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Angola

Mário B. von Haff
Counsellor / Ministry of External Relations







Mr. Mário B. von Haff is a career diplomat of the Republic of Angola, with 20 years of experience in diplomacy. He specialises in multilateral diplomacy and social, cultural and human rights issues, and has served in three of Angola's permanent missions to international organisations: the United Nations in New York; the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa; and UNESCO in Paris. He currently serves as Human Rights Coordinator at the Ministry of External Relations of Angola, where he follows multilateral negotiations and coordinates the country's participation in key international human rights mechanisms.

Throughout his career, he has played an active role in the negotiation and facilitation of resolutions, particularly on the rights of children and the rights of women and girls. He also has extensive experience in culture, education and peacebuilding, having represented Angola in various intergovernmental bodies within the UN system and followed portfolios related to cultural heritage, communication and Priority Africa. From 2025 to 2026, he served at UNESCO secretariat in Paris as International Coordinator of the Pan-African Forum for the Culture of Peace - Luanda Biennale, contributing to strengthening international cooperation in the areas of conflict prevention, intercultural dialogue and sustainable development in Africa.

He holds a degree in International Relations and is currently completing a postgraduate qualification in Political Advisory and Strategic Communication. He has also undertaken technical specializations in maritime affairs and continental shelf extension.

Barbados

Joanna Benn-Griffith
Senior Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade







Mrs. Joanna Benn-Griffith is a career diplomat, having joined the Barbados Foreign Service in 2002. She has worked in several departments at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in Barbados, including the Consular and Diaspora Affairs Division, and the International Relations Division, with wide-ranging desk responsibilities including Multilateral, Europe, Asia and Africa and the Pacific, Americas, Organization of American States, Summits of the Americas and CARICOM relations.

Mrs. Benn-Griffith is currently assigned to the Human Rights and Multilateral Relations Unit with responsibility for human rights matters, coordination with the National Human Rights Commissioner, maintaining and strengthening relations with the UN and its agencies and many international organizations. She also holds responsibility for UN General Assembly Third Committee matters and candidatures.

Previously, she was assigned to the High Commission for Barbados to Ottawa, Canada, where she served as First Secretary, performing both consular and political duties, and acted as Chargé d'affaires on several occasions. Mrs. Benn-Griffith served a brief stint in New York as an additional member of the team at the Permanent Mission for Barbados to the United Nations, where she advocated for the sustainable use of the oceans and the protection of persons in the event of disasters.

Mrs. Benn-Griffith holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish (Hons.) from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados and a Master of Arts in International Relations with Merit from Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom.

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

Benin

Ahodé Diane SOTINDJO

Cheffe du Service des droits de l'Homme à la Direction des Affaires juridiques au Ministère des Affaires étrangères







Mme. Ahodé Diane Sotindjo est une diplomate béninoise dotée de plus de vingt années d'expérience au sein du Ministère des Affaires étrangères de la République du Bénin, avec une expertise en diplomatie multilatérale, droit international, droits de l'Homme, négociations intergouvernementales, coopération internationale et règlement alternatif des différends.

Son parcours, entre responsabilités nationales et expérience multilatérale, lui a permis d'acquérir une connaissance approfondie des mécanismes de la diplomatie internationale et des négociations au sein des Nations Unies. Attachée à la Mission permanente du Bénin auprès des Nations Unies à New York de 2014 à 2019, elle a été experte de la Troisième Commission de l'Assemblée générale, chargée notamment des questions humanitaires, sociales et de droits de l'Homme, participant aux négociations intergouvernementales et à la représentation du Bénin dans différents organes des Nations Unies.

Depuis 2021, elle exerce à la Direction des Affaires juridiques du Ministère des Affaires étrangères, où elle intervient sur des dossiers relatifs notamment aux droits de l'Homme, à la coopération judiciaire internationale, à la protection diplomatique et aux accords de siège. Depuis février 2026, elle assure les fonctions de Cheffe du Service des droits de l'Homme, chargée du suivi des questions liées à la promotion, à la protection et à la défense des droits humains.

Titulaire d'un **Master 2 en Diplomatie et Relations internationales**, elle a également suivi des formations en arbitrage, médiation, conciliation et accords de libre-échange. Elle contribue par ailleurs à la production intellectuelle, notamment sur la diplomatie parlementaire et la place des femmes dans l'administration publique béninoise.

C'est la première fois qu'elle assiste à une session ordinaire du Conseil des droits de l'homme et également sa première fois à Genève.

Cambodia

Rattanakborin Koy

Civil Servant, Human Rights Office, Department of the United Nations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation







Mr. Rattanakborin Koy is a civil servant in the Human Rights Office within the Department of the United Nations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Since joining the Ministry, he has coordinated with Cambodian ministries and state institutions on the implementation of international human rights treaties, provided inputs on substantive human rights law issues, and worked on matters related to the UN Human Rights Council. His professional interest includes international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law and general public international law.

Mr. Koy holds a Master of Laws in International Human Rights Law (LL.M.) from Lund University in Sweden, as well as a Bachelor of Laws from the Royal University of Law and Economics and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from the Royal University of Phnom Penh.

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

Jamaica

Sherise Gayle

Senior Assistant Attorney-General (Attorney-General's Chambers)







Ms. Sherise Gayle is an attorney-at-law with over 18 years of experience spanning Government, the United Nations, and private legal practice. She currently serves as Senior Assistant Attorney-General in the International Affairs Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers of Jamaica, where she advises the Government on complex matters of international law and policy, with particular expertise in human rights, international humanitarian law, treaty law, and the law of international organizations. Her work includes advising on Jamaica's obligations under international human rights instruments, supporting human rights reporting and review processes and representing Jamaica in regional and international human rights engagements. She has participated in international dialogues concerning racial discrimination and the rights of persons with disabilities and has served on national committees addressing human rights and human trafficking.

An accomplished international lawyer, Ms. Gayle's experience with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia included work on complex cases involving international criminal law, international humanitarian law, and the protection of fundamental rights, including the drafting of judicial decisions and appellate judgments. She has also represented Jamaica in international forums addressing corruption, trafficking in persons, migrant smuggling, climate change, racial discrimination, and disability rights. Ms. Gayle holds an LL.M. with Distinction in Public International Law from Queen Mary University of London and an LL.B. from the University of the West Indies and was called to the Jamaican Bar in 2006. Her professional commitment is grounded in advancing human dignity, equality, accountability, access to justice, and the effective protection of human rights through law, policy, advocacy, and international cooperation.

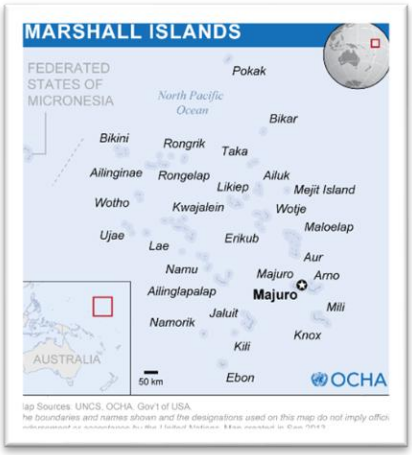
This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.

Marshall Islands

Randon John
Director for Education and Public Awareness National Nuclear Commission, Office of the President







Mr. Randon John serves as the Director of Education and Public Awareness for the National Nuclear Commission (NNC) of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, playing a key role in connecting the nation's nuclear legacy with education, scientific research, and international advocacy. A member of the nuclear-affected community of Bikini Atoll, he combines his personal roots with a professional mandate to support his government in addressing the long-standing impacts of nuclear testing. His responsibilities include leading educational outreach initiatives, managing digital archives, and coordinating policy efforts such as the Changed Circumstances Petition (CCP) Committee, which seeks to build an evidence-based case for nuclear justice before the U.S. Congress.

Committed to his heritage and the resilience of his people, Mr. John advocates for nuclear justice and environmental accountability. He has participated in scientific expeditions assessing contamination levels and represented the Marshall Islands at regional security and human rights forums. He has also collaborated with United Nations representatives and Special Rapporteur Paula Gaviria Betancur to advance the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 57/26. Through international workshops and consultations on the nuclear legacy, he works to ensure that the voices of Marshallese communities, including those in the diaspora, are reflected in global policy discussions and efforts toward transitional justice.

Mr. John completed an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts with a focus on English at the College of the Marshall Islands and obtained a certificate in Social Sciences from the University of the South Pacific. Prior to his current role, he worked with local and national governments in positions including Clerk, Foreign Service Officer, and Archivist.

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