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**Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments**

## **Election of eight members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from among candidates nominated by Governments**

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

1. The following persons have been nominated by their Governments for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues:\*

#### **African States**

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#### **Asia-Pacific States**

Li Nan (China)

#### **Eastern European States**

Grigory E. Lukiyantsev\*\* (Russian Federation)  
Suleiman Mamutov (Ukraine)

#### **Latin American and Caribbean States**

Carlos Chex (Guatemala)  
Sara Omi Casama (Panama)  
Luis Alberto Pachala Poma (Ecuador)  
Rodrigo Eduardo Paillalef Monnard (Chile)

#### **Western European and other States**

Tove Søvndahl Gant\*\* (Denmark)  
Keith M. Harper (United States of America)

2. Biographical information on the candidates is set out in the annex to the present note.

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\* Information on the terms of office and pattern for election to the Permanent Forum and list of nominees from Governments is contained in document [E/2022/9/Add.7](#).

\*\* Seeking re-election.



## Annex

### **Biographical information on the candidates for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues\***

#### **Li Nan (China)**

Born in Jinan, Shandong Province, in February 1973.

#### **Education**

- 1991–1995: Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature, Shandong University, China
- 1998–1999: Master of Laws in International Human Rights law and Humanitarian Law, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University, Sweden

#### **Work Experience**

- 1995–2001: Desk officer and Attache, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
- 2001–2003: Attache and Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- 2003–2008: Third Secretary and Deputy Division Director, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, MFA
- 2008–2013: Division Director, Department of External Security Affairs, MFA
- 2013–2017: Director General, Commissioner's Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao Special Administrative Region
- 2017–2020: Senior Officer, United Nations Association of China
- 2020–present: Counselor, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, MFA

Ms. Li Nan is a counselor of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China. She has been working in foreign service since 1995 with extensive experience in multilateral diplomacy, mainly related to the United Nations affairs.

Ms. Li started her career in the field of human rights, attending sessions and meetings of a wide range of UN Human Rights bodies, conducting dialogues and cooperation with the UN and its member states. This has greatly contributed to her mastery of working with the UN mechanisms and provided her with a strong awareness of human rights in her entire career.

From 2004 to 2007, Ms. Li served as personal assistant to Mme. QIN Xiaomei, the first Chinese expert to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). She had a great opportunity of following the UN process pertaining to the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples. She also accompanied Mme. QIN on her field trips with the group of experts to the indigenous land in Denmark, Russian Federation and Mexico, where she has gained first-hand understanding of indigenous issues. In

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\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

March 2007, Ms. Li helped Mme. QIN, on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, organize the Pre-sessional meeting of the 6th Session of the UNPFII.

Ms. Li also worked for three years with the United Nations Association of China, the first NGO in China which was granted general consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. During that period, she worked closely and extensively with youth organizations, academia and press from home and abroad. Ms. Li's experience as a diplomat and once an NGO officer may make her easily fit in a UN body where strong collaboration is needed between governments and civil organizations, such as UNPFII.

## **Grigory E. Lukiyantsev (Russian Federation)**

Born on 1 March 1972 in Washington D.C., United States of America. Graduated with honors from the International Law Faculty of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University), Moscow, the Russian Federation (1994). Ph.D. degree in International Law (1998).

Has worked in the foreign service of the Russian Federation since 1994 both at headquarters (Department for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights) and abroad. Was posted at the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva (1997–2001) and at the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations in New York (2007–2013, Senior Counselor and Head of the Human Rights and Social Issues Division and alternate representative to the United Nations Security Council).

Current position – Special Representative of the MFA of Russia on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Deputy Director of the Department for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; Agent of the Russian Federation before the International Court of Justice in the Case Concerning the Application of the International Convention on the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; member of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe; Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Author of the joint study «Representative institutions and models of self-governance of indigenous peoples in Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia: ways of enhanced participation», submitted to the Forum at its 20-th session in 2021.

Member of the delegations of the Russian Federation to numerous multilateral fora, including the UN General Assembly (alternate representative in the Third Committee in 2003–2020), Human Rights Council, Commission on Human Rights, Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations (WGIP), Working Group on a Permanent Forum for Indigenous People, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Executive Committee of the Programme of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and its Standing Committee, Ministerial Conference of the Community of Democracies and the Forum of the “Alliance of Civilizations”, Meetings of the Ministerial Council of the OSCE, Human Dimension Implementation Meetings (HDIM) of the OSCE (Deputy Head of delegation in 2013–2020). Participated in the negotiation process on the Draft United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Underwent human rights training at the Council of Europe and at the Danish Center for Human Rights.

Participated as a trainer in training sessions on the functioning of the United Nations human rights machinery organized by the UN Office on Peace-building (Tajikistan), UNICEF (Armenia) and the OSCE (Uzbekistan). Lectured human rights to the «Group of Friends of Human Rights» at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) and to departing heads and deputy heads of diplomatic missions at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign affairs of the Russian Federation.

Consultant to a number of post-graduates on writing Ph.D. theses with special emphasis on issues of combatting racism and racial discrimination, protection of national minorities and indigenous peoples, including comparative studies between universal and regional human rights instruments, including the United Nations

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention (ILO Convention 169). Author of two books and over 20 articles on international cooperation in the field of human rights.

Participated as an expert in academic seminars and conferences on protection and promotion of human rights both in the Russian Federation and abroad (USA, Switzerland, Belgium, China, Brazil, United Kingdom) with special focus on human rights monitoring and control, human rights treaty bodies and their strengthening, dialogue among cultures and civilizations, reform of the United Nations human rights machinery, oriental culture and human rights.

## **Suleiman Mamutov (Ukraine)**

International Law and public policy specialist with ten years' experience in managing & delivering projects at the intersection of international and business Law, peacebuilding, and advocacy.

### **Experience**

- Policy and Advocacy Advisor at Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC) 04/2020–Present: Manage advocacy & communication activities. Ensure coherent systems advocacy for the policies on the protection of civilians. Develop positions, research, and advocacy papers. Develop and implement advocacy and communication strategies.
- Program officer => Project Lead at Danish Refugee Council 02/2016–04/2020: Managed legal assistance, capacity building, and advocacy projects (planning, implementation, monitoring, reporting). Ensured rapid program development and new analytical products' launch. Supervised eight legal teams, including partnership management. Ensured program's compliance with policies, laws, and donors' requirements (EU, OFDA, DFID, GIZ). Represented the program during advocacy activities (UN, Government, CSOs). Structured and streamlined online information management for the swift program monitoring and reporting.
- Legal Analyst at NGO Right to Protection 12/2014–01/2016: Conducted comprehensive analysis of legislation, developed and advocated for the legal and policy frameworks that ensured better protection of the internally displaced persons' rights and other conflict-affected persons in line with international human rights standards. Represented the organization during advocacy meetings. Co-authored draft laws, state policies, action plans.

### **Additional:**

Board Member at Ukrainian Association of International Law (04/2018–Present).

UN VFP fellow at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (04/2019).

The Course on the Law of internal displacement at International Institute of Humanitarian Law (12/2015)

**Languages:** English, Ukrainian, Crimean Tatar, Russian – fluent

### **Education**

Master's degree in International Law, English-Ukrainian translation at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, 05/2012

### **Publications**

- Brookings Institution “Off to a shaky start: Ukrainian government responses to internally displaced persons,” 2015
- Stimson Center “Building Bridges, Reinforcing Protection How NATO's Protection of Civilians Framework Influenced Ukraine's Approach,” 2021
- Atlantic Council “Ukraine must do more to protect civilians living close to the conflict contact line,” 2021

## **Carlos Chex (Guatemala)**

[Original: Spanish]

**Place and date of birth:** San Juan Comalapa, Chimaltenango, 23 November 1970.

### **Current position or function**

- Consultant for international agencies in Guatemala and Central America.
- Programme officer at the Justice Education Society (JES), Guatemala Office (Canadian agency specialized in issues related to justice).

### **Main professional activities**

- Adviser to indigenous peoples' organizations on the strengthening of their rights in accordance with national and international law on the rights of indigenous peoples.
- Adviser to State indigenous institutions in the design of institutional strategic plans, annual operational planning, budgets, programmes and projects. Alignment, harmonization and adaptation of national plans and programmes in response to international human rights guidelines and mechanisms.
- Adviser to national and regional organizations on issues of international cooperation, and person responsible for fundraising with international agencies.
- Adviser to diplomatic missions on cooperation with indigenous peoples and other groups vulnerable to rights violations.
- Programme officer in international cooperation agencies based in Guatemala.
- National specialist for United Nations agencies in the evaluation of internationally funded programmes and projects.
- Independent consultant for international agencies in the design of conventional reports, alternative reports, social studies and research, data analysis and expert opinions on specific issues related to the rights of indigenous peoples.

### **Educational background**

- Bachelor's degree in legal and social sciences
- Specialization in human rights protection systems (postgraduate level)
- International political training: International courses and diplomas.

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

- Participation as an indigenous delegate at international negotiations on climate change / Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change / United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, beginning in 2009: Fifteenth Conference of the Parties, Copenhagen; Sixteenth Conference of the Parties, Mexico City, 2014 Climate Summit, New York. Approved in 2007.
- Participation in discussions on the Inter-American Development Bank operational policy and strategy and its cooperation with indigenous peoples in the Americas. Meetings held in Washington, D.C. Policy and strategy adopted in 2006.
- Participation in the negotiations of the World Bank operational guidelines and its cooperation with indigenous peoples around the world. Operational Guideline and Directive 4.20 and 4.10, in Washington D.C., adopted in 2004.

- Participation as an indigenous representative in the dialogue committees between representatives of indigenous organizations and the International Council on Mining and Metals on the issue of free, prior and informed consent in the extractive industries. Gland, Switzerland (2005) and Sydney, Australia (2008).

**Most recent and other publications in the field**

- Presentation on the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of indigenous peoples at the Fourth International Colloquium – Heritage and Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Netherlands. Leiden University, Faculties of Archaeology and Humanities. October 2016.
- Collaboration as a national expert in the study: “A global baseline of formally recognized indigenous and community land rights”, concerning the case of Guatemala, 2015. Rights and Resources Initiative, Washington D.C.
- Perspectives on relations between indigenous peoples and industrial companies. Presentation as an expert at the inter-sessional meeting of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Salekhard, Russian Federation, 2007.

**Working languages:** Kaqchikel Maya (mother tongue), Spanish, and English (intermediate).



## Sara Omi Casama (Panama)

[Original: Spanish]

Sara Omi Casama is a member of the indigenous Emberá people and a lawyer who has specialized in human rights and protection mechanisms.

She has shown leadership since her adolescence and counts among her most significant contributions her positions as a traditional authority, as president of the Emberá General Congress of Alto Bayano and her work at UN-Women and at the Office of the Ombudsman in Panama. She has always focused on indigenous peoples, especially youth and indigenous women.

She served as a spokeswoman for indigenous women at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, participating at the Fifteenth Conference of the Parties in Denmark, the Twentieth Conference of the Parties in Peru, the Twenty-second Conference of the Parties in Morocco, the Twenty-fifth Conference of the Parties in Chile and Spain and the Twenty-sixth Conference of the Parties in the United Kingdom.

She is president of the Coordinadora de Mujeres Líderes Territoriales de Mesoamérica (Coordinator of Territorial Women Leaders of Meso-America), a platform for political dialogue between women of the territories represented in the Meso-American Alliance of Peoples and Forests; an adviser to the Asociación de Mujeres Artesanas Emberá (Association of Emberá Craftswomen); a member of the enterprise “Jumara Juwa”, which in the Emberá language means the hands of all women; a member of the board of directors and secretary of the Organización de la Mujeres Unidas por la Biodiversidad (Organization of Women United for Biodiversity).

She was awarded a grant to attend the 2009 session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues by the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples. She also participated at the 2013 session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, taking with her the demands of the National Coordinator of the Indigenous Peoples of Panama regarding the United Nations Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation mechanism.

### Education

- Carlos III University, Madrid – Spain, postgraduate degree, experts in indigenous peoples, human rights and international cooperation (with a focus on risks and challenges generated by the coronavirus disease Covid-19).
- Specialized University of the Americas, postgraduate degree, specialist in higher education, to be completed.
- Santa María La Antigua Catholic University, diploma in human rights and protection mechanisms, 2012.
- Santa María La Antigua Catholic University, bachelor’s degree in law and political science, 2009.

### Continuing education

- Organized Mayan women, Guatemala, *Mujeres tejiendo entidades y poderes por nosotras y por nuestras luchas* (Women weaving agencies and powers for us and for our struggles), 2014.
- Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, Costa Rica. Human rights, elections and democracy: The challenges of democracy and human rights, 2013.
- International Latin American and Caribbean Forum (UN-Women, Panama), Young Women: Leadership and Governance, 2012.

- Centre for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel, Weitz Centre for Development Studies, Israel, Course on integrated rural development for indigenous women leaders of the Americas, 2007.

### **Experience**

- Emberá General Congress of Alto Bayano, president of the General Congress, 2016–April 2021 (ad honorem).
- Alianza Mesoamericana de Pueblos y Bosques (Meso-American Alliance of Peoples and Forests), Coordinadora de Mujeres Líderes Territoriales de Mesoamérica (Coordinator of Territorial Women Leaders of Meso-America), president of the Coordinación de Mujeres Líderes Territoriales de Mesoamérica (Coordination of Territorial Women Leaders of Meso-America), 2018–present (ad honorem).
- United Nations Volunteers, United Nations Development Programme, Ministry of the Environment, National Specialist, National Biocultural Protocol Officer, October 2018–February 2019.
- International Forum of Indigenous Women, Facilitator of the International Human Rights and Advocacy Strategies Programme, Global Training and Capacity-building Programme, February–June 2019.
- United Nations Children’s Fund, territorial technical consultant on the indigenous project – Ministry of the Interior, August–December 2016.
- Emberá Wounaan General Congress of Collective Lands, Emberá General Congress of Alto Bayano, indigenous and non-indigenous non-governmental organizations, government institutions and others, 2005–present (ad honorem).
- United Nations Development Programme, Consultant: Technical Coordinator for the National Coordinator of the Indigenous Peoples of Panama, June 2014–June 2015.
- United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women – UN-Women, Consultant: National Coordinator of the Indigenous Women’s Programme for Panama, UN-Women, June 2011–February 2013.
- Office of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Panama, human rights officer for indigenous affairs, September 2009–May 2011.

### **Affiliations**

- Consultative Group of Indigenous Leaders of the United Nations System, indigenous leader member, 2010–2015.
- Advisory Committee of Indigenous Women to the Comprehensive National Plan for Indigenous Peoples of Panama, founder.
- Red de Jóvenes Indígenas de América Latina y El Caribe (Network of Indigenous Youth of Latin America and the Caribbean), member.
- Coordinadora de Mujeres Líderes Territoriales de Mesoamérica (Coordinator of Territorial Women Leaders of Meso-America), president.
- Ad-hoc Steering Committee on the Rights and Resources Initiative land rights standards.

### **Honours**

- Ministry of Culture, Executive Decree No. 125 of 11 September 2020, Member of the Commission for the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the

Independence of Panama from Spain, 2021, representing indigenous peoples. Member of the advisory council of the “Bicentennial Pact: Closing Gaps”.

- Museo de la Libertad y los Derechos Humanos de Panamá (Museum of Liberty and Human Rights of Panama), “the first Emberá woman lawyer, a young woman who has dedicated her life not only to defending the rights of indigenous peoples, but also to ensuring that indigenous women and youth are duly included in decision-making processes, May 2019”.
- Emberá General Congress of Alto Bayano, chosen as a young and professional woman, in a position of traditional authority, for the position of General President. One of her most important achievements because it is difficult for Emberá women within their traditional structures to occupy these positions and even more so when they are young. 2016.
- Junior Chamber International, recognized as an outstanding young person of 2014 by Junior Chamber International for her personal achievements in the contribution to children, world peace and/or human rights category.

## Luis Alberto Pachala Poma (Ecuador)

[Original: English/Spanish]

Mr. Pachala is a kichwa-waranka politician and founder of the Inclusive, Active, Responsible and Innovative Society (SIARI) movement. In alliance with the CREO political party, he was elected as a congressman representing the province of Bolívar, and later, he became block chief of the CREO-SIARI-AMAUTA movement at the National Assembly of Ecuador.

Pachala was born in Paltabamba, province of Bolívar on November 10, 1970. He holds B.A. in Science in Education, a B.A. in Economy, and a Master's degree in Business Administration. Pachala defines himself as a man of the countryside with big dreams, close to the service of the Ecuadorian people.

As part of his professional life, he was a professor of secondary and higher education, and the dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Metropolitan University of Ecuador. Pachala has held public positions as Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Minister of Social Welfare, Minister and Vice Minister of Agriculture; from where he has influenced the quality of life of Ecuadorians, delivering public works and projects throughout the country.

In 2007 he was elected as a deputy of the Republic of Ecuador for the province of Bolívar, and later, he became President of the Commission for Indigenous Affairs and other Ethnic Groups of the Ecuadorian parliament. He was also a member of the Commission for Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Indigenous Parliament of America.

In 2008 he was an advisor and political and social consultant for the Kokopelia Asesores Company, and in 2009 he became an advisor at the National Assembly of Ecuador. From 2010 to 2015, through merit and opposition, he became one of the seven councilors of the first Council for Citizen Participation and Social Control in Ecuador.

In 2016 he created the Inclusive, Active, Responsible and Innovative Society (SIARI) movement, which holds a humanistic, pragmatic, and progressive vision whose motto is “a seed, a hope, and a single fist.”

In 2017, Pachala was elected as a congressman representing the province of Bolívar and he is currently the Minister for the Development of Indigenous and Black Peoples, a position from which he has managed to give institutionalism to the indigenous, montubio and black peoples of Ecuador and has articulated solutions for their needs.

**Current position:** Secretary of Management and Development of Peoples and Nationalities

### Professional experience

October 1994–July 2014: José Maria Velaz School, Instructor – Inspector

May 2009–December 2010: National Assembly, Adviser

March 2011–August 2011: Metropolitan University of Ecuador, Instructor.

March 2011–March 2012: Metropolitan University of Ecuador, Dean.

October 2010–August 2012: Bolívar State University, Instructor.

March 2010–July 2015: Council for Citizen Participation and Social Control, Chief Councillor.

May 2017–May 2021: National Assembly, Provincial Assembly Member.

May 2019–May 2021: National Assembly, Head of the CREO SIARI caucus.

## Rodrigo Eduardo Paillalef Monnard (Chile)

### Education

Attorney, Professional title granted by the Supreme Court of Chile.

Academic Degree: Degree in Legal and Social Sciences, University Academy of Christian Humanism, School of Law, Santiago, Chile. Validation of Studies.

Law Graduate: 1998 School of Law, Faculty of Legal and Social Sciences, Universidad de Concepción, Concepción, Chile.

International Diploma of Specialization “Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples and Public Policies” 2016–2017 Henry Dunant Latin America Foundation. Santiago de Chile.

### Professional experience

- September 2021 to date: International Consultant to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to provide support and follow-up on international human rights standards, to the work of the Indigenous Conventional Constituents, in the Chilean constituent process.
- April 2021 to date: Senior Advisor on the Indigenous People’s Right for the Centro Vincular, dependent on the Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso. In this role, he performs talks and conferences on the rights of Indigenous Peoples in the field of Business and Human Rights. Prepares reports on compliance with standards in matters of Business and Human Rights.
- April 2020 to April 2021: Representative of the Permanent Observer of the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, FILAC before the United Nations in Geneva. He develops his work in the fields of multilateral diplomacy, International Human Rights Law, legal research, international cooperation and political advocacy in processes related to Indigenous Peoples before the United Nations and its agencies. [www.filac.org](http://www.filac.org)
- October 2019 to April 2020: Legal Advisor at the International Commission of Jurists. He works in the field of Business and Human Rights and in International Human Rights Law. Geneva, Switzerland. [www.icj.org](http://www.icj.org)
- January 2018 to April 2021: International Consultant at Centro Vincular, dependent on the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile. Specialist in the rights of Indigenous Peoples, advisor in international standards on Business and Human Rights, corporate sustainability and interculturality. [www.vincular.cl](http://www.vincular.cl)
- August 2017 to December 2020: Legal Advisor on Indigenous People’s Right for Association of City Councils with Mapuche Mayor in Temuco, Chile. In this role, he performs workshops, talks and field work for various indigenous organizations in the country.
- January 2019 to April 2020: Advisor and Representative of the NGO (with ECOSOC Status) Asociación Kunas Unidos por Napguana de Panamá, for the World Intellectual Property Organization, in matters of intellectual property, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions.
- June 2014 to July 2017: Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations Attache, and other international organizations. In this position, he was in charge of report’s monitoring and preparing in matters of Human Rights, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, racial discrimination, racism, xenophobia and other related

forms of intolerance, minorities, equality and non-discrimination. Between 2015 and 2017, he participated in the negotiation process of the text of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and other people who work in rural areas. In the same sense, he participated in negotiation processes and drafting of resolution texts to be presented to the Human Rights Council. Prepares reports, comments, develops conclusions and proposals that are reported to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Chile. In compliance with his duties, he actively participates in the sessions of the Expert Mechanism on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights Council; Human Rights and Business Forum; Minorities Forum; Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law. He has lectured on indigenous subjects at the University of Geneva, Stockholm University, and Leuphana University in Lüneburg, Germany.

- July 2012 to June 2014: Lawyer and Independent Legal Advisor. Free practice of the profession at the Rabah, Chaer, Mohor y Asociados Law Firm in Santiago de Chile.
- September 2007 to June 2012: GS Proyectos de Ingeniería S.A. in Santiago de Chile. In charge of the Firm's legal department and head of the expropriations area.
- May 2006 to September 2007: Advisor on political and government issues at the Regional Ministerial Secretary of Government of the Bío-Bío Region, Chile. It prepares reports over the local political situation, conflict analysis, legal reports, and trains neighborhood and indigenous leaders on issues of citizen participation.
- November 1998 to April 2006: Independent Legal Advisor.

**Basic skills**

Preparation of reports and documents. Research. Political Analysis. Lecturer and speaker at seminars. Communication Skills. Leadership and teamwork. Participation and monitoring in negotiation processes International Human Rights Law.

**Other**

Student Leader. He was President of the Student Center of the Law School of the University of Concepción, Chile. He has written columns in Chilean and European digital newspapers in relation to indigenous issues.

**Technical skills**

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Social Networks)

**Languages**

Spanish, English, French.

## **Tove Søvndahl Gant**

**Title:** Head of Representation, Cand. Mag (Master's degree)

Born 30 May 1959 in Qaqortoq, Greenland

Languages: Greenlandic, Danish and English, rudimentary understanding of French and German.

### **Professional CV**

**September 2020–August 2021:** Senior adviser in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Greenland, Nuuk, Greenland

**2014–2020:** Policy adviser – seconded by the Danish Foreign Ministry to the Human Rights division of the European External Action Service, Brussels, Belgium.

**2007–2014:** Head of the Greenland Representation in Copenhagen, Denmark

**2004–2007:** Seconded National Expert, the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office (DEVCO) in Brussels, Belgium. Engaged in programme management of European human rights funding and quality support in relation to the rights of indigenous peoples and other human rights' issues in EUs human rights programmes and general development cooperation activities

**2001–2004:** Senior Adviser at the Greenland Home Government, Denmark office (with direct reporting to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nuuk, Greenland). Responsible for files related to sustainable development, human rights and indigenous peoples' rights and development issues vis-à-vis the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Arctic Council and the UN

**1997–2001:** Executive Secretary for the Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat of the Arctic Council, Copenhagen, Denmark

**1996–97:** Counsellor, the Greenland Government's Representation in Denmark. Responsible for public relations and human rights/ indigenous peoples' rights and liaison officer vis-à-vis the Danish Government, NGOs and Indigenous Peoples' Organisations, the UN, ILO and the European Union and other international and regional organizations.

**1994–1996:** Head of Office for the then newly established "International Affairs' Office" (today the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) of the Greenland Government, Nuuk, Greenland.

**1990– :** Civil servant/official of the Greenland Government

### **Memberships (only most relevant listed for brevity)**

**2020–**

Expert member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

**2010–2019**

Member and vice-chair of the Board of Governors for UArctic, University of the Arctic ([www.uarctic.org](http://www.uarctic.org))

**2008–2012**

Chairperson of the Board of Governors for Ilisimatusarfik, the University of Greenland

**2000–2001**

Member of a review team consisting of international indigenous experts appointed by the Danish Foreign Ministry/Danida (Danish Agency for International Development Cooperation) on Denmark's support to Indigenous peoples.

**1996–2002**

Member of the Board of Trustees for United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples (Geneva). This membership included the membership of the Advisory Group for the United Nations International decade on the World's Indigenous People and the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

**1996–1997 and from May, 2002–2004**

Member of the Council for International Development Cooperation – an advisory body to Danida.



## **Keith M. Harper (United States of America)**

### **Education**

- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY J.D., January 1994
- UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, CA B.A., Sociology, Psychology, May 1990

### **Professional experience**

- 2020–present: JENNER & BLOCK LLP, Washington, DC, Partner, Chair Native American and Co-Chair Human Rights & Global Strategies Practices
- 2021–present: WATSON INSTITUTE, BROWN UNIVERSITY, Providence, RI, Senior Fellow
- 2017–2020/2006–2014: KILPATRICK STOCKTON & TOWNSEND LLP, Washington, DC, Partner & Chair of Native American Practice Group
- 2014–2017: U.S. AMBASSADOR & PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, Geneva, Switzerland, TO THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
- 11/2008–1/2009: OBAMA-BIDEN PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION TEAM, Washington, DC, Energy & Environment Cluster
- 2007–2008: SUPREME COURT OF THE POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS, Atmore, AL., Supreme Court Justice (Part-time)
- 2001–2007: MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL COURT, Ledyard, CT, Appellate Justice (Part-time)
- 1995–2006: NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, Washington, DC., Senior Staff Attorney
- 1999–2001: AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, Washington, DC., Professorial Lecturer (Adjunct)
- 1994–1995: THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE W. PIERCE, New York, NY UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, SECOND CIRCUIT, Law Clerk

### **Honors**

- Mitchell Museum of the American Indian Trailblazer Award (2021)
- U.N. Association Allen “Tex” Harris Diplomacy Award (2017)
- National Congress of American Indians Special Recognition Award (2017)
- Cherokee Nation Statesman Award (2014)
- Elected as a Member of the American Law Institute (2012)
- The Native American Bar Association, DC, Award for Significant Contributions to Indian Law and Policy (2012)
- Selected as a “LawDragon 500” (top 500 lawyers in United States) (2010)
- Named one of 50 “Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America” by the NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL (2008)
- Listed in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business (2009–2013, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® (2009–2013, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

- Selected as a Washington D.C. “Super Lawyer” by SuperLawyers magazine (2010–2013, 2019, 2020)
- Rockefeller Foundation Next Generation of Leaders Fellow (2002–04)
- N.Y.U. Black, Latino, Asian Pacific Islander Alumni Association Outstanding Professional Achievement Honor (2009)
- University of Arizona School of Law – IPLP Colloquium Fellow (2003)
- Henry H. Fowler Fellow on Public Policy, Roanoke College (1999)
- Skadden, Arps Fellow (1995–97)
- Root-Tilden-Snow Scholar (1991–93)
- N.Y.U. Journal of International Law & Politics Articles and Notes Editor (1992–93)
- N.Y.U. Center for International Studies Fellow (1992)

#### **Leadership positions & other community service**

- American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, Senior Advisor (2018–present)
- United Nations Association-National Capitol Area, Board Member (2019–present)
- American Constitution Society, Board Member (2017–present)
- Defenders of Wildlife, Board Member (2018–present)
- Artistic Freedom Initiative, Board Member (2018–present)
- Democratic National Committee, At-Large Member, Vice-Chair Credentials Committee, Secretary-Treasurer DNC Native American Caucus (2017–2021)
- George Washington University Elliot School for International Affairs, Non-Resident Fellow (2017–2019)
- President’s Commission on White House Fellowship, Commissioner (2011–2014)
- Lawyer’s Committee on Civil Rights, Board of Trustees Member (2010–2014)
- American Red Cross, National Diversity Council, Chairman (2009–2014)
- Obama For America, Native American Domestic Policy Chair (2008)
- Native American Bar Association, Washington, DC, President (1999–2000)
- Human Rights USA, Board Member (1999–2009)

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