

Name and first name: Varmah Kamla Devi (Mrs.)

Date and place of birth: 14 March 1960 - Mauritius

Working languages: English and French

Current position/function:

- Attorney at law (Bachelor in law).
- Part-time legal adviser for the Municipal Council of Curepipe; The State Trading Corporation (A Para-Statal Body working on Trade and Commerce); Mauritius Telecoms Ltd (The National Telecommunication Company Ltd).
- Member of the Environment Appeal Tribunal.
- Member of the Human Rights Committee at the Mauritius Council of Social Service (MACOSS).
- Member of the United Nations on the Committee of the Convention on the Rights of the Child since 2009.
- Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child since May 2011.

Main professional activities¹:

- As Attorney attending to cases at the level of the Supreme Court and other lower courts in Mauritius.
- Sitting as Member of The Environment Appeal Tribunal during sessions.

Educational background:

- Bachelor in law (LLB) – University of Mauritius.

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

- In September 2006, attended an International Conference on Preventing, Combatting and Trafficking in Women and Children in Commercial Sexual Exploitation in New Delhi, India.
 - In November 2008, attended the Third World Congress of ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) in Brazil.
 - Member of the Human Rights Committee at the Mauritius Council of Social Service (MACOSS), an NGO dedicated to social services and sustainable social development.
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List of most recent publications in the field:

- A Child Friendly Version of the various articles on the Convention on the Rights of the Child for the National Children's Council (in French).

It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Rights of the Child requires participation in three (winter, spring and autumn) sessions of three weeks duration each per year; in addition, pre-sessional working groups are held immediately after each session during five working days in order to prepare the following session. The total number of weeks during which the Committee meets in Geneva therefore amounts to 12 weeks per year.