, in Siberia and in the Far East of Russian Federation”, 2d. Edition, Moscow, 2013 (p. 153–165).

“Urgent Legislation Drafting Technique Tasks in the Rule of Law Making in Contemporary Russia” in: “Regulatory Reforms. Implementation and Compliance” Prof. Dr. L. Mader/S. Kabyshev, Nomos, Baden-Baden, 2014 (p. 62–80).

“Social Projects Assessment” (in Russian) (co-author N. Khananashvili), Moscow, 2014, 2d. Edition 2015 (240 p.).

**José Francisco Calí Tzay (Guatemala)**

**Date and place of birth:** Tecpán Guatemala Chimaltenango, 27 September 1961

**Working languages:** Kaqchikel, Spanish and English

**Current position/function**

Independent consultant; consultancy with civil society organizations, Guatemalan Government and at international level; consultancy on topics of indigenous peoples and combating racial discrimination.

**Main professional activities**

Advising civil society organizations and State bodies on indigenous peoples' rights, human rights in general and combating racial discrimination; running workshops at the national level; lecturer at the universities of Oklahoma and New Mexico in the United States and Bluefields Indian and Caribbean University in Nicaragua.

**Educational background**

Self-taught on subjects of indigenous peoples and human rights; diploma in legal and social sciences pending professional examination for qualification as lawyer and notary; first degree in legal and social sciences, Mariano Gálvez University, Guatemala.

**Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

Currently Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; as independent consultant publicizes the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in Latin American countries in order to promote understanding and use of the Convention among civil society organizations and, on request, in States themselves.

**List of most recent publications in the field**

“Notas sobre el Convenio 169 y la Lucha contra la Discriminación” (*Compendio sobre el Convenio 169 de la OIT, Los desafíos de su implementación en América Latina a 25 años de su aprobación*, Lima, Peru, November 2014).

## **Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah (Burkina Faso)**

**Date and place of birth:** 18 August 1945, Tougan (Burkina Faso)

**Working languages:** French (Excellent); English (Excellent); Spanish (Good); Ffuldéd (Excellent); Dioula (Excellent)

### **Current position/function**

- Retired Career Diplomat (Minister Plenipotentiary at exceptional class)
- Current Member and Former Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

### **Main professional activities**

- Member of CERD (2004-Present): Chair of CERD (2008-2009); Vice-Chair of CERD (2006–2007); has represented CERD at the United Nations General Assembly, in 2008, in New York
- 1998–2002: 3<sup>e</sup> Vice-Chair, OAU/ECA African Women Committee For Peace and Development
- 1994–2001: Diplomatic Adviser to the President of Burkina Faso
- 1991–1994: Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: coordination and supervision of central and external services
- 1990–1991: Director for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Initiation and follow-up on issues of bilateral cooperation with country partners from the North and the South as well as with international organizations; negotiation of agreements; meetings of joint-commissions for bilateral cooperation
- 1987–1989: Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission in New York (participation to the work and meetings of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly)
- 1981–1987: First Counsellor, Burkina Faso Embassy in Beijing, China
- 1972–1976: Director, Department for Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (participation to Non-Aligned Summits and to various other summits organized by the OAU, ECOWAS and Western African Countries Organization)
- 1977–1981: Technical Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso
- 1972: Chief, Asia/Oceania Division, Direction of political affairs: participation to the session of the United Nations General Assembly (4th commission)

### **Educational background**

#### **1964–1970**

- Institut d'études politiques de Paris and Law Faculty of Paris/Assas (France)
- **Diplôme de Sciences politiques/option Relations internationales** (Diploma in political sciences/International relations specialization) and **Maîtrise de Droit Public** (Master's Degree in Public Law)

**1970–1971**

- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Graduate Institute of International Studies, African Institute, Genève, Suisse
- Diploma of Diplomatic Training
- Internships with international organizations in Geneva. **Study Trips at Bonn** (Foreign affairs), Bruxelles (European Commission), Budapest (Foreign affairs), Paris (Foreign affairs) and Vienna (Diplomatic Academy)

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

- As Chair of CERD, has lead the delegation of the Committee to the Durban Review Conference in Geneva, in 2009; has participated to various meetings of the Inter-Committee of human rights treaty bodies
- Has chaired the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the United Nations human rights treaties bodies; has been member of the delegation of the treaty bodies experts in New York in the context of consultations on the treaties bodies strengthening process; has represented CERD at the session of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on complementary standards; has represented CERD at various panels, seminars and colloquia, at United Nations level, on human rights issues, including on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
- Member of the Special Commission that had prepared the draft Constitution of Upper Volta in 1978
- Member, Expert Commission on the border dispute settlement between Mali and Upper Volta

**Ion Diaconu (Romania)**

**Date of birth:** 23 October 1938

**Educational background**

- 1956–1960: Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, Romania
- 1965–1968: University of Geneva, Ph.D. studies
- 1971: Doctorate in International Law, University of Geneva, Switzerland

**Main professional activities**

- 1960–1965: Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1968–1979: Legal Department and Department for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1979–1980, Counsellor, Romanian Embassy, Brussels
- 1981–1986, Counsellor and Minister-Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations, New York; representative on the Sixth Committee
- 1986–1990, Deputy Director, International Organizations and Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1990–1993, Director and Director-General, Legal and Consular Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1990–1993, Professor of international law, National School of Political and Administrative Studies and several private universities, Bucharest
- 1993–1997, Ambassador of Romania to Denmark, Copenhagen
- 1994–1997, Ambassador of Romania to Iceland (non-resident)
- 1997–2001, Ambassador of Romania to the Russian Federation, Moscow
- 1993–2001, classes on human rights, universities of Copenhagen, Oslo, Lund, Stockholm and Moscow
- 2001–2004, Secretary-General for legal and consular affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2001–2005, Lecturer in international law, National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Diplomatic Academy of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, University of Bucharest Faculty of History and Dimitrie Cantemir University, Bucharest
- 2005–2008, Counsellor, Commission on Foreign Policy, Chamber of Deputies
- October 2006–October 2010, Lecturer in legal protection of human rights, diplomatic and consular law, international relations and, at postgraduate level, European and Euro-Atlantic organizations, Spiru Haret University, Bucharest
- October 2010 to date, Associate lecturer in legal protection of human rights, diplomatic and consular law and, at postgraduate level, European and Euro-Atlantic organizations, Spiru Haret University, Bucharest

- 2013 to date, Associate lecturer in the law of fundamental freedoms and public international law, Spiru Haret University, Bucharest; and, at postgraduate level, responsibility of States in international law, University of Bucharest

**Major international conferences**

- 1963: United Nations Conference on Consular Relations, Vienna
- 1964: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Geneva
- 1972–1975: Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Helsinki and Geneva
- 1978: Follow-up meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Belgrade
- 1980: Follow-up meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Madrid
- 1981–1985: United Nations General Assembly
- 1985: Meeting on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Ottawa
- 1986: Follow-up meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Vienna
- 1988: United Nations Commission on Human Rights
- 1995: World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen
- 1999: United Nations meeting, Decade of International Law, Saint Petersburg
- 2001: World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban
- 2009: Durban Review Conference, Geneva

**Membership of international law bodies**

- 1988–1991: Member, United Nations Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
- 1991–2002: Member, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 1988–2002: Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration
- 2002–2003: Chairperson, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 2008–2015: Member and Rapporteur, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 2013–2015: Member, Council of Europe Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

## Informations complémentaires sur les activités scientifiques du candidat\*

### Activités scientifiques

- Contribution à une étude sur les normes impératives en droit international (*jus cogens*), 1971, en français
- Les normes impératives en droit international, 1977, en roumain
- Cours de droit international public, 1993 (première édition)
- 1995 (deuxième édition) en roumain
- Droits de l'homme, 1993, en roumain; Droits de l'homme selon le droit international contemporain, 2001, en roumain; Droits de l'homme selon le droit international contemporain, théorie et pratique, 2010, en roumain
- Les minorités – statut en perspectives, 1996, en roumain
- Les minorités – identité et perspectives, 1996, en roumain
- Les minorités – identité et égalité, 1998, en roumain
- Les minorités au troisième millénaire, 1999, en roumain
- Les minorités selon le droit international, 2001, en anglais
- Traité de droit international, vol. I (Introduction, Sources et Sujets), 2002, vol. II (Représentation, Espaces et Population), 2003, en roumain
- Vol. III (Rapports économiques internationaux, Voies et moyens pour réaliser la coopération internationale), 2005, en roumain
- La Cour Pénale Internationale – une nouvelle étape, 2002, en anglais
- Discrimination raciale, 2005, en roumain
- Discrimination raciale, 2007, en anglais, publié par l'Office du PNUD de Bucharest
- Discrimination raciale, 2011, en anglais, publié par Eleven Publishers, The Hague
- Manuel de droit international public, 2006, en roumain, deuxième édition 2007; troisième édition 2010
- La culture et les droits de l'homme, 2012, en Roumain, Ed. Pro Universitaria
- La responsabilité internationale en droit international, 2013, en Roumain, Ed Pro Universitaria
- Introduction en droit international public, 2014, en Roumain, Ed. Pro Universitaria; Speaking different-living together, linguistic rights, Ed. Al Ata, 2015
- Plus de 100 études et articles sur divers sujets de droit international et sur les droits de l'homme, publiés dans des revues et des livres de spécialité, en roumain, en anglais et en français

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\* The current section is being circulated in the language of submission only.

**Michael Karayanni (Israel)**

**Date of birth:** May 24, 1964

**Working languages:** Arabic, Hebrew and English

**Current position/function**

- Full Professor, Bruce W. Wayne Chair in International Law, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Incumbent, Academic Director Center for the Study of Multiculturalism and Diversity, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Visiting Professor of Law, Georgetown Law Center, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, USA (Fall, 2015)

**Main professional activities**

I teach three courses at the Faculty of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and engaged in three main research projects: the first deals with the liberal dilemma associated with the accommodation of religious minorities in nation states given that liberalism will work to back such an accommodation but should also be attuned to vulnerable minority members such as women and children; the second deals with the extraterritorial application of access to justice rights; and the third deals with the history and nature of the recognition accorded to the Palestinian-Arab religious communities in Israel. I also supervise the work of one post-doc student and four doctorate students.

**Educational background**

- **University of Pennsylvania, SJD, 2003**, Philadelphia, USA, *Honors*: Fulbright Fellowship; Rothschild Fellowship
- **Hebrew University of Jerusalem, LLD, 2000**, Jerusalem, Israel, *Honors*: *summa cum laude*; Bronfman Prize
- **George Washington University, LLM, 1994**, Washington, DC, USA, *Honors*: The Israeli Arab Scholarship Program; **Bar-Ilan University, LLB, 1990**, Ramat Gan, Israel

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

I have been engaged with different issues of human rights, especially group rights and multiculturalism, both in my academic work and extra-academic activities. I have also initiated the establishment of a research centre with the explicit agenda of looking into inter-group relations in Israel – first of its kind in the academic realm in Israel. I will be listing major academic publications in the field as proof of my research achievements. As to my extra-academic activities I would like to list the fact that I was a member of the board of ACRI — Association for Civil Rights in Israel — the country's major human rights association, and since 2009 serve as a member of the committee awarding the Emil Grunzweig Human Rights Award to organizations and individuals whose work made a significant contribution in the field of human rights in Israel. I have also served as a member in the School of Peace, located in Naveh Shalom – Wahat El Salam that engages in different co-existence activities.

**List of most recent publications in the field**

- Conflicts in a Conflict: A Conflict of Laws Study on Israel and the Palestinian Territories (OUP, 2014) (with S. Hasson)
- **Barriers on the Road to Equality** (Floersheimer, 2006) (Hebrew); *The Availability of Israeli Court to Palestinian Plaintiffs*, in Private International Law and Global Governance 211–241(OUP, 2015)
- The Acute Multicultural Entrapment of the Palestinian-Arab Religious Minorities, in **Mapping the Legal Boundaries of Belonging** 225–251(OUP, 2014)
- Two Concepts of Group Rights for the Palestinian-Arab Minority under Israel’s Constitutional Definition as a ‘Jewish and Democratic’ State, 10 **I. Con.** 304–339 (2012)

**Yanduan Li (China)**

**Date and place of birth:** 23 January 1955, Beijing, China

**Working languages:** Chinese, English, Russian

**Current position/function**

- 2013–present Ambassador of China to the Independent State of Samoa
- 1993–present Member of China’s Society of International Law
- 2011–present Member of China’s Society of Diplomatic Affairs

**Main professional activities**

- 2011–2013 Special Representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of P.R. China for Climate Change Negotiations
- 2006–2010 Deputy Consul-General of P.R. China in Sydney, Australia
- 2001–2005 Head of Legal Division, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of P.R. China in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- 1994–2000 Director, Counselor, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of P.R. China
- 1990–1994 the Second and First Secretary of Permanent Mission of P.R. China to the United Nations (Legal Office)
- 1985–1990 the Third and Second Secretary, Division of Human Rights, Department of Treaty and Law, MFA, P.R. China
- 1980–1984 Attaché, Division of Treaties, Department of Treaty and Law, MFA, P.R. China
- 1975–1980 Staff Member, General Office, MFA, P.R. China

**Educational background**

- 1985 – LL.M, Columbia Law School in New York
- 1980 – B.A, China Foreign Affairs University (Department of International Law ) in Beijing, China
- 1975 – B.A, Beijing University of Foreign Languages (School of Russian Literature)

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

- 2011–2013 As Deputy Head or the Head of Chinese Delegation to the UNFCCC, taking part in COP 17 and 18 Conferences in Durban and Doha, AWG-KP 16 and 17, as well as other relevant negotiation meetings and consultations concerning the Kyoto Protocol
- 1994–2001 As Head or Deputy Head of Chinese delegation, taking part in all negotiation meetings of Ad Hoc Committee on Establishment of International Criminal Court, Preparatory Committee on Establishment of International Criminal Court, United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, as well as the Preparatory Commission

- 1990–1994 As the Alternate Delegate or Delegate of Chinese Delegation to 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, taking part in the meetings of Sixth Committee, Third Committee, Special Committee of the Charter of the United Nations, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, and some Security Council meetings concerning legal matters
- 1986–1990 As the Alternate Delegate of Chinese Delegation to the 41st session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, taking part in the Third Committee; As the Delegate of Chinese delegation to 43rd, 44th and 45th sessions of the Commission on Human Rights, taking part in the meetings of the Commission and negotiation meetings of WG on rights of child, WG on rights of migrant workers and WG on rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

**List of most recent publications in the field**

Co-author of “Commentary on Charter of the United Nations” in Chinese language, published in Shanxi, China.

**Nicolás Marugán (Spain)**

**Date and place of birth:** Madrid, 30 June 1970

**Working languages:** English, Spanish

**Current position/function**

Starting 1 December 2014 I am on unpaid leave from the public sector. I am working on development issues with specialized NGOs.

**Main professional activities**

- May 2009–November 2014, Director, Spanish Racism and Xenophobia Monitoring Centre, Ministry of Employment and Social Security (formerly Ministry of Labour and Immigration), which analyses developments in racism and xenophobia in Spain; promotion of equality and non-discrimination; representing Spain in several United Nations procedures (universal periodic review, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination); national liaison officer for Spain with the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights; national contact point for integration of immigrants, European Migration Network (EMN); national contact point at the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Unit, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE/ODHIR
- During that time my team and I drafted and coordinated the preparation of the Comprehensive Strategy against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and related Intolerance that was approved by the Government
- Since 1999 I have held other positions in the public sector, in the areas of employment and housing

**Educational background**

- 1988–1993: First degree in law, Universidad Complutense, Madrid
- 2008/2009: Migration and development studies, Carlos III University, Madrid

**Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

- I have worked as a volunteer for two NGOs, Amnesty International in Madrid (4 years, reporting on Israel and human rights violations in the occupied territories) and the Spanish Red Cross (4 years, helping children living with HIV)

**List of most recent publications in the field**

- *Estrategia integral contra el racismo, discriminación racial, xenofobia y otras formas de intolerancia* (2011) – drafting coordinator
- Spain, Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Employment and Social Security, *Training manual for security forces for identifying and recording racist and xenophobic incidents* (2012). Used in training more than 20,000 police officers
- “La xenofobia y la discriminación. Desafíos y políticas públicas en España”, Migration Policy Practice (International Organization for Migration (IOM), 2012)
- “La lucha contra el racismo, la xenofobia y otras formas relacionadas de intolerancia y discriminación”, Anuario de la Inmigración en España, 2011 (CIDOB, Diputació de Barcelona y Fundación Ortega-Marañón, 2011)

- Publications in English and Spanish of the Observatorio Español del Racismo y la Xenofobia can be found at: <http://explotacion.mtin.gob.es/oberaxe/>

**Gay McDougall (United States of America)**

**Date and place of birth:** August 13, 1947; Atlanta, GA

**Working languages:** English

**Current position/function**

Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at Leitner Center on International Law and Justice, Fordham University Law School

**Main professional activities**

- United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues (2005–2011)
- Expert Member, United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (1998–2001)
- Executive Director, Global Rights (1994–2006)
- Director, Southern Africa Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law (1980–1994)

**Educational background**

- L.L.M., London School of Economics and Political Science; London, England. Focus: Public International Law (1978)
- J.D., Yale Law School; New Haven, Connecticut (1972)
- B.A., Bennington College; Bennington, Vermont (1969)
- Honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Georgetown University Law Center, the University of Witwatersrand (South Africa), the School of Law of the City University of New York and Agnes Scott College

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Human Rights Committee**

- Mulligan Distinguished Visiting Professor of International Law, Fordham Law School (2013)
- Visiting Professor in Human Rights, Georgetown University Law Center (2011–2012)
- Convener, United Nations Forum on Minority Issues (2007–2011)
- Distinguished Scholar in Residence, American University Washington College of Law (2006–2008)
- Member, Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa (1994)
- Expert Member (Alternate), United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (1997–2000)

**List of select publications**

- Forward to Minority Rights Group International, State of the World's Minorities, 2009: The Right of Minorities to Education (2009)
- Roma in Europe: Racism is Alive and Well, Edinburgh Journal, November 22, 2008

- Minorities, Poverty and the Millennium Development Goals: Assessing Global Issues, 14 International Journal on Minority and Group Rights 333 (2007)
- Preface to Minority Rights Group International, State of the World's Minorities, 2006 (2006)
- Preface to Minority Rights Group International, Minority Rights in Kosovo under International Rule (2006)
- Decade of Human Rights Struggles, 11 Human Rights Brief 12 (Spring 2004)
- The World Conference Against Racism: Through a Wider Lens, 26 Fall Fletcher J. World Aff. 135 (2002)
- Racial Discrimination as a Violation of International Law: International Standards and Mechanisms, Chapter 15 in Beyond Racism: Race And Inequality In Brazil, South America, And The United States (Charles V. Hamilton et al., eds., 2001)
- Toward a Meaningful Regime: The Domestic Relevance of International Efforts to Eliminate All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 40 Howard L. J. 571 (1996–1997)

**Pastor Elias Murillo Martinez (Colombia)**

**Date and place of birth:** Andagoya – Istmina, Chocó, Colombia, 8 August 1963

**Working language:** Spanish

**Current position/function**

Adviser to the Deputy Minister of the Interior for Participation and Equal Rights (Colombia); member, United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; honorary adviser to Global Alliance of Mayors and Leaders from Africa and of African Descent.

**Main professional activities**

Author and sponsor, draft General Assembly resolution on the decade for people of African descent, which resulted first in resolution 64/169, proclaiming 2011 the International Year for People of African Descent, and later resolution 68/237, on the Proclamation of the International Decade for People of African Descent; rapporteur, general recommendation No. 34 of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, on racial discrimination against people of African descent; co-author, Andean Community Decision No. 391 Establishing the Common Regime on Access to Genetic Resources. In 2014, member of the Organization of American States (OAS) election observer mission to Peru, and prepared several studies for OAS. Deputy head of the Colombian delegation to the Santiago and Durban conferences and member of the negotiating team on the free trade agreement with the United States.

**Educational background**

First degree in law, Universidad Autónoma de Colombia, Bogotá, 1994; postgraduate studies in analysis of social problems from a human rights perspective, University of la Rioja, Spain, 2013; postgraduate studies in environmental law, Incca University, Bogotá, 1995; diploma in human rights, Ombudsman, Bogotá, 1999; leadership training, Department of State of the United States of America, 2007.

**Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

In charge of formulating and coordinating public policy on the Afro-descendant population. Twice Director of Afro-Colombian Affairs, Ministry of the Interior. Former adviser and Director, Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Responsible for drafting text of article 113 of Act No. 50 of 1990, guaranteeing a retirement pension to more than 750 former workers from Metales Preciosos del Chocó.

**List of most recent publications in the field**

Columnist with *Razón Pública* daily newspaper. Articles include “Los discursos de odio y la penalización del racismo”, 8 December 2014, “A propósito de las curules usurpadas: ¿quiénes somos ‘afrodescendientes’?”, 4 August 2014, “Los afrodescendientes: incluidos en el deporte pero excluidos de la política”, 14 July 2014, “Discriminación racial: comprendiendo el problema para enfrentarlo”, 20 January 2014.

**Salomé Ndayisaba (Burundi)**

**Date and place of birth:** 25 November 1974, Kabogo-Giteranyi

**Working language:** French

**Current position/function**

Married woman and public official with the title Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Burundi, currently Director-General of the Diplomatic Inspectorate, the Diaspora and Communication.

**Main professional activities**

- Planning the work of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and international cooperation
- Evaluating implementation of the Ministry plan of action
- Evaluating the work of the diplomatic missions of Burundi abroad
- Encouraging the Burundian diaspora to support the development of their country, Burundi
- Providing information on Burundi to the country's diplomatic missions and consulates abroad and to accredited diplomatic missions and consulates in Burundi

**Educational background**

- University studies in social sciences
- Three-month courses in gender studies and international law
- Three-month course in diplomacy and international relations

**Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

- Representative of the Government of Burundi, regional committee of the 12 nations of the Great Lakes region on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity and all forms of discrimination
- Ministry focal point on gender equality issues

**List of most recent publications in the field**

- No publications in the field other than relevant reports

**Verene Albertha Shepherd (Jamaica)**

**Date and place of birth:** 16 April 1951, St. Mary, Jamaica

**Working languages:** English, Spanish (good facility in reading, functional in speaking)

**Current position/function**

- Professor of Social History at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, focussing on subaltern history
- University Director of the Regional Institute for Gender & Development Studies, University of the West Indies
- Member (and former Chair) of the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
- Member of the Board of Atlantic Studies; Slavery & Abolition; International Journal of African Renaissance Studies
- Member of the International Women's Forum & Radio Host of "Talking History" (Nationwide 90 FM, Jamaica)

**Main professional activities**

My main position is University Director of the Institute for Gender & development Studies. This requires supervising staff on the 3 main campuses of the University of the West Indies (UWI), administering a Graduate Programme in the Regional Coordinating Unit of the Institute for Gender & Development Studies and overseeing the development of a Gender Policy for the University that fits within the Strategic goals of the Institution. I am engaged in research and publications, Human Rights Outreach activities and serve on the Advisory Board of the Police Staff College in Jamaica. I also participate actively in the work and mandate of the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (WGEPAD), of which I am the representative of the Latin American and Caribbean States Group (GRULAC) & immediate past Chair.

**Educational background: Academic Record**

- 1988: Ph.D (History), University of Cambridge
- 1985: M.Phil (History), University of the West Indies
- 1976: B.A. (History), University of the West Indies
- I also have formal training in Teacher Education

**Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

Currently, my main human rights /anti-racial discrimination work is as a member of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (WGEPAD). Our mandate relates directly to anti-discrimination as well as the fight against xenophobia and related intolerance. We are actively involved in the fight against racial discrimination, especially Afrophobia. Our country visits provide us with opportunities to review the human rights records of various countries and ascertain best practices and challenges in the area of racial discrimination. I am affiliated with the work of two non-governmental organizations, Jamaicans for Justice and Jamaica's 51% Coalition, that lobby for gender justice in leadership positions. I use my radio programme to focus on human rights issues. I also participate in radio interviews and documentaries (locally, regionally and internationally)

that focus on racial discrimination and subaltern studies; and deliver numerous public lectures that intersect with the mandate of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and the WGEPAD. I also participated in the Vienna+20 Conference in Austria, in June 2013.

**List of most recent publications in the field**

- 2011: Verene A. Shepherd (ed.), *Engendering Caribbean History: Cross-cultural Perspectives* (Kingston: Ian Randle)
- 2007: Verene A. Shepherd, *I Want to Disturb My Neighbour: Lectures on Slavery, Emancipation & Postcolonial Jamaica* (Kingston: Ian Randle)
- 2006: Verene Shepherd/Hilary Beckles, *Freedoms Won: Caribbean Emancipations, Ethnicities, and Nationhood* (Cambridge UP)
- 2004: Beckles/Shepherd, *Liberties Lost: Caribbean Indigenous Societies and Slave Systems* (Cambridge UP)
- 2002: Verene A. Shepherd, *Maharani's Misery* (Kingston: UWI Press)

**Mario Jorge Yutzis (Argentina)**

**Date and place of birth:** Buenos Aires, 26 July 1936

**Working languages:** Spanish, French, English, Italian, Portuguese

**Current position/function**

- Emeritus professor and member of the assessment board, Higher Evangelical Institute for Theological Studies (ISEDET)
- Vice-President and coordinator, International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)

**Main professional activities**

Higher Evangelical Institute for Theological Studies (ISEDET):

- Former Professor of Philosophical Anthropology, of Hermeneutics and of Latin American Reality (international relations perspective). Former member, Faculty Council, former Secretary of Research Programmes
- Director-designate, course on alternative conflict resolution, peace and reconciliation (proposed)

**Educational background**

*Licenciatura* (Master's degree) in theology, José C. Paz Lutheran School of Theology, Buenos Aires.

Doctorate in Religious Science, University of Strasbourg, France.

**Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

- Expert, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 1984–2008
- Format liaison person for CERD to the Commission on Human Rights
- Member, CERD contact group with the United Nations Commission on Human Rights for the organization of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance
- CERD representative to the Durban World Conference against Racism
- Expert and contributor, Latin American Regional Seminar of Experts preparatory to the Durban World Conference, Santiago, Chile
- Expert contributor, United Nations colloquium on protection of human rights in migratory flows, in preparation for the Durban World Conference, Santiago, Chile
- Appointed by CERD for advisory mission to Croatia during the conflict with Serbia, as part of the United Nations Technical Cooperation Programme in the Field of Human Rights
- Invited by the Government of Guatemala and appointed by CERD to carry out an advisory mission in Guatemala as part of the United Nations Technical Cooperation Programme in the Field of Human Rights
- Appointed by the United Nations Advisory Services and Technical Cooperation Programme in the Field of Human Rights to conduct a human rights needs

assessment in El Salvador with a view to establishing a local branch of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

- Former human rights adviser to the Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- Former member of the advisory board of the Anti-Racism Information Service (ARIS)
- Currently Vice-President and Coordinator for Latin America, International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)
- Organizer, IMADR Symposium on New Forms of Racism, United Nations, Geneva, 1992
- Invited by the Interministerial Human Rights Commission of the French Government to speak at the Lyon Colloquium on racism and human rights as part of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Chair and coordinator of meeting between CERD and the International Law Commission on the subject of States' reservations to articles of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
- Organized and chaired CERD thematic debates on non-citizens, undocumented migrants, stateless persons, refugees and prevention of genocide
- Representative of Argentina and speaker at the expert workshop on the right of peoples to peace, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, 15–16 December 2009

#### **List of most recent publications in the field**

- “Globalization and discrimination”, special edition of *Peoples for Human Rights*, IMADR Journal (editor)
- “Descent-Based-Discrimination. 250 million worldwide oppressed under caste and analogous systems of inherited status”, *Peoples for Human Rights*, IMADR Journal, vol. 9 (IMADR, Oct. 2004) (co-editor)
- *Obstáculos y Alternativas en la Lucha contra el Racismo y la Xenofobia en Relación con las Poblaciones Migrantes* (Obstacles and Alternatives in the Struggle against Racism and Xenophobia with Regard to Migrant Populations) (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Madrid)

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