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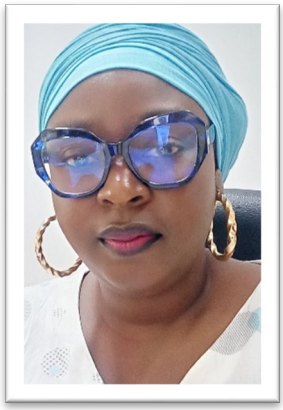
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Benin

Rafiou Saka, Nadwath Abdèdjè

Diplomate et Chef de Division au Service des Traités et du Contentieux Territorial à la Direction des Affaires Juridiques du Ministère des Affaires Étrangères







Diplomate de carrière, Madame Nadwath Abèdjè Rafiou Saka est Chef Division des Traités cumulativement avec celui de la division du suivi des instruments juridiques au service des Traités et du Contentieux Territorial de la Direction des Affaires Juridiques du Ministère des Affaires Étrangères. Elle procède à l'analyse juridique, fait le suivi avec les autres structures du ministère ainsi que les ministères sectoriels concernés des négociations jusqu'à la signature des traités, accords et autres textes internationaux entre le Bénin et ses partenaires bilatéraux ainsi que multilatéraux et fournit les interprétations requises des accords internationaux et répond aux demandes d'avis juridique des autres ministères et institutions.

Elle est également Chef du service des droits humains et œuvre en concertation avec les structures nationales compétentes, au renforcement et à la coordination des actions des Nations Unies, des organisations sous régionales, régionales et internationales en faveur de la promotion, la protection, et la défense des droits humains. Elle fait également une synthèse des rapports périodiques sur la situation des droits de l'Homme dans le monde et formule des propositions d'actions au Ministre des Affaires Etrangères.

Enfin, en tant que Point focal de la Direction des Affaires Juridiques du Ministère, elle élabore le Plan de Travail Annuel de la Direction et coordonne les activités de tous les services de la Direction notamment le service de la codification des lois et règlements, le service des traités et du contentieux territorial, le service des droits humains et le service des archives juridiques.

Madame Nadwath Abèdjè Rafiou Saka est titulaire d'une licence en diplomatie et relations internationales qu'elle a obtenu à l'Ecole nationale d'Administration et de Magistrature de l'Université d'Abomey-Calavi du Bénin.

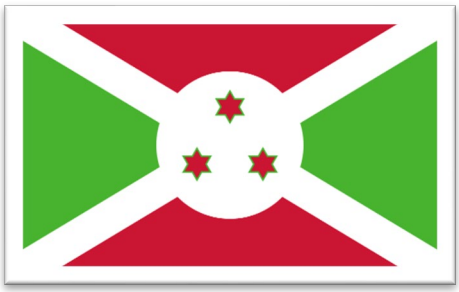
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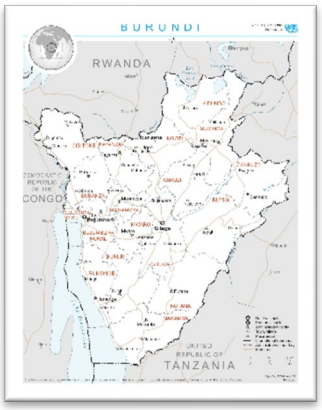
Burundi

Mukerabirori, Diane

Conseiller à la Direction des Affaires Juridiques au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères de l'Intégration Régionale et de la Cooperation au Développement







Diane Mukerabirori a rejoint le Ministère en 2020 après avoir travaillé à la Commission Nationale Indépendante de Droits de l'Homme en tant que chargée des questions juridiques. Elle est affectée à la direction des Affaires Juridiques chargée de traiter les dossiers multilatéraux impliquant les Organisations Internationales des Nations Unies, initier et suivre les formalités nécessaires à l'entrée en vigueur des Traités, Conventions et Accords multilatéraux signés par le Burundi notamment les formalités relatives à l'adhésion, à la ratification et au dépôt des instruments de ratification ; veiller à l'interprétation de tous Traités , Conventions et Accords multilatéraux signés par le Burundi.

En tant que juriste de formation, Mme. Mukerabirori travaillé à la Commission Nationale Indépendante de Droits de l'Homme en tant que chargée des questions juridiques et Point Focal de cette Commission dans la Province de Muyinga où elle était chargée de faire un plaidoyer en faveur des victimes des violences basées sur le genre et d'autres formes de violences, aider les victimes à saisir les institutions habilitées etc.

Mme. Mukerabirori est aussi membre du comité permanent interministériel chargé de la rédaction des rapports initiaux et périodiques des différentes Conventions ratifiées par le Gouvernement du Burundi.

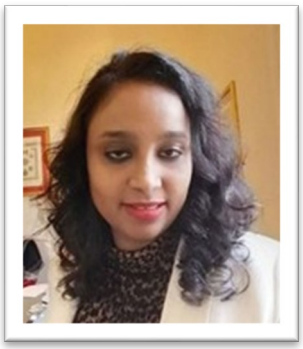
Mme. Mukerabirori est titulaire d'un Diplôme de Licence en Droit à l'Université Lumière de Bujumbura.

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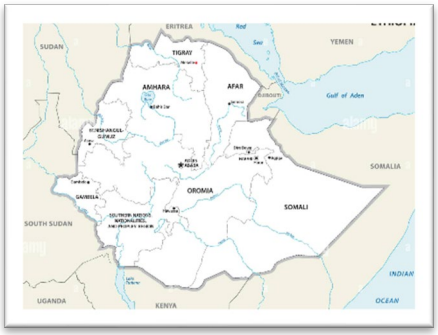
Ethiopia

Mebratu, Genet Mersha

Senior diplomat at the International Legal Affairs Directorate General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Ms. Genet Mersha Mebratu is a career diplomat and has held the position of senior diplomat in the International Legal Affairs Directorate General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia since 2022. Prior to this position, she was Head of the Eritrean Properties Reclaim Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2009 to 2015, then First Secretary at the Ethiopian Embassy in Zimbabwe from 2015 to 2018, and Minister Counselor at the Ethiopian Embassy in Cairo from 2019 to 2021.

She has often served as a legal aid and hotline legal counselor for the Ethiopian Women Lawyers Association (EWLA). As Senior Legal Officer in the Department of International Legal Affairs, she is responsible for processing draft agreements, conventions, and memoranda of understanding in bilateral and multilateral relations frameworks. Her work involves analyzing the substance and scope of draft agreements, their consistency with public policies, and Ethiopia's international commitments. She also serves as a legal advisor. She evaluates the substance and form of draft legal instruments and their compliance with public policy in accordance with Ethiopia's international commitments. She also acts as a legal advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Ethiopian institutions that have commitments with international agencies.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from Haramaya University in 2007 and a master's degree in Diplomacy and International Relations. She holds a certificate in Leadership and Management Skills Development Training from the Vision Ethiopia Congress for Democracy (VECOD). She also participated in the draft of the IOMed Convention.

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

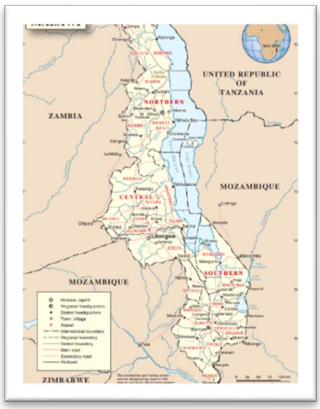
Malawi

Zikagwa, Duncan Chinsisi

Chief State Advocate at Human Rights Section, Attorney General's Chambers in the Ministry of Justice of Malawi







Duncan Chinsisi Zikagwa is a Chief State Advocate in the Human Rights Section and Attorney General's Chambers of the Ministry of Justice of Malawi. He is a career civil servant having worked for the Government of Malawi for 15 years.

As a member of the Human Rights Section, he has amassed knowledge, skills, and competencies in drafting and participating in the preparation of State Party reports to or under regional and international human rights mechanisms. Recently, he led the drafting and submission of Malawi's first-ever report to the Committee on Enforced Disappearances under the International Convention on Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances. He is also an active member of the National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up.

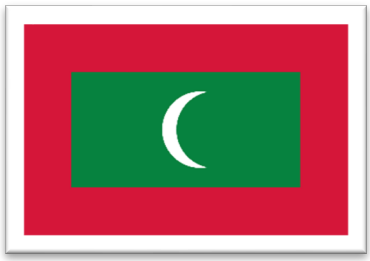
In the Attorney General's Chambers, he represents the Government of Malawi in all courts of Malawi, as well as in arbitral and other alternative dispute resolution tribunals. His role as a state advocate in the Attorney General's Chambers also entails providing legal advice and opinion to all Government ministries, departments and agencies. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree and a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Malawi.

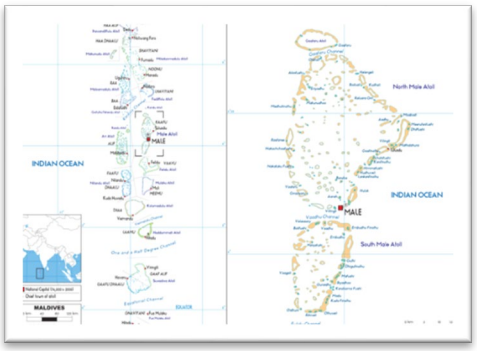
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Maldives

Ahmed Firag, Faiha
Desk Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives







Ms. Faiha Ahmed Firag commenced her career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives in 2019, beginning her journey in diplomacy within the Ministry's Protocol Department. In this capacity, she was responsible for maintaining formal relations with embassies and High Commissions accredited to the Maldives, ensuring that their needs were met in accordance with the role of the hosting Ministry.

In June 2023, she transitioned to the Human Rights Division of the Multilateral Department, where she skillfully facilitated communication and coordination related to Human Rights between relevant stakeholders and line agencies. Later that same year, she was reassigned to the Small States, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development Division. In her current role, she plays a pivotal part in supporting the work of United Nations bodies, international organizations, and national ministries, by fostering effective communication and cooperation on matters concerning small states, climate change, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Ms. Firag holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in International Relations from the University of Nottingham Malaysia. Her extensive engagement with a wide range of stakeholders has greatly enriched her professional portfolio and continues to shape her into a dynamic and capable young diplomat.

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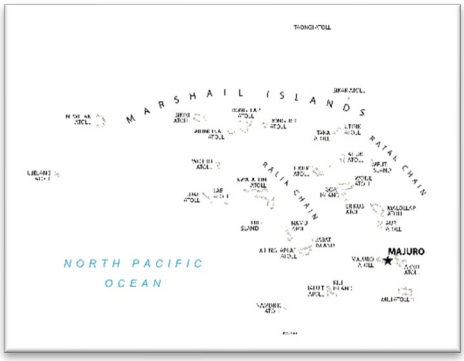
Marshall Islands

Rang, Tamelia

Human Rights Coordinator, Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs







Tamelia Rang serves as the Human Rights Coordinator at the Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs (MOCIA) in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. She helps coordinate services and initiatives that bridge government efforts with community realities, working to ensure that human rights commitments are understood, accessible, and culturally grounded. She approaches her work with a strong belief in equality and systemic empowerment—centering lived experience, fostering collaboration, and amplifying the voices of Marshallese communities.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, with a focus on international relations. Her advocacy journey began with Youth to Youth in Health (YTYIH), where she facilitated community conversations and youth-led advocacy on SRHR, GBV, and climate awareness. Navigating these issues within a culturally sensitive context was challenging, but she appreciates how it taught her the importance of respectful dialogue, community trust, and persistence. The experience deepened her understanding of how rights-based approaches must both be locally grounded and culturally attuned. Tamela Rang continues to build on this foundation, as her passion for human rights, gender equality, and social justice guides her efforts to make rights frameworks more inclusive, accessible, and empowering for all Marshallese communities.

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

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Burt, Natasha

Senior Foreign Service Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs







Mrs. Natasha Burt began her career as a clerk in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saint Kitts and Nevis in 2009. She left to pursue her studies in 2012 and returned five years later to take on the role of a Foreign Service Officer.

After returning from her studies in 2017, Ms. Burt was assigned to the Multilateral Division for three years where she was responsible for the United Nations, Candidatures, OACPS, ECLAC, Commonwealth, OAS and the European Union. She later transferred to the Bilateral Division in 2020, where she has remained since.

Currently, she holds the post of Senior Foreign Service Officer and heads the Bilateral, Training and Scholarship Division within the Ministry. Mrs. Burt not only has oversight of the Division, but specific responsibility for Africa, Asia, Scholarships and Trainings, and Human Rights. She has been a member of the Saint Kitts and Nevis National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up (NMIRF) since its inception in 2018 and was actively involved in the preparation of her country's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) report in 2020. She is currently working alongside her colleagues to complete Saint Kitts and Nevis' report for the 2025-2026 UPR Cycle.

Mrs. Burt holds a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from Ming Chuan University.

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