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Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Election of eight members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from among candidates nominated by Governments

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Aili Keskitalo (Norway) has been nominated by her Government for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
2. Biographical information on the candidate is set out in the annex to the present note.



Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Western European and other States

Aili Keskitalo (Norway)

Expertise and networks within societal affairs, public policy, Sami, Nordic and international cooperation.

Norwegian, Sámi, and English as working and meeting languages, good comprehension of German.

Work experience across private, public, and voluntary sectors, with leadership roles in both political and civil society arenas.

Experience in participating in and leading international processes.

Current position

Amnesty International Norway:

Political Advisor: Indigenous Rights, Climate and Environment, 2022–present

Education

- Copenhagen Business School: Master of Public Administration (MPA), 2005
- Sámi University of Applied Sciences (Sámi Allaskuvla), 2011–2022. Indigenous Knowledge, Indigenous Cultural Expressions and Art, Sámi Law
- UiT – The Arctic University of Norway, 1990–1993, 2020. Public Policy and Administration, Sámi Language, Art History.
- Finnmark College, 1988–90. Economics and Administration, 2-year programme

International Experience

- UNESCO International Year of Indigenous Languages (IYIL2019): Co-Chair of Steering Committee and Arctic. Indigenous Peoples' Representative, 2018–2020
- UNESCO International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL 2022–32): Co-Chair of Global Task Force and Arctic. Indigenous Peoples' Representative, 2021
- Barents Regional Council: Member 2009–2013
- Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic
- Region, Permanent Participant 2006–2007, 2010–2013
- Other representation and participation in Norwegian and Sámi delegations to international meetings and processes

Professional Experience

- Sámediggi /The Sámi Parliament of Norway:
- President of the Sámi Parliament: 2005–2007, 2013–2016, 2017–2021

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

- Parliamentary Leader, Norwegian Sámi Association (NSR): 2007–2013, 2016–2017
- Sámi Parliamentarian Council: President 2006–2007, 2013–2015, 2021; Vice President 2005, 2015–2016, 2017–2020; Board Member 2008–2013, 2017
- Sámi University of Applied Sciences (Sámi Allaskuvla),
- Executive Secretary for Sámi Teacher Education Committee,
- Project Consultant for Externally Funded Projects, Registrar, 1998–2005
- Guovdageainnu Municipality: Consultant, 1995–1998
- SAS Commuter: Cabin Attendant, 1992–1995.

Other experience

- Norwegian Human Rights Institution: Board Member, 2023–present, Advisory Committee Member, 2021–2023
 - Sámi National Theatre Beaivváš: Deputy Chair of the Board, 2024–present
 - Bodø2024, European Capital of Culture: Chair of the Board, 2022–present
 - Elle Sofe Sara Company: Board member, 2025-present
 - Men's Equality Commission, member 2022–2024
 - UiT – The Arctic University of Norway: Board Member 2021–present
 - Norwegian Sámi Association (NSR): Chair 2003–2005, 2008–2013
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