Meeting of States Parties  
Twenty-third meeting  
New York  
21 January 2010

Election of nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to replace those whose terms will expire on 19 January 2010, in accordance with the provisions of article 8 of the Convention

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In pursuance of article 8, paragraph 4, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on 21 January 2010 to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 19 January 2010 (see annex I). The names of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 19 January 2012 appear in annex II.

2. In accordance with article 8, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 18 September 2009, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee within two months. Nine nominations had been received by 18 November 2009. Nominations and biographical data of persons that may be received by the secretariat after 18 November 2009 will be brought to the attention of the States parties in addenda to this note. Listed below in alphabetical order are the nominees, with the States parties that have proposed them.

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3. Biographical data of the nominees, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III.
Annex I

List of the nine members of the Committee whose terms of office expire on 19 January 2010

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<td>8. Mr. Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos*</td>
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<td>9. Mr. Patrick Thornberry</td>
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* Mr. Danielsen and Mr. Sicilianos resigned from the Committee before the scheduled expiration of their mandates.
Annex II

List of the nine members of the Committee whose terms of office expire on 19 January 2012

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<td>Mr. Pierre-Richard Prosper</td>
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Annex III

Biographical data of the nominees

Mr. Noureddine Amir (Algeria)

Date and place of birth: 5 December 1940, Tunis

Working languages: Arabic, English, French, Spanish

Main professional activities

Professor of political science (University of Algiers): law of diplomacy, diplomatic drafting, systemic analysis of international relations and human rights

Professor of diplomatic law and diplomatic drafting (international treaties), National School of Administration, Algiers

Training of students of the African continent at the National School of Administration, Algiers

Diplomatic and university career

Diplomacy

Founder member of the Association of Algerian Diplomats


1964–1966: Attaché, Algerian Embassy, Islamabad (Pakistan)

1967–1970: Officer for Southern Asia, Asia-Latin America Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1971–1975: Press and Information Officer, Algerian Embassy, Geneva (Switzerland)


1980–1981: Algerian affairs officer, EEC (European Economic Community), Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1983–1986: Officer for Strategic and Disarmament Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs


1992–1993: Counsellor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of research and consolidation

1994–1998: Minister Counsellor, Algerian Embassy, Rabat (Morocco)

1998–2002: Counsellor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

University

Professor of political science (University of Algiers): law of diplomacy, diplomatic drafting, systemic analysis of international relations and human rights
Professor of diplomatic law and diplomatic drafting (international treaties), National School of Administration, Algiers

Training of students of the African continent at the National School of Administration, Algiers

**Educational background**

Preparatory course: general literature certificate (University of Algiers, 1970)

Hispanic-American civilization certificate

Degree in rural and urban sociology (University of Algiers, 1980)

Advanced studies diploma (DEA) in political science, international relations (Paris I, Sorbonne)

Advanced studies diploma (DEA) in political science, defence policy (Paris I, Sorbonne)

Doctorate in political science, prepared under the guidance of Mrs. Hélène Carrère d’Encausse, Kremlinologist and member of the Académie française (Paris I, Sorbonne)

**Competencies**

*Sociology*

- Sociological analysis of Algerian history
- Economic analysis
- Mathematics-statistics (applied) macroeconomics-microeconomics
- Social observation; sociological methodology; social psychology
- Cultural sociology and critical inventory of social science policy
- Economics of socialism
- Legal science method
- Reading of sociology authors
- Study of the Algerian revolution charters
- Theory of the social system and personality build-up
- Rural and urban sociology; social and urban scourges; rural economy
- Research methodology and techniques
- Human geography (Maghreb)
- Sociology of social change and the way societies work
- Critical analysis contemporary theories
- Sociological analysis of agrarian revolutions

*Defence policy expert:* appointed by the African defence ministers of the OAU and recognized by the United Nations Committee on Disarmament (1985)

Former member of the OAU Commission on resolutions against apartheid

*International relations; disarmament; law and legal questions; international economy*

- Russia and the developing world
- Major middle-eastern powers
- Semiotics of international relations
- Systemic analysis of international relations
- The Palestinian problem and Arab countries
- Arms control and disarmament
- Strategy and international relations
- Major power strategy
- Legal aspects of the new international economic order
- Legal aspects of technology transfer and international trade
- New maritime law
Current legal issues on regional economic integration in Africa
International river systems
Decolonization law

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned
Since 2002: member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
2002–2004: Vice-Chairman of the Committee
Since 2008: Committee representative at the inter-committee meetings of the human rights treaty bodies
Presently: coordinator for follow-up to the concluding observations of the Committee

Candidate’s most recent publications in the field
Droit international africain (African International Law) (Yaoundé, Cameroon, 1984)
L’Algérie de la période numide à ce jour (Algeria from the Numidian period to the present)
Les accords de Schengen (The Schengen Agreements)
Les accords de Barcelone (The Barcelona Agreements) (migration flows)
Author of parental agreements for the children of mixed couples
La dernière décennie des relations internationales – les conflits dans le monde (The last decade of international relations – world conflicts) (National School of Administration, Algiers, 2000)
Regional development in Africa (Niamey, 2001)
Humanitarian law and human rights
International security and all forms of racial discrimination in the world – symposium on international security (Algiers, 2002)
The right to equality and non-discrimination (Cairo, 2005)
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: non-nationals (Cairo, 2005, University of Algiers)
Policy of follow-up to CERD recommendations in practice (International Association of Democratic Lawyers, Geneva, 2008)

Honours
Member of Algerian National Liberation Army
Strasbourg Consular Corps Medal
Strasbourg City Medal
Strasbourg General Council Medal
Medal of Louis Pasteur and Robert Schumann Universities of Strasbourg
Ms. Anastasia Crickley (Ireland)

Date and place of birth: 7 September 1950, Dublin, Ireland

Working languages: English, German and Irish, basic proficiency in Spanish and French

Current position/function

Inaugural Chair of the Management and Executive Boards of the European Union (EU) Fundamental Rights Agency (2007–2010). The EU Agency is responsible for collecting information and data on fundamental rights, providing advice to the EU and its member States, and promoting dialogue with civil society in order to raise public awareness of fundamental rights in the EU.

Ms. Crickley is also Head of Department of Applied Social Studies, National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

Main professional activities


Ms. Crickley is currently a member of the Council of State of Ireland, an advisory body that aids and counsels the President of Ireland on all matters on which the President may consult them (2004–2011).

Educational background

Bachelor of Social Science, University College Dublin, 1971


M.A. in Community Studies, University of Bradford, 1982

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

Chairperson of the Irish National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism (1998–2008) and Founder and Chairperson of Pavee Point National Travellers Centre which promotes the rights of Roma and Travellers in Irish society.

Ms. Crickley is a founder member of a number of organizations including the European Network Against Racism (ENAR) and the Migrant Rights Centre in Ireland.

Ms. Crickley participated in the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (2001) and the Durban Review Conference (2009) and also in the World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, 1995), the World Conference to review and appraise the achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women (Nairobi, 1985) and the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995).

Ms. Crickley is a frequent participant in, and a speaker at, United Nations and other international forums, including the first and second sessions of the Forum on Minority Issues (on education in 2008 and on political participation in November 2009).
List of most recent publications in the field

Working for Change: Irish Journal of Community Work, 2009

Council of Europe, Human Rights in Culturally Diverse Societies, conference publication, 2008

OSCE Personal Representatives Annual Report, 2008
Mr. Régis de Gouttes (France)

Date and place of birth: 26 October 1940, Paleville, Tarn Department, France

Working languages: English, French (mother tongue), Spanish

Current position/function
First Advocate-General at the French Court of Cassation
Member — and Chairperson from 2006 to 2008 — of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
Member of the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights (Chairman of the Sub-Committee on International and Humanitarian Questions)
Member of the Ethics Committee of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Member of the Advisory Committee of the French High Authority for Combating Discrimination and Promoting Equality (HALDE)
Vice-President of the Training Institute for Human Rights of the Paris Bar

Main professional activities
Areas of specialization
European and international law, notably in the areas of international judicial cooperation and the protection of human rights (participated in many international conferences and negotiations in these areas).

Educational background
Law graduate
Holds postgraduate higher qualifications in private law, criminal sciences and comparative international law from the Strasbourg International Comparative Law Faculty
Graduate of the Toulouse Institute of Political Science (IEP Toulouse)
Graduate of the French National School of the Judiciary (ENM)
Chamber of Commerce diploma in Spanish studies

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned
National experience
First Advocate-General at the French Court of Cassation (since 2001)
Chairman of the Central Authority for Intercountry Adoption (1999–2001)
Advocate-General at the French Court of Cassation (1993–2000)
Advocate-General at the Paris Court of Appeal (1989–1993)
Deputy Director of the Private Office of the French Minister of Justice (1983)
Deputy Public Prosecutor in Nouméa and in Versailles (1972–1974)
International experience

Elected member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and Chair from 2006 to 2008

Deputy member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) since 2009

Member of the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights – CDDH (Chair from 1995 to 1996)

Former member of the Council of Europe European Committee on Criminal Problems (CDPC)


Former elected member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute – UNICRI (1990–1994)

Teaching assignments

Senior lecturer at the French National School of the Judiciary (ENM), the French National School of Public Administration (ENA), the United Nations Centre for Human Rights in Geneva, and at the universities of Paris I, Strasbourg, Montpellier and Geneva, and at the Paris Bar Association.

List of most recent publications in the field

Various articles and contributions to law journals and studies, notably in the sphere of human rights and European and international judicial cooperation.

Examples of articles


“Vers un droit pénal européen?” [Towards a European body of criminal law?] (Revue de science criminelle et de droit pénal comparé, 1993, No. 4).


“A propos du conflit entre le droit à la liberté d’expression et le droit à la protection contre le racisme” [Concerning the conflict between the right to freedom of expression and the right to protection against racism] (in Mêlanges pour Edmond Pettiti – Bruylant, 1998).


“Droit pénal et droits de l’homme” [Criminal law and human rights] (Revue de science criminelle et de droit pénal comparé, 1 January 2000, pp. 133 et seq.).


Mr. Koko Mawuena Ika Kana (Dieudonné) Ewomsan (Togo)

Date and place of birth: 1954, Agomé – Koutoukpa

Working language: French

Current position/function
Director for the Advancement of Human Rights, Ministry for Human Rights, the Promotion of Democracy and Civic Training
Chairman, Sub-Committee No. 6, Human Rights, Democracy and Peace, National Committee for UNESCO
Full member of the Commission nationale pour la francophonie (National Francophonie Commission)

Main professional activities
September 1978–1992: Lecturer in philosophy
April 1992–September 1993: Assistant principal, 2 February High School, Lomé
August 1984–August 1992: Secretary-General, Association of Philosophy Teachers of Togo (ASPHIT), Chairman of the committee on philosophy curricula in high schools and junior high schools

Educational background
September 1979: Licence d’enseignement de philosophie et sciences sociales appliquées (bachelor’s degree in teaching of philosophy and applied social sciences); C1 de maîtrise de philosophie comparée (master’s degree course in comparative philosophy)
October 1981: C2 de maîtrise de philosophie (master’s degree course in philosophy)
1995: Human rights and citizenship
1996: International human rights standards

Additional training
1992–1997: Attendance at a number of national and international human rights seminars
April 1996: Training course on the drafting and presentation of initial and periodic reports, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (certificate of attendance)
July 1995: Instructors training in human rights and democratic citizenship, summer school, Advanced Teachers’ Training College, Cachan, France (certificate of attendance)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned
Human rights instructor training experience
Organized training seminars, human rights awareness-raising visits
Moderated conferences-discussions on democracy, peace, human rights and tolerance
April 1993: democracy and development
February–March 1996: Conferences in high schools on democracy, peace and justice
November 1996: Human Rights and Development, UNESCO subregional seminar on democracy and human rights, Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)
May 1998: Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship, workshop for trainee teachers
August 1998: Foundations of Human Rights, training seminar for members and staff of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH)
November 1998: School and Human Rights Education for a Culture of Peace; Subregional Seminar of the federations of schools associated with UNESCO in French-speaking West Africa and Ghana
December 1998: Human Rights, Participation and Democratic Citizenship; training workshop, Atakpamé
December 1998: Importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration, Atakpamé Town Hall
August–December 1999: Coordinator of research on conflict settlement mechanisms in traditional Togo societies (UNESCO)
June 2000: Speaker at Regional Cultural Action Centre (CRAC) on the themes of: peace culture, prevention, conflict management and settlement, democracy and development
September 2000: Human Rights and Tolerance; training workshop for members of the Federation of associated UNESCO schools and clubs
October 2000: Togo’s experience with building a culture of peace; subregional seminar-workshop on Tolerance, peace and development. Educating for peace culture, Dakar (Senegal)
June 2005: Coordinator for the workshop on restoring research on human rights and traditions in Togo, Togo National Commission for UNESCO
5–14 December 2008: National awareness-raising campaign in high schools and junior high schools on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Education for human rights and democracy
December 2008: Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Education for human rights and democracy

Candidate’s most recent publications in the field
Traditional ethical behaviour and human rights, workshop on restoring research on human rights and traditions in Togo, Togo National Commission for UNESCO (Lomé, IPAC 2005)
Honours

Mr. Anwar Kemal (Pakistan)

Date and place of birth: 16 January 1943, Bhopal, India

Working language: English

Current position/function

Vice-Chairman, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

Language editor of “Swedish Bulletin”, an English language quarterly journal published in Stockholm

Regular contributor to the Op Ed columns in Pakistan’s leading daily English-language newspaper DAWN and Saudi Arabia’s Arab News on international relations, democracy and human rights, peaceful settlement of disputes and economic development

Main professional activities

Has served as Ambassador of Pakistan to Egypt (1999–2003) and Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh and concurrently Ambassador to Bhutan (1990–1995)

Has served as member of the Pakistan Mission in New York responsible, inter alia, for the Commission on Human Rights (CERD), the Fifth Committee, the Committee for Programme and Coordination of the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council

Member, Pakistan delegation for consideration of Pakistan’s national reports by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (1973–1978)

Member of Pakistan delegation to 11 regular sessions of the General Assembly, several special sessions and the Sixth Non-Aligned Summit at Havana

Member, Pakistan delegation to the Meeting of the States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (1978)

Director, responsible for human rights and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Educational background

Master’s degree in Political Science, University of Pennsylvania (1964), John Boyer Scholarship

B.A. Government College, Lahore (1960)


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

Additional Secretary (United Nations) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1996–1998). Responsible for coordinating Pakistan’s policies relating to the United Nations on human rights, humanitarian affairs, economic and legal affairs, political and security issues, and disarmament, as well as relations with the specialized agencies, the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), Developing 8 (D8) and the Commonwealth.

Director-General, Pakistan Foreign Service Academy (1995). Responsible for the training programme of new entrants to the diplomatic service of Pakistan; and special training courses offered to young diplomats from Africa, the Central Asian Republics and other developing countries.

Director (United Nations), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad. Responsible, inter alia, for human rights questions including collation and drafting of national reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (1978–1982).


Elected member of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for two terms (1978–1982).

Drafted, negotiated and piloted consensus General Assembly resolution 36/116A settling question of Chinese contributions to peacekeeping operations, 1981.

Drafted, negotiated and piloted General Assembly resolution 3538 (XXX) establishing the Negotiating Committee on Financial Emergency of the United Nations. Served as Vice-Chairman and subsequently as acting Chairman (1976–1982).


List of most recent publications in the field

Language Editor of “Swedish Bulletin”, an English Language quarterly journal published in Stockholm

Regular contributor to Op Ed columns in Pakistan’s leading newspaper DAWN and Saudi Arabia’s Arab News on international relations, democracy and human rights, peaceful settlement of disputes and economic development
Mr. Gün Kut (Turkey)

Date and place of birth: 4 March 1957  
Working languages: English, French, Turkish (mother tongue)

Current position/function  
1996–present: Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Bogazici University, Istanbul  
1996–present: member in respect of Turkey of the European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) of the Council of Europe

Main professional activities  
Teaching courses on international relations  
Directing research and theses, and related academic activities at the University

ECRI activities

Educational background  
Lycée de Galatasaray, 1976 (baccalaureate)  
Bogazici University, 1981 (BA, Political Science)  
State University of New York at Binghamton, 1985 (M.A., Political Science)  
State University of New York at Binghamton, 1985 (Ph.D., Political Science)

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

Rapporteur for several country-by-country reports as part of the monitoring activities of ECRI.

Member of a number of permanent or ad hoc working groups dealing with ECRI relations with civil society in Europe, and preparing draft general policy recommendations on specific issues of racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, and related intolerance in member States of the Council of Europe.

Preparation of and/or contribution to various public events (conferences, symposia, round table meetings, media events on the fight against racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, and related intolerance in Turkey and other member States of the Council of Europe).

List of most recent publications in the field

Contribution to the drafting and finalization of a number of reports, recommendations, declarations published by ECRI (cf. ECRI website www.coe.int/ecrit for a list)
Mr. Jose Augusto Lindgren-Alves (Brazil)

**Date and place of birth:** 22 June 1946. Niterói, in the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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

**Current position/function**
Ambassador, based in Brasilia
National Coordinator for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) since 2002

**Main professional activities**
Diplomat in the Ministry of External Relations, Brasilia, since 1970
Chargé d’affaires a.i. in Bridgetown (1984), Windhoek (1990)
Head of the United Nations Division at the Ministry of External Relations, Brasilia, 1990–1995
Consul-General in San Francisco, Ca., 1997–2001
Ambassador in Budapest, 2006–2008
National Coordinator for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, Brasilia, since August 2008

**Educational background**
Graduate of the Law School of the Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, 1969
Graduate of the Diplomatic Academy of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations of Brazil (Instituto Rio-Branco), 1969
Graduate of the Higher Studies Course (doctorate), Instituto Rio-Branco, with the dissertation “The United Nations and Human Rights”, 1989

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**
Brazilian delegate to the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 1995.


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

International Relations and Social Issues: The Decade of Conferences, Brasilia, IBRI/FUNAG, 2001

The Durban Conference Against Racism and Everyone’s Responsibilities, H.R. Netherlands Quarterly V. 21, N. 3, Sept. 2003

Human Rights in Post-Modernity, São Paulo, Ed. Perspectiva, 2005


Mr. Waliakoye Saidou (Niger)

Date and place of birth: 28 July 1969, Madarounfa-Maradi (Niger)

Working languages: French, English, Djerma (mother tongue), Hausa

Current position/function
December 2007 to date: Permanent Secretary of the National Commission on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (CNDHLF)

Main professional activities
September 2003–December 2007: technical adviser at CNDHLF
December 2003–September 2004: Director of studies and research, CNHDLF, Niamey (Niger)
October–December 2003: Director of Afrique Avocats Sans Frontières France Programme
20 April 2000–20 January 2002: Discipline and Litigation Directorate (Civil Service and Labour Ministry), Head of Division

January 2009:
- Instructor, Regional HCDH Bureau, Dakar (Senegal)
- Replacement teacher at the National School of Administration and Magistracy
- Replacement teacher at the African Institute of Technology (AIT), Niamey (Niger)
- Replacement teacher at the Niamey Police Academy (Niger)
- Independent human rights consultant

Educational background
1998–1999: Masters Degree in business law and judicial careers (Abomey Calavi University, Benin)
January–March 2002: Certificate in international humanitarian law
January 2007: Instructor training certificate in women’s rights
Computing (WORD, Excel) and Internet training

Training courses
July–September 2003: Avocats Sans Frontières (France)

Candidate’s most recent publications in the field
“Les discriminations fondées sur l’appartenance des communautés ethno-linguistiques au Niger” (Discriminations arising from membership of ethno-linguistic communities in Niger) (February 2009)
Le droit à un procès équitable en Afrique; cas d’Anima Lawal (The right to due process in Africa – the case of Anima Lawal); training course report (Avocats Sans Frontières – France, 2003)


Le rôle de la Chambre du commerce du Niger dans l’économie nationale à travers ses activités (The role of the Niger Chamber of Commerce through its activities) (Benin, 1999) – Degree thesis in business law and judicial careers

État de droit, démocratie et droits de l’homme au Niger (Rule of law, democracy and human rights in Niger), June 2008

Several press articles on human rights published in France, Niger and Benin
Mr. Patrick Thornberry (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Date and place of birth: 4 December 1944, Middlesbrough, England

Working languages: English, Italian, French, ability to work with documentation in Spanish

Current position/function
Professor of International Law, Keele University, Visiting Fellow, Kellogg College, University of Oxford

Main professional activities
University teacher in international law, human rights law, and international minority and indigenous rights and, in former posts, criminal law and jurisprudence

Consultant at various times to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the Council of Europe and the United Nations Development Programme; former Chairman of Minority Rights Group International

Member of advisory boards of the International Journal on Minority and Group Rights, and Religion and Human Rights: an International Journal

Member of Circle of Friends of the Institute for Minority Rights, EURAC, Bolzano

Member of the Advisory Council of the European Centre for Minority Issues

Educational background
LLB, University of London, LLM and PhD, University of Keele, barrister of Lincoln’s Inn

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned
Rapporteur of CERD, 2002–2008; Chair of CERD Working Group on Early Warning and Urgent Action

General conference rapporteur on the fifth anniversary of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Strasbourg 2003

Conference rapporteur for international seminar on education rights, October 2006

Member of technical expert working group at the United Nations on revised reporting guidelines for human rights country reports, 2005

Member of expert working group of United Nations treaty bodies on reservations to human rights treaties, 2006

Member of Core Group of Experts on Integration Policies in OSCE Countries, for the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the OSCE, February 2007


Participant and speaker at OHCHR side events at Durban Review Conference, April 2009
List of most recent publications in the field


