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Bangladesh

Raihan Mahmood Hannan

Assistant Secretary, United Nations Wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
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Mr. Raihan Mahmood Hannan is a career diplomat with four years of experience at Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Currently serving as desk officer of the UN Human Rights directorate, he looks after Bangladesh's engagement with the UN human rights mechanisms.

A key part of his responsibility has been developing comprehensive strategies to implement the accepted recommendations from the most recent Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Bangladesh. In his role, he prepares proposals on Bangladesh's position on resolutions tabled in the Human Rights Council and UN General Assembly. He coordinates the international humanitarian response for forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals, working with UN agencies and other national and international partners.

Previously, Mr. Mahmood Hannan has steered Bangladesh's engagements with the EU and Western Europe, successfully hosting the 1st Bangladesh-EU Political Dialogue and 1st Bangladesh-France Foreign Office Consultations. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology and has recently completed his Professional Master's in International Relations and Diplomacy from the University of Dhaka.

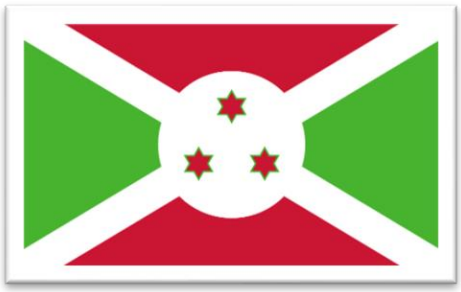
This is his first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.

Burundi

Cornalie Nijimbere

Directrice des Affaires Juridiques au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et de la Coopération au Développement







Nommée depuis 2018 au poste du Directeur des Affaires Juridiques au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et de la Coopération au Développement, Mme. Cornalie NIJIMBERE est également Membre du Groupe Thématique Démocratie et Bonne Gouvernance au Mécanisme National de la Conférence Internationale sur la Région des Grands Lacs (CIRGL). A ce titre et en tant que juriste de formation, elle attire l'attention du Président de ce groupe thématique sur la pertinence d'harmoniser les textes juridiques internes au pacte de la Conférence Internationale de la Région des Grands Lacs ainsi qu'aux principes fondamentaux inscrits dans la charte des Nations Unies et dans l'Acte Constitutif de l'Union Africaine.

En outre, Madame Cornalie a été animatrice communale de l'Association DUSHIREHAMWE à travers laquelle elle a contribué à la réalisation de l'objectif global de cette association qui est celui de contribuer au renforcement du leadership communautaire dans les initiatives de consolidation de la paix, de cohésion sociale, de protection des droits humains et d'autonomisation économique de la femme. Elle fait des Sensibilisations aux femmes leaders de la Commune et à l'administration pour lutter contre les Violences basées sur le Genre, à l'autonomisation de la femme en Participant aux activités de protection des droits de l'homme en collaboration avec l'administration.

En sa qualité de la Directrice des Affaires Juridiques, Mme Cornalie examine toutes les questions de droit au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et de la Coopération au Développement, donne des avis juridiques sur les projets d'Accords ou tout autre instrument juridique en cours d'élaboration, gère les traités, Conventions, Pactes, Accords et autres instruments juridiques régionaux et internationaux signés par le Burundi avec ses partenaires. Elle est également membre de plusieurs commissions en charge de l'élaboration de plusieurs instruments juridiques.

Mme. Cornalie est titulaire d'un diplôme de Licence en Droit à l'Université Lumière de Bujumbura.

Elle participe pour la première fois à une session ordinaire du Conseil des droits de l'homme, et il s'agit également de sa première visite à Genève.

Cabo Verde

Dúnia Pires do Canto

First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Cabo Verde to the United Nations in New York







Ms. Dúnia Pires do Canto is a career diplomat currently serving as First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Cabo Verde to the United Nations in New York. At the UN, she has played an important role in key committees of the General Assembly, including the First, Third, and Fourth Committees, addressing issues such as disarmament, decolonization, human rights, and social development.

Ms. Pires do Canto served as a member of the Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) for its 68th and 69th sessions. In this role, she has been instrumental in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment on the global stage. Notably, she served as one of the co-facilitators of the CSW69 Political Declaration, demonstrating her commitment to the promotion of women's rights.

Earlier in her career, she held positions at Cabo Verde's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, working on the Asia–Pacific desk and in the National Directorate of State Protocol, where she coordinated bilateral relations and managed diplomatic ceremonies and state visits.

Ms. Pires do Canto holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the Technical University of Lisbon.

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

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Jean Baptiste Ingoli Bolamba
Directeur au Secrétariat Général aux droits humains







Juriste et agent de carrière de service public de l'Etat, Jean Baptiste Ingoli Bolamba est Directeur au Secrétariat général aux droits humains au Ministère des droits humains ; chargé des rapports aux mécanismes de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme.

Il est également Secrétaire permanent adjoint principal au Comité Interministériel des droits de l'homme, structure permanente du gouvernement chargé d'élaborer tous les rapports requis en vertu des traités internationaux et régionaux des droits de l'homme, y compris le Rapport national à l'Examen périodique universel.

En sa qualité de Secrétaire permanent adjoint principal, au sein du Comité Interministériel des droits de l'homme, il s'occupe de la formation et de l'administration au sein du Comité Interministériel des droits de l'homme.

Monsieur Jean Baptiste Ingoli Bolamba est titulaire d'une licence en droit de l'Université de Kinshasa, il a un certificat de formateur des formateurs aux organes des traités des Nations Unies du Centre régional des Nations Unies pour les droits de l'homme et la démocratie.

Il a déjà participé aux sessions du Conseil des droits de l'homme.

Dominican Republic

Dalia Figuereo

Foreign Policy Analyst, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Dalia Figuereo is a Dominican government official . She works as a Foreign Policy Analyst with responsibility for gender issues in the Human Rights Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She also coordinates work related to vulnerable populations, promoting an inclusive and rights-based foreign policy agenda.

She holds a degree in Diplomacy and International Services, and a Master's degree in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, training that has allowed her to approach the country's international commitments with technical rigor and a comprehensive approach.

She also serves as secretary of the Inter-Institutional Commission for Human Rights of the Dominican Republic, a mechanism established more than 20 years ago, composed of representatives of more than 35 institutions belonging to the various branches of government. This Commission coordinates the preparation of reports to international mechanisms, responds to the requirements of multilateral organizations, and coordinates inter-institutional actions in the area of human rights, promoting compliance with the international commitments assumed by the country.

In the area of gender, in 2022, she coordinated the presentation of the eight periodic report of the country before the CEDAW Committee. Since 2023, she has represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a member of the Dominican delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York, participating in the annual sessions of this important UN body.

Likewise, she has contributed significantly from the Directorate of Human Rights in the formulation, monitoring and implementation of the National Human Rights Plan.

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

Ethiopia

Tadesse Biseten Getu

Counsellor II, International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Tadesse Bisetegn is a career diplomat from Ethiopia, holding a position of Counsellor II at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His diplomatic service began in 2012 when he joined the Ministry as Training Diplomat immediately following his graduation from Addis Ababa University. Over the past ten years, Mr. Tadesse has fulfilled diverse roles within the Ministry and at Ethiopia's diplomatic missions overseas.

His early career was at the America's Affairs Department, where he received initial mentorship and undertook responsibilities related to Ethiopia's bilateral relations with countries in the North, South and Central America. He then served abroad for four years as a Political Affairs officer at the Ethiopian Embassies in Riyadh and Kampala, monitoring key national interests, regional and global political, diplomatic and security issues.

Upon his return to the Ministry Headquarters, Mr. Tadesse pursued his Master's Degree in International Relations in China, focusing his Thesis on United Nations Security Council Reform. Before and after his break for academic leave, he has been an expert at the Ministry's International Organizations department, where his work has been on those multilateral organisations on Trade, Finance and Development including WTO, IMF, and UNDP.

Mr. Tadesse, strongly values multilateralism and the crucial role of diplomacy, seeing both as essential pathways for a better future for the people of the world.

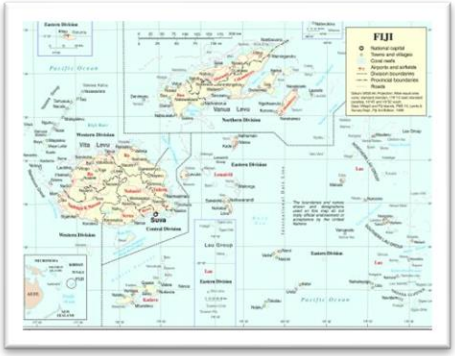
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Fiji

Suliana Taukei
Principal Legal Officer, Office of Attorney-General







Ms. Suliana Taukei serves as a Principal Legal Officer at Fiji's Office of the Attorney General, bringing over a decade of expertise in civil litigation, international law, and human rights advocacy. Her extensive contributions to human rights include playing a pivotal role in Fiji's ratification of all nine Core Human Rights Conventions in 2019.

She was instrumental in drafting Fiji's State Report for the third and fourth Universal Periodic Review cycles and represented Fiji as part of the national delegation at the Human Rights Council in 2019 and recently in January this year. Additionally, she played a key role in establishing Fiji's Human Rights Task Force in August 2024, the country's national mechanism for implementation, reporting, and follow-up on human rights commitments.

Ms. Taukei is deeply committed to advancing human rights, proactively identifying critical issues, and spearheading comprehensive solutions to address human rights concerns at the national and global levels.

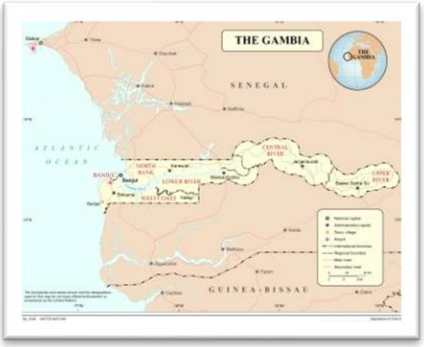
She has previously attended a regular session of the Human Rights Council.

Gambia

Saffiatou Nyang
Chief Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Saffiatou Nyang is a legal practitioner with over 6 years' experience. Saffiatou currently works at the Attorney General's Chambers and the Ministry of Justice as a Senior State Counsel, where she supports the implementation of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission (TRRC). Her areas of expertise include human rights, transitional justice, civil litigation and criminal prosecutions. Since joining the Ministry of Justice in 2020, Saffiatou has contributed to the successful prosecution of serious offences such as murder, rape and robbery. Ms. Nyang has also contributed to The Gambia's UPR reports and reports to Treaty Bodies such as the Committee on Enforced Disappearance.

Ms. Nyang has contributed to several transitional justice mechanisms in The Gambia, she was instrumental in the setting up of the Reparations Commission that will provide reparations to victims of human rights violations that occurred under the Jammeh regime. During her career in the Ministry of Justice, her work has mainly focused on Civil Litigation, Criminal Prosecution, Transitional Justice and Human Rights.

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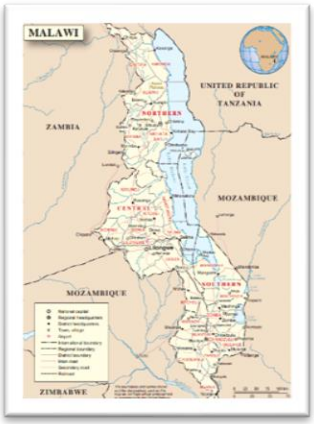
Malawi

Joel Immanuel Matonga

Deputy Director and Head of Legal Services and Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Mr. Joel Immanuel Matonga is a lawyer/diplomat with more than six years of hands-on-experience in negotiating, drafting, vetting and concluding strategic bilateral and multilateral agreements, and advising the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies on international law generally. He currently serves in the capacity of Deputy Director and Head of the Legal Services and Treaties Division. In this role, Mr. Matonga forms part of key decision-making platforms of the ministry, informing critical foreign policy postures for Malawi to safeguard Malawi's territorial integrity and sovereignty, and to promote sustainable development in light of Agenda 2030 and Malawi 2063 Vision.

In addition to general international law compliance mechanisms that he leads on, Mr. Matonga is the Government of Malawi Focal Point for the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Supplementary Protocols, and champions Malawi's international efforts in tackling transnational organized crime such as Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants. He is also one of Malawi's Government Experts under the UN Convention against Corruption Implementation Review Group. Mr. Matonga also forms part of the National Reporting Committee for various human rights frameworks, including the Human Rights Council and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights mechanisms.

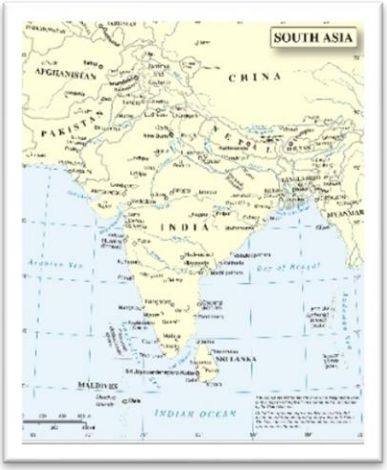
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Maldives

Amr Danyal Shamun
Chief General Service Officer, Human Rights Division, Multilateral Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Mr. Amr Danyal Shamun works at the Human Rights Division of the Multilateral Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives as a Foreign Service Officer, and is the primary focal point between the Ministry and the Permanent Mission of the Maldives to the United Nations Office in Geneva. In 2024 and 2025, he coordinated Human Rights Council Sessions 55th to 58th for the Maldives, reviewing the Maldives' national statements and providing recommendations for the Maldives' national positions on resolutions.

Joining the Maldives Foreign Service in 2019, Mr. Shamun initially worked in the India Division, Bilateral Department and in January 2023, completed the President of the General Assembly Fellowship Programme at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, working in the Office of the President of the General Assembly of the 77th Session.

In September 2023, Mr. Shamun served as Third Secretary at the Permanent Mission of the Maldives to the United Nations in New York during the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly, at which he coordinated the Second and Fourth Committees for the Maldives and co-coordinated Resolution A/RES/78/152 on Disaster Risk Reduction on behalf of the G77.

Mr. Shamun holds a Masters of Arts in International Relations from the University of Bath, United Kingdom (2022) and a Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences from the University of Sydney, Australia (2019).

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