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Bangladesh

Tanvir Ahmed

Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Mr. Tanvir Ahmed is a career diplomat from Bangladesh, with a strong background in Engineering (Textile) and Finance (MBA). Since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in 2019, he has gained extensive experience across public administration, state protocol, and bilateral and multilateral affairs. His service spans various divisions, including General Services, Protocol, Americas, Consular, International Trade, Investment, and Technology (ITIT), as well as the ICT Wing. His focus on economic diplomacy, governance and innovation has enabled him to actively contribute to attracting foreign direct investments (FDIs), creating gainful employment and inward remittances, promoting technology transfer, diversifying exports, and integrating government services. His expertise extends to key areas such as trade, security, connectivity, and people-to-people engagement, with a notable exposure to Western and American-led governance strategies, priorities, and policies.

As a senior desk officer of the ITIT Wing, he has played a pivotal role in facilitating strategic trade and investment summits, spearheading initiatives to access markets in untapped regions like Latin America and Africa while coordinating regional and bilateral preferential trade agreement negotiations. Beyond trade and investment, he has co-led digital public infrastructure (DPI) initiatives such as the Centralized Services and Activity Tracker and the E-Attestation system, significantly improving consular services across 81 Bangladesh missions abroad and MOFA HQ in Dhaka. His commitment to innovation extends to policy formulation and infrastructure development for emerging technologies, including the establishment of data centers and Fablabs to support artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and other advancements. He is currently exploring interests in political economy, humanitarian diplomacy and artificial intelligence and enjoys learning French as a foreign language.

This is his first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.

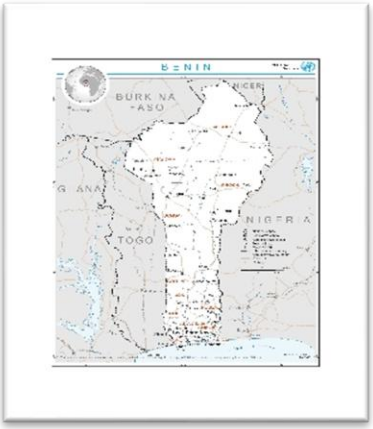
Benin

Dossou Rodrigue Akohou

Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Mr. Dossou Rodrigue Akohou is a career diplomat from Benin, with twenty years of work experience in various technical positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Benin (MoFA). He is currently the Deputy Director of the Legal Affairs Directorate. Previously, he served for many years as Assistant to the Permanent Secretary of the MoFA. As Diplomatic Attaché, he led for three years Economic affairs, Trade and Sustainable Development Section of the Embassy of Benin to Ethiopia and Permanent Mission to the African Union and UNECA in Addis-Ababa.

Mr. Akohou graduated from the Interregional Maritime Security Institute (ISMI) in Abidjan, the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (GSIAS-HUFS) in Seoul, Maastricht School of Management (MSM) in Maastricht and the Faculty of Law and Political Science of the University of Abomey-Calavi (Benin). He is also a United Nations - Nippon Foundation Fellow in the fields of the Law of the Sea.

This is his first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council and also his first time in Geneva.

Djibouti

Yasmine Djama Ibrahim

Multilateral Relations Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Ms. Yasmine Djama Ibrahim is a Multilateral Relations Officer at the Multilateral Relations Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Djibouti. With over three years of experience in diplomatic settings, she has been instrumental in liaising with government authorities and UN agencies and representing Djibouti in international conferences and programmes.

Prior to her current role, she served as a Consular Officer at the Consulate of Djibouti in Malaysia, where she oversaw consular services, facilitated administrative processes for students and travellers, and represented the Head of Mission in diplomatic engagements.

She holds a Master of Laws (LLM) in International Law and Legal Studies from University Islam Antarabangsa, Malaysia and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Djibouti. Fluent in English, French, and Somali, she is passionate about fostering international cooperation and bridging cultural gaps. Beyond her Professional work, she is passionate about personal growth, traveling, discovering new cultures, and continuously expanding her understanding of the world.

This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council and also her first time in Geneva.

Dominica

Kamila Bell

Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Ms. Kamila Bell is a Foreign Service Officer, who has been employed with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy of the Commonwealth of Dominica since 2014. In this capacity, she provides strategic guidance on bilateral and multilateral relations, contributing to the development and execution of the foreign policy agenda, in alignment with national priorities and objectives.

As part of her responsibilities, Ms. Bell supports the coordination of the National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting, and Follow-up (NMIRF) whereby she works closely with national and international stakeholders to facilitate capacity development, preparation of reports for human rights mechanisms, and follow-up on recommendations emanating from these mechanisms.

She has served as a member of delegation of Dominica to the Third Committee during the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2022 and the 47th Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) for Dominica's Fourth Cycle of the UPR in 2024 – two experiences that have deepened her interest in the international human rights system.

Ms. Bell holds a Master of International Relations (MIR) from Victoria University of Wellington and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Studies from Midwestern State University. She has also benefitted from training opportunities facilitated by The Commonwealth, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).

This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.

Dominican Republic

Ana Esther Mañón Mora

Multilateral Foreign Policy Analyst, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Ms. Ana Mañon is a multilateral foreign policy analyst at the Directorate of Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, where she has served for a year and a half. She collaborates with the Department of Universal System of Human Rights, overseeing the nation's engagement with the Human Rights Council and the UN's Third Committee. Previously, in 2023, she interned at the Directorate of Bilateral Relations with the United States and Canada.

Ms. Mañon earned her Bachelor's Degree in Diplomacy and International Services with honours and was a finalist for the "Investigation Award" for her thesis. She is now pursuing a Master's Degree in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. She has represented the Dominican Republic at international events, including the IX Summit of the Americas organized by the Organization of American States (OAS) in Lima, Peru, and the First Ibero-American Youth Congress in Cúcuta, Colombia.

In her role, she has participated in various protocol activities, notably assisting during the Welcome Cocktail for Heads of State and Government at the Presidential Inauguration (2024-2028 term), the Oscar de la Renta Awards, and at the Central American Parliament in the Dominican Republic. Committed to social justice and collective well-being, Ms. Mañon volunteers with the UN Population Fund's Youth Advisory Panel and previously served as Marketing and Outgoing Exchanges Vice-President in AIESEC, organizing youth development events.

This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council and also her first time in Geneva.

Eritrea

Natnael Yebio Werke

Senior Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Mr. Natnael Yebio is a Senior Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Eritrea. He has been with the Ministry for the past 10 years, initially serving as a Nile Security Analyst in the Africa and Middle East Desk Department. He later transitioned to the International Organizations Desks Department, where he currently holds his position.

In his current role, Mr. Yebio advises senior officials on human rights matters and collaborates with various government departments and agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to human rights in foreign relations. He is responsible for developing and drafting comprehensive policy papers, position statements, and action plans to integrate human rights considerations into Eritrea's domestic and foreign policy. Additionally, he produces detailed reports for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on human rights conditions and developments, often in response to specific situations of concern, to help shape policy direction.

Moreover, he also liaises with embassies, consulates, and international organizations, including the United Nations Human Rights Council and regional bodies, actively participating in meetings and discussions to advocate for key human rights initiatives. Mr. Yebio represents the Ministry at international forums, engaging with counterparts from other nations to promote human rights dialogue and share best practices. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and International Relations from Adi-Keih College of Social Sciences and Business.

He has previously attended a regular session of the Human Rights Council.

Ethiopia

Selam Nigussie Ketsela

Counselor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Ms. Selam Nigussie Ketsela holds an LLB and a MA in Diplomacy and International Relations. She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia as a fresh graduate from Law school in 2012. Since then, she has been serving in the Ministry in various departments with different positions including the International Organizations Department, the Ethiopian Embassy in Dublin, Ireland and the Ethiopian Consulate General in Istanbul, Turkey. Currently, Ms. Selam Nigussie Ketsela is a counselor in the International Law Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Her responsibilities as a counselor include, preparing and negotiating agreements and Memorandum of Understandings with States and International Organizations, providing legal opinions on various issues, preparing instruments to ratify agreements following the internal procedures, working on human rights issues, preparing UPR reports, participating in International conferences, meetings and negotiations representing her country and conducting research on vital legal issues including Human Rights.

This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.

Maldives

Fathin Shoora Haleem

Chief Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Ms. Fathin Shoora Haleem is a Chief Desk Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives. She began her diplomatic career in December 2022 as a Deputy Desk Officer at the Multilateral Department, where she is facilitating the Maldives' engagement with the United Nations (UN) and its specialized agencies. Ms. Haleem is also responsible for coordinating the Maldives' participation in a various multilateral forums and particularly engagements, within the UN system, including, but not limited, to the High-Level Segment of the United Nations General Assembly. Before assuming her current position, she gained invaluable experience as an intern within both the Consular and Multilateral Departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ms. Haleem holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from the Asia Pacific University of Malaysia, in collaboration with Staffordshire University. Her academic background, coupled with her practical experience in diplomacy, equips her with a comprehensive

understanding of international relations, global governance, and the intersection between theory and practice in international affairs.

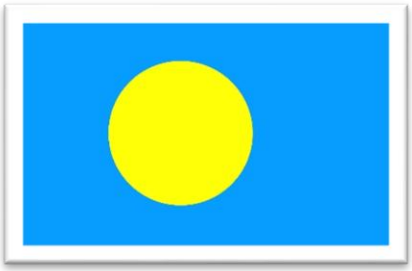
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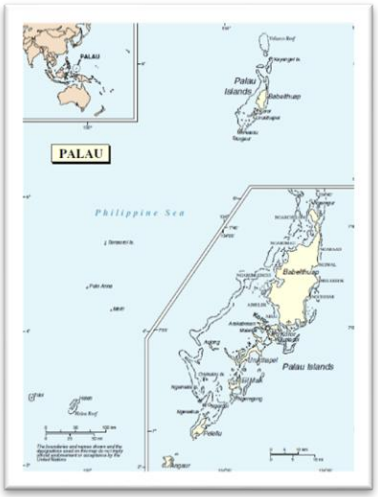
Palau

Uong Jameson Yalap

Disability and Human Rights Associate, Ministry of Health and Human Services







Mr Uong Jameson Yalap is the Palau Representative for the Government of the Republic of Palau. He recently began this role in January 2025 after nearly two years as Palau's first National United Nations Volunteer (UNV) Specialist, serving as a Sustainable Development Assistant with UNESCAP Subregional Office for the Pacific. In his UNV role, he provided technical assistance to Palau's 2nd Voluntary National Review (VNR), which was presented at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2024, where he attended as part of the Palau Government delegation, while also representing Palau Resource Institute (PRI), a civil society organisation he actively volunteers with. Prior to his UNV role, he briefly served as a Foreign Service Officer for the Ministry of State.

Mr Yalap holds a Bachelor's degree in International Studies from Auckland University of Technology (AUT) in New Zealand. Through his work with UNESCAP, he became actively engaged in CSO engagement, social development, Leave No One Behind (LNOB), and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). His involvement with CRPD began in July 2024, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS), OHCHR Pacific Office, and OPDs in Palau. He is currently working closely under the mentorship of Ms Villany Remengesau to revise the Palau National Disability Policy 2017–2020 and support disability rights advocacy.

In addition to his human rights work, Mr Yalap was part of Palau's youth delegation to COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, where he engaged in climate change negotiations alongside Palauan youth climate change negotiator, Mr Junior Seid. His experience at COP29 reinforced his understanding of the intersections between climate change, human rights, and social equity, particularly in the context of Just Transition, disability-inclusive climate adaptation, and traditional knowledge.

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