



International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

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Meeting of States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Eleventh meeting

27 June 2023

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

Election, in accordance with article 72 (1–5)

**of the Convention, of seven members of the Committee
on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers
and Members of Their Families to replace those whose
terms of office are due to expire on 31 December 2023**

Election of seven members of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 31 December 2023

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In conformity with article 72 (4) of the International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the eleventh meeting of the States parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 27 June 2023, for the purpose of electing seven members of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families from a list of persons nominated by States parties, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2023 (see sect. I). The names of persons nominated by States parties appear in section II. The names of the other seven members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2025 appear in section III.
2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 72 (3) of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 16 December 2022, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of seven members of the Committee by 31 March 2023. All the curricula vitae received by 31 March 2023 are included in the annex to the present document. Addenda to the present note will be issued for nominations received after the deadline of 31 March 2023.
3. In compliance with the provisions of article 72 (3) of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee, indicating the States parties that nominated them. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in the annex to the present document.
4. In addition, in compliance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 68/268, the current situation with respect to the composition of the Committee, reflecting the balance in terms of geographical distribution and gender representation, professional background and different legal systems, as well as the tenure of current members, is contained in sections I and II of the present document.



5. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly encouraged States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographical distribution, the representation of the different forms of civilization and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies.

6. For the professional background, legal system and additional biographical data of the members of the Committee, see the web page of the Committee.¹

I. Members of the Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2023

<i>Name</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Khaled Cheikhna Babacar	Mauritania	2020
Mohammed Charef	Morocco	2019
Edgar Corzo Sosa	Mexico	2020
Sabrina Gahar ²	Algeria	2023
Pablo César García Sáenz	Guatemala	2020
Myriam Poussi	Burkina Faso	2020, and from 2008 to 2013
Osman Can Ünver	Türkiye	2016

II. Candidates nominated by States parties

<i>Name</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Khaled Cheikhna Babacar	Mauritania
Francisco Carrión Mena	Ecuador
Mohammed Charef	Morocco
Edgar Corzo Sosa	Mexico
Sabrina Gahar	Algeria
Prasad Kariyawasam	Sri Lanka
Sallah Maimuna	Gambia
Myriam Poussi	Burkina Faso
Jean Claude Razarainaina	Madagascar
Osman Can Ünver	Türkiye

¹ See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/Membership.aspx.

² Ms. Gahar was appointed by the Government of Algeria, following the resignation of Lazhar Soualem on 12 December 2022.

III. Members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2025

<i>Name</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Pablo Ceriani Cernadas	Argentina	2022, and from 2014 to 2017
Fatimata Diallo	Senegal	2020
Jasminka Dzumhur	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2022, and from 2016 to 2019
Ermal Frasheri	Albania	2018
Mamane Oumaria	Niger	2018
Azad Taghi-Zada	Azerbaijan	2018, and from 2004 to 2015
Raymond G. Zounmatoun	Benin	2022

Annex

Curricula vitae*

Khaled Cheikhna Babacar (Mauritania)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 22 January 1962

Place of residence: Nouakchott

United Nations working languages: French and Arabic

Current position/function:

Technical adviser responsible for legal matters at the Ministry of the Civil Service and Labour

Member of the Observatory for Women's and Girls' Rights

Member of the Advisory Board of the National Authority to Combat Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants

Member of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families since 2020

Main professional activities:

Drafting legal texts (laws, decrees, orders)

Providing reasoned opinions and/or preparing studies on legal issues

Participating in the drafting of reports for submission under international human rights treaties and instruments

Teaching seminars and classes on labour law at the National School of Administration

Participating in the activities of human rights bodies

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on Migrant Workers:

Facilitation of the activities of HIMAYA, a non-governmental organization specialized in human rights, through awareness-raising and training activities for vulnerable groups and trade unions

Participation in television and radio programmes aimed at educating vulnerable population groups about their fundamental rights (those living in rural areas, migrants and workers who do not have access to a trade union)

Educational background:

Chief labour inspector diploma

Bachelor's degree in human resources management

Diploma in policy for the promotion of decent work

International litigation arbitrator diploma from the Mauritanian International Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation

List of most recent publications in the field of migration and human rights:

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* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Francisco Carrión Mena (Ecuador)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: 8 April 1953, Quito, Ecuador**Place of residence:** Mexico City, Mexico**United Nations working languages:** Spanish, English and French**Current position/function:**

Ambassador of Ecuador to Mexico

Member, in an unpaid personal capacity, of the ESQUEL foundation for development, Ecuador

Main professional activities:

Diplomat

Consultant on international affairs

Academic researcher

Lecturer

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on Migrant Workers:

Member of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families for three terms: 2003–2007, 2007–2011 and 2011–2015

Chair of the Committee on Migrant Workers from 2014 to 2015

Representative of the Committee on Migrant Workers at the Global Forum on Migration and Development, Istanbul, 2015

Educational background:

Doctorate in international law and bachelor's degree in political and social sciences, Central University of Ecuador

Various courses and seminars abroad

List of most recent publications in the field of Migration and Human Rights:Carrión Mena Francisco, "La migración y cómo gestionarla", in *Ecuador entre la inserción y el aislamiento, Política Exterior 2000–2015*, pp. 265–275, Quito: FLACSO Ecuador and Central University of Ecuador, 2018.

Mohammed Charef (Morocco)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 16 January 1953**Place of residence:** Guercif, Morocco**United Nations working languages:** French and Arabic**Current position/function:**

Member of the National Human Rights Council; President of the Sous/Massa Regional Human Rights Commission; President of the Association of Researchers on Migration and Sustainable Development; Director of the Regional Observatory on Migration, Spaces and Societies; correspondent for the *Revue Européenne des Migrations Internationales*; Head of the Chair of Migration and Human Rights, Universiapolis/International University of Agadir (in progress); Honorary President of the association Migrations et Cultures.

Main professional activities:

As President of the Sous/Massa Regional Human Rights Commission, a member of the National Human Rights Council and a research professor, I put my expertise – the study of international migration – at the service of my commitment to human rights. My mission is to protect human rights and freedoms, to guarantee their full exercise and to promote them at the regional level, in strict compliance with national and universal standards in this field. I am convinced that it is not enough to support, guide and act for the proper application of international human rights instruments, it is also necessary to commit to efficient governance in order to transform the situation of migrants at the national, subregional, continental and international levels. It is in this spirit that I am often called upon to provide awareness-raising/training sessions on the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Global Compact for Migration in order to strengthen the skills of civil society actors as well as various professional bodies, civil servants, elected representatives, students, etc. In the same way, I work to promote convergence between the Global Compact for Migration and the Convention.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on Migrant Workers:

Providing support to stakeholders (civil society, local authorities, elected representatives and researchers) for mobilization, analysis, training and the organization of workshops/seminars/conferences on the theme of migration, and proposing strategies for supporting and protecting the rights of migrants, including Moroccans living abroad. Support for projects to develop and strengthen a territorial migration governance system in the Souss/Massa region, with active involvement in the creation of a multi-purpose regional centre for the guidance and support of migrants. Dynamic action to highlight the added value of the diaspora in local and regional development. Active participation in the regional review process of the Global Compact for Migration in the Arab region and in Africa. Facilitation of meetings for exchange and reflection on the convergence between the Global Compact and the Convention. I am also committed to disseminating the Convention among researchers, policymakers, civil society actors and the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions.

Educational background:

In 2019, I carried out a study for the Regional Council of Souss/Massa for the implementation of a regional strategy for the governance of migration, with the aim of changing the way in which migration issues are viewed and dealt with, regionalizing the National Strategy for Moroccans Living Abroad and the National Strategy for Migration and Asylum, and setting up a multi-purpose centre for the guidance and support of migrants. I also conducted a study on migrants' rights during the COVID-19 pandemic in North African countries for the Center

for Migration and Refugee Studies at the American University in Cairo and the International Organization for Migration in 2020.

List of most recent publications in the field of Migration and Human Rights:

Charef, M. (2020): “Regional Migration Systems in the Middle East and North Africa”, in *The Sage Handbook of International Migration*, edited by Christine Inglis (a sociology and social policy professor from Sydney) with Wei Li (a geographer from Arizona) and Binod Khadria (an economist from New Delhi) pp. 247–261

Charef, M., Faouzi, H., Wissal, A. (2021): *Migrations, identités et frontières*, Editions l’Harmattan

Charef. M (December 2021): “La Convention pour la protection de tous les travailleurs migrants et des membres de leur famille”, in *Actes de la première phase du programme de renforcement des capacités des magistrats en matière des droits de l’Homme*, cadre international et national de protection et de promotion des droits de l’homme, pp. 272–287 (in Arabic)

Charef. M (2021): “Réflexions sur les migrations africaines : entre rejet, distance, proximité et engagement”, in *Frontières de la citoyenneté : enjeux d’accueil des primo-arrivants*, Editions Faculté des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines, Ibn Zohr University, Agadir, in the context of the Europe and the Borders of Citizenship project (CITER), coordination Gwénola Sebaux and Meryem Youssoufi, pp. 17–41

Charef. M (2022): Policy brief, “Migrants’ rights are at stake as a result of COVID-19 in North African countries”. Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, the American University in Cairo, pp. 1–23

Edgar Corzo Sosa (Mexico)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: 4 November 1965, Cosamaloapan, Veracruz, Mexico**Place of residence:** Mexico City, Mexico**United Nations working languages:** Spanish, English and French**Current position/function:**

2022–2023: Chair of the Meeting of Chairpersons of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies

2022–2023: Chair of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families

2020–2023: Member of the of the Committee on Migrant Workers

1996 to date: Researcher at the Legal Research Institute of the National Autonomous University of Mexico

Main professional activities:

2022–2023: Chair of the Meeting of Chairpersons of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies

2022–2023: Chair of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families

2020–2023: Member of the of the Committee on Migrant Workers

2015–2019: Rapporteur of the National Human Rights Commission of Mexico, responsible for the programmes on migrants, attacks on journalists and human rights defenders, and trafficking in persons

2001–2002: Director General of International Relations of the Federal Judicial Branch

1999 to date: Director of the publication *Revista Mexicana de Derecho Constitucional*

1999 to date: Professor of constitutional law at the Faculty of Law at the of the National Autonomous University of Mexico

1997 to date: National researcher with the National Research System of Mexico

1996 to date: Researcher at the Legal Research Institute of the National Autonomous University of Mexico

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on Migrant Workers:

Presentation of the reports of the Committee on Migrant Workers and of the Meeting of Chairpersons of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies to the Third Committee, at the seventy-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly on 18 October 2022 in New York, United States

Participation in the International Migration Review Forum, 17–20 May 2022, United Nations Headquarters, New York, United States

Participation in the international workshop “Reflections on the governance of migration”, 11–12 May 2022, Agadir, Morocco

Participation in the thirtieth to thirty-fifth ordinary sessions of the Committee on Migrant Workers from 2020 to 2022

Educational background:

1997: Doctorate in public law, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain

1995: Advanced postgraduate diploma, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

1993: Specialization in *amparo* proceedings, Institute of Judicial Specialization of the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico

1992: Bachelor's degree in law, National Autonomous University of Mexico

Research stays in France, Germany and Spain, among other countries

List of most recent publications in the field of Migration and Human Rights:

La protección de los derechos humanos de las personas migrantes ante el COVID-19, Mexico, National Autonomous University of Mexico, 2022

Impacto de los estándares interamericanos en la protección de los derechos humanos de las personas en movilidad durante la pandemia COVID-19, Germany, Max Planck Institute, 2022

La situación vulnerable en frontera de las personas en movimiento, Mexico, CLACSO-XXI Siglo Veintiuno Editores, 2022

Insuficiente regulación sobre desplazamiento forzado interno en México, Mexico, Mexican Commission for Assistance to Refugees, Ministry of the Interior, 2022

El papel del Estado ante la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, Mexico, Tirant lo Blanch, 2021

Introduction to the publication *Migración, una mirada multidisciplinaria*, Mexico, Tirant lo Blanch, 2021

Sabrina Gahar (Algeria)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 19 July 1971, Algiers**Place of residence:** Algeria**United Nations working languages:** Arabic, French and English**Current position/function:**

Professor of Clinical Psychology, University of Algiers 2

Head of the research team on the psychopathology of trauma

Head of the University Training Research Project on the traumatic impact of child sexual abuse

Member of the National Council for Human Rights

Psychotherapist at the Samia Benouniche University Psychological Support Centre

Main professional activities:

Academic: Teacher at the University of Algiers 2 in charge of the university training of first and second year master's students and doctoral students, supervising several bachelor's, master's and doctoral theses each year. Expertise in dissertations and doctoral theses and qualified to supervise graduate research as a jury member at several universities. Reviewer and associate editor of several national and international academic journals in the field of social sciences and the humanities. Psychological care of students and administrative and teaching staff and their dependants.

Civil society: Activist for human rights and children's rights for more than 26 years, having worked on several themes: education, violence, social inclusion, equality, reporting, migration, etc. Vice-President of the National Foundation for Health Development and Research Promotion (FOREM), President of the Scientific Council of the Observatory of Children's Rights, member of the International Association for Intercultural Research (ARIC)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on Migrant Workers:

Member and rapporteur of the committee for women, children and vulnerable persons of the National Human Rights Council since 2016 (two terms) as a representatives of civil society

Member of the Standing Committee of the National Child Protection Agency

Collaboration with the International Organization for Migration on a project for the family, social and professional integration of migrants

Psychological care for some migrants

Expert trainer with the international NGO Penal Reform International

Expert consultant in charge of the drafting of the national report on childhood for the National Child Protection Agency

Expert rapporteur and consultant to UNICEF Algeria

Member of the National Economic, Social and Environmental Council

Presenter at the conference of the Research Team on Cultural Diversity and Immigration in the Region of Québec (ÉDIQ), Laval University, Quebec, June 2023, on violence against women and migration: illustration of a clinical case using cognitive behavioural therapy

Educational background:

1993: Bachelor's degree in Clinical Psychology (Valedictorian)

2003: Master's degree in clinical psychology with first class honours

2015: Doctorate in Clinical Psychology with first class honours

2016: Psychotherapy diploma in cognitive behavioural therapy

2016: Accreditation to supervise research in clinical psychology

2021: PAM (Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean) Award for work to combat domestic violence

List of most recent publications in the field of Migration and Human Rights:

Moussa-Babaci Fatima, Costa-Fernandez Eaine, Gahar Sabrina, *Education et Psychologie en temps de crise*, Harmattan, 2022

Gahar Sabrina, "Quelle citoyenneté et quelle interculturalité pour la jeunesse algérienne à l'ère du numérique et du virtuel ?", in *L'interculturel: Approches plurielles*, Berlin, Editions Universitaires Européennes, 2021

Gahar Sabrina and Youcef Maache, "La migration en terre européennes à l'épreuve du temps ou quand le discours humaniste enseigné aux européens vint à montrer sa vascoité", in *L'interculturel: Approches plurielles*, Berlin, Editions Universitaires Européennes, 2021

Gahar Sabrina, Youcef Maache, Khiati Mustapha, "L'école algérienne et africaine: grand enjeu interculturel", in *L'interculturel: Approches plurielles*, Berlin, Editions Universitaires Européennes, 2021

Azzouz Hamida and Gahar Sabrina, "Le burn-out chez un échantillon d'infirmiers des services de psychiatrie", *Afkar wa Affak*, vol. 9, No. 2, University of Algiers 2, 2021, <https://www.asjp.cerist.dz/en/Articles/221>

Prasad Kariyawasam (Sri Lanka)

Date and place of birth: 21st March 1954 – Galle, Sri Lanka

Place of residence: Colombo, Sri Lanka & North Bethesda, USA

United Nations working languages: English

Current position/function:

Retired Career Diplomat of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service; (Former-Foreign Secretary; Ambassador to USA; Ambassador to UN in Geneva and Vatican; Ambassador to UN in New York; High Commissioner to India);

Civil society activist promoting rights of Migrant workers;

International Affairs Advisor and Consultant.

Main professional activities:

Experience on Human Rights issues specially in the context of the UN System:

Alternate Representative of Sri Lanka at the 53rd, 54th and 55th Sessions of the UN Commission for Human Rights (CHR) in Geneva;

Led the Observer delegation of Sri Lanka to the 57th and 58th Sessions of CHR and the Member delegation of Sri Lanka to the 59th Session of the CHR;

Vice-Chairperson and served in the Expanded Bureau of the 59th CHR at the 59th Session of the CHR;

Chairperson of the United Nations Special Committee to Investigate Israel Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories from 2005 to 2008.

Professional activities in relation to the protection of the rights of Migrant Workers:

President of the Council of the International Organization for Migration from years 2001–2002;

Deputy Head of Mission in the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Riyadh from 1989–1992 and observed first-hand, travails of the migrant worker population living in the Middle East;

The first Chairperson of the Committee on Migrant Workers – held this post until 2008, during the initial formative stages of the Committee on Migrant Workers and leading the evolution and consolidation of working methods and procedures of the committee, as well as the advocacy of the Convention;

Chair of the Meetings of the Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies and Inter-Committee Meetings for the year 2004.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on Migrant Workers:

Key-note Speaker at the Public Conference on Migrant Workers and Human Rights organized by the Irish Human Rights Commission and the Law Society of Ireland held in Dublin, Ireland on 15th October;

Key-note Speaker at the 8th International Conference on National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights held in Bolivia on 24th October, 2006;

Key-note Presentation on Globalization, Migration and Human Rights at the Seminar for Members of Parliamentary Committee Working on Human Rights and other Committees Addressing Migration issues held at the Inter Parliamentary Committee (IPU) Headquarters in Geneva, on 24th October 2007;

Represented Sri Lanka as well as the Committee on Migrant Workers at the Global Forum on Migration and Development International Conference held in Philippines on 27 – 30 October 2008;

Participated in the “Global Round Table on Alternative to Detention of Asylum Seekers, Refugees, Migrant and Stateless Persons” organized by UNHCR and OHCHR in May 2011 in Geneva;

Participated in the Expert meeting between the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and Committee on Migrant Workers (CMW), relevant UN agencies and civil society, to develop and agree on recommended languages for a gender-responsive global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration held in Geneva on 21–22 November 2016.

Educational background:

Bachelor of Science (Honors in Special degree in Mathematics) from University of Sri Lanka;

Attending various seminars and training course related to International Affairs and Trade, as well as Human Rights and rights of Migrant Workers.

List of most recent publications in the field of Migration and Human Rights:

No recent publications.

Sallah Maimuna (Gambia)

Date and place of birth: 19th/11/91, Banjul

Place of residence: Banjul

United Nations working languages: English, French (basic)

Current position/function:

Counselor and Head of Migration Unit, Directorate of Diaspora and Migration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Coordinator of matters of the National Coordination Mechanism on Migration and Focal person of the Technical Working Group on Labor Migration.

Main professional activities:

Advance Gambia's Foreign Policy Objectives;

Monitor, understand and analyze migration trends and provide policy recommendation to inform national policy decisions;

Participate in the formulation, negotiation and implementation of agreements as well as migration and development related national policies and programmes;

Review of existing agreements and legislative frameworks on migration to identify gaps and make recommendations;

Coordinate activities relating to the smooth operationalization of the National Coordination Mechanism on Migration, a government led inter-agency platform in charge of migration management and governance.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on Migrant Workers:

Attendance to various meetings, workshops and high-level dialogues on migration and development;

Took part in the development of various migration related instruments including the National Labor Migration Strategy;

Participated in series of local and international trainings in areas such as International Migration Law (October 2022) and Bilateral Labor Agreements (ILO-June to July 2022).

Educational background:

Masters of Diplomacy, Sept 2019–Sept 2020, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta;

Bachelor's degree in Development Studies, Jan 2011 to Dec 2014, University of The Gambia.

List of most recent publications in the field of Migration and Human Rights:

N/A

Myriam Poussi (Burkina Faso)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 21 March 1967, Dakar, Senegal**Place of residence:** Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso**United Nations working languages:** French and English**Current position/function:**

Special adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Cooperation and Expatriates of Burkina Faso.

Main professional activities:

Studies, file analysis, adviser on legal, justice and human rights issues (particularly on women's, children's and migrants' rights) and international humanitarian law

Coordination, negotiation of bilateral and/or multilateral agreements between Burkina Faso and its partners (States and international organizations) in the aforementioned fields

National implementation of those agreements

Participation in the drafting of human rights policies, programmes, plans and strategies

Participation in the drafting of reports for submission to the human rights treaty bodies

Monitoring of the international commitments of Burkina Faso, particularly vis-à-vis the Human Rights Council special procedures

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on Migrant Workers:

Current member of the Committee on Migrant Workers and coordinator of the working group on working methods, focal point of the Expert Working Group of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), focal point on reprisals and member of the working group on general comment No. 6 on the convergence of the Migrant Workers Convention and the Global Compact for Migration

Lecturer on human rights, international human rights law and international migration law

Educational background:

Master's degree in international and European fundamental rights law (Nantes, France)

Member of the judiciary, Diploma, National School of Administration and the Judiciary (Ouagadougou/Burkina Faso)

Diploma in Specialized Higher Studies in business law

Master's degree in law

List of most recent publications in the field of Migration and Human Rights:

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Jean Claude Razaranaina (Madagascar)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 18 September 1958

Place of residence: Antananarivo, Madagascar

United Nations working languages: French and English

Current position/function:

Professor of international public law and environmental law

Doctoral thesis supervisor in public law, particularly human rights

Member of the Supreme Council of Justice (term coming to an end this year)

Main professional activities:

University research professor (tenured professor)

Member of the Bar of Madagascar; member of the Supreme Council of Justice

As former director general of the Service for Combating Money-laundering and Terrorist Financing, I conduct research on international law applicable to victims of war.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on Migrant Workers:

In my capacity as a lawyer:

I defend many workers in proceedings before the Labour Tribunal;

I advise and assist foreign workers with their visa applications and family reunification procedures;

I was recruited as a consultant by the Directorate of Immigration and Emigration of the Ministry of the Interior to design and develop the national migration policy.

Educational background:

Postgraduate degree in human rights, University of Nantes

Doctorate in public law and political science

Accredited to supervise research in public international law

List of most recent publications in the field of Migration and Human Rights:

L'éthique et la politique publique (journal of the Catholic University of Madagascar)

Le terrorisme, un phénomène d'actualité mondiale (GOUVSOMU journal)

De la préservation des droits humains dans la région Diana (co-author)

Le dilemme entre le Nord et le Sud sur la reconnaissance des qualifications préconisée par l'UNESCO et la recherche de l'accréditation (International Association of University Professors and Lecturers symposium)

NB: Supervision of thesis on "Human rights and juvenile delinquency"

Osman Can Ünver (Türkiye)

Date and place of birth: 16 May 1954, Ankara/Türkiye

Place of residence: Ankara/Türkiye

United Nations working languages: English

Current position/function:

Prof. Dr., Faculty Member, Dept. of Intern. Relations, Istanbul Istinye University;

Director of Public Diplomacy Research and Implementation Centre, Istinye University, Istanbul;

Member of Trustees of Community Services Foundation of Türkiye;

Member of Scientific Advisory Board, Migration Research Center, Koç University, Istanbul;

Member of CMW since 1.1.2016.

Main professional activities:

Ret. Director General of Services to Turkish Workers Abroad (MoLSS);

Served Turkish migrant workers and their families at Turkish Consulates in Munich, Nuremberg and Hamburg as a Labour Attaché and Labour and Social Security Counsellor at the Turkish Embassy in Berlin;

Participated at various Committee Meetings at Council of Europe and OECD;

Held the position of the Chair of Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families between 2019 and 2022.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on Migrant Workers:

Examines reports of State parties, participates in preparation of General Comments;

As a country rapporteur participates in preparation of Lists of Issues and Concluding Observations for different States parties;

Participation at GFMD in 2015, 2019, 2021;

Participation at various international meetings for the promotion of the ICRMW;

Teaching human rights of migrant workers at Istinye University.

Educational background:

1975–1981: Ludwig Maximilian University Munich/Germany, studying Political Science, graduation with the degree of Master of Arts;

2003: Ph.D. degree in History, Hacettepe University, Ankara/Türkiye;

2016: Assoc. Prof. Dr.;

Prof. Dr. since 2021 at Istinye University Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences.

List of most recent publications in the field of Migration and Human Rights:

“*Güvenlik Tehdidi Olarak Göç*”, (Migration as a Security Threat) Jandarma ve Sahil Güvenlik Akademisi Uluslararası Güvenlik Kongresi (Kuram, Yöntem, Uygulama 2019), Ankara, s. 687-697;

“*Social Assistance to Labour Migrants as a New Form of Public Service: The Case of Turkish Labour Attachés in Germany*”, in: Emrehan Zeybekoğlu-Bo Johansson (Yay./Ed.), Migration and Labour in Europe. Views from Turkey and Sweden. Marmara Üniversitesi Uluslararası

İlişkiler Araştırma Merkezi (MURCIR) – İsveç Çalışma Yaşamı Ulusal Enstitüsü (NIWL), İstanbul 2003, pp. 82–99;

“*The Role of Turkish Immigrants on Economic and Political Relations between Germany and Turkey*” Elif/Nuroğlu/Ela Sibel Bayrak/Enes Bayraklı (Ed), Turkish-German Affairs from an Interdisciplinary Perspective. Peter Lang Edition. Frankfurt 2015, 41–59;

“*Transnational Turkish–German community in limbo. Consequences of political tensions between migrant receiving and sending countries*” International Migration. Received: 25 July 2021 | Revised: 22 December 2021 | Accepted: 20 February 2022 DOI: 0.1111/imig.13005;

“*Perspectives, Expectations and Suggestions of the Turkish Business Sector on Syrians in Turkey*”, Turkish Confederation of Employer Associations. Ankara December 2015.
