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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. Further to the note verbale of the Secretary-General dated 19 December 2006, in which he invited Governments to submit their nominations for membership in the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Secretary-General has received the nominations from their Governments of the following candidates for election to the Permanent Forum.<sup>1</sup>

#### **African States**

Simeon Adewale **Adekanye** (Nigeria)  
Ali **Daouda** (Niger)  
Liliane **Muzangi Mbella** (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

#### **Eastern European States**

Merike **Kokajev** (Estonia)  
A. A. **Nikiforov** (Russian Federation)

#### **Latin American and Caribbean States**

Carlos Mamani **Condori** (Bolivia)

#### **Western European and other States**

Bartolomé Clavero **Salvador** (Spain)  
Carsten **Smith** (Norway)

2. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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<sup>1</sup> Information on the terms of office and pattern for election to the Permanent Forum of the eight members nominated by Governments is contained in document E/2007/9/Add.2.



## **Simeon Adewale Adekanye (Nigeria)**

Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, New York

### **Education and academic qualifications**

- 1967-1970 BA (Hons) political science, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana
- 1975 Certificate in Portuguese, King's College, University of London, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

### **Work experience**

- 1971-2003 Foreign Service Officer, Nigerian Foreign Service
- 1992-1989 Served in Nigerian embassies in Washington, D.C., London and Guinea-Bissau
- 1989-2003 Served in various capacities including Assistant Director and Director in the Headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Lagos/Abuja
- 1991-2006 Appointed as Nigerian Ambassador to Austria (concurrent with accreditation as Permanent/Resident Representative to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Office at Vienna and the International Atomic Energy Agency), and Switzerland and currently Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, New York

### **Other relevant experience**

Member of the Nigerian delegation to General Assembly sessions, summits including that of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Millennium Summit of the United Nations and conferences and meetings on Organization of African Unity (OAU) peacekeeping and the World Bank

**United Nations languages spoken:** English

## **Ali Daouda (Niger)**

Research teaching fellow at Abdou Moumouni University, Niamey (Sociology Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences)

### **Education and academic qualifications**

1991	Doctoral dissertation, Cocody University, Abidjan
1986-1987	Diplôme d'études approfondies (post-graduate diploma) in sociology
1984-1985	Maîtrise (master's degree)
1983-1984	Licence (bachelor's degree)
1982-1983	Diplôme universitaire d'études littéraires (diploma in letters, awarded after the first two years of university studies)

### **Work experience**

1995	Research teaching fellow, Sociology Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Niamey
1996	Associate lecturer, Faculty of Economics and Law, Faculty of Agronomy, University of Niamey
1997-2000	Head of Department, Sociology Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Niamey
1999-2000	Technical Adviser, Private Office of the President, Office of the President of the Republic of the Niger
Since 2006	Technical Adviser, Private Office of the Minister, Ministry for Population and Social Action

### **Other relevant experience**

- President of the student UNESCO Club at Abdou Moumouni University, Niamey (2002-2003)
- Founding member of the research group on vocational training in Africa, Dakar, African Centre for Higher Studies in Management (CESAG) (2002)
- Member of the 7th Thematic Network of the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS), Coordinator of the Niger team (2001)
- Member of the committee of independent experts of the special development programme of the Agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie since 2000
- Founding member of the Réseau Sahélien d'Édition et de Publication (RESADEP) from 1993 to 1997, Coordinator in charge of the section for seminars and symposia
- Member of the think tank on the social security system of the Niger, part of the Economic Council project under the Ministry of Finance and Planning (1995)
- Member of the Euro-African Association for the Anthropology of Social Change and Development (APAD) (1991)

**United Nations languages spoken:** English, French

## **Liliane Muzangi Mbella (Democratic Republic of the Congo)**

### **Education and academic qualifications**

- 1963-1969 Primary studies at the Lycée du Sacré-Coeur, now the Lycée Bosangan, Kinshasa (Certificat d'études primaires) (certificate of primary studies)
- 1969-1972 Middle school studies at the Lycée du Sacré-Coeur, Kinshasa (Brevet du cycle d'orientation) (middle school certificate)
- 1973-1976 Humanities and literature, at the Lycée Kabambare (Ste Thérèse de Lisieux), Kinshasa: Specialization: Latin and philosophy (Diplôme d'Etat) (State diploma)
- 1976-1977 1er Gradué (first degree) in law. University of Kinshasa (formerly UNAZA)
- 1978-1982 Gradué (teaching qualification) from the Institut Supérieur Pédagogique (higher institute of teacher training), La Gombe, Kinshasa: Specialization: French and African linguistics

### **Work experience**

- 1981-1982: Teaching practice at the Lycée Kabambare, Kinshasa
- 1982-1983: Teacher at the OSASE approved private school (formerly Bambinière)

### **Other relevant experience**

Participation in the High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS; round table on orphans and children made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS (2005, New York)

Resource person at various regional and subregional seminars organized by United Nations bodies (2004-2006) on:

- Conflict resolution and management
- Protection of the rights of indigenous peoples
- Resource management
- Gender equality

Participation in the First World Francophone Indigenous Congress (2006) in Morocco

Participation in sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2005-2006)

**United Nations languages spoken:** French

**Merike Kokajev (Estonia)**

Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations in New York

**Education and academic qualifications**

- 1982 St. Petersburg State University  
1996 École d'Administration publique, Paris

**Work experience**

- 1991-1992 Second Secretary, Protocol Department  
1992-1995 Second Secretary, Embassy of Estonia in Brussels  
1995-1998 Deputy Chief of Protocol, Protocol Department  
1998-1999 Acting Chief of Protocol, Protocol Department  
1999-2002 Duty Head, Permanent Mission of Estonia to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva  
2002-2005 Director, Political Department, Division of International Organizations  
2005- Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations in New York

**Other relevant experience**

Ms. Kokajev has participated in the Commission on Human Rights, the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, the Working Group to draft the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, and the open-ended intersessional ad hoc working group on a permanent forum for indigenous people; and is a current member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Honours: Commander of the Order of Merit of Norway; and Commander of the Order of Merit of Greece

**United Nations languages spoken:** English, French, Russian

**A. A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation)**

Deputy Director, Department of Humanitarian Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

**Education and academic qualifications**

1981            Moscow State Institute of International Relations

**Work experience**

1982-1983      Embassy of the USSR in Jamaica

1983-1989      Attaché, Third Secretary, Latin American Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR

1989-1993      Third Secretary, Embassy of the USSR/Russian Federation in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

1993-1995      First Secretary, Department of International Humanitarian and Cultural Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, member of the International Quadripartite Commission on Refugees in Georgia/Abkhazia

1995-1999      First Secretary, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York

1999-2002      Head of Division, Department of Compatriot Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

2002-2007      Counsellor, Senior Counsellor (Head of the Human Rights and Social Issues Division), Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York

2007-            Deputy Director, Department for Humanitarian Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

**Other relevant experience**

Between 1993 and 2007, Mr. Nikiforov participated in the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council, the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Council for the International Organization for Migration. He has also served on a number of committees and participated in meetings such as the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, the Conference on Refugees and Displaced Persons of the Territory of the Former Soviet Union, a session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

**United Nations languages spoken:** English, Russian, Spanish

## **Carlos Mamani Condori (Bolivia)**

Academic, University of San Andrés, La Paz

### **Education and academic qualifications**

- 1979-1987 History degree, University of San Andrés (UMSA)  
 1989-1991 International master's degree in Andean history, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences Ecuador branch (Quito)

### **Work experience**

- 1988-1989 Research assistant, Institute of Historical Research and Bolivian Studies, UMSA  
 1990-1991 Field work in the Pilahuín community, Tungurahua province, Ecuador  
 1991-1993 Professor, Bolivian social education I (Sociology degree course, UMSA, La Paz)  
 1992-2005 Full professor, Pre-Columbian and colonial reality (Anthropology and archaeology degree course, UMSA, La Paz)  
 2004-2005 Director, Centre for Aymara Studies

### **Other relevant experience**

Mr. Condori has taken part in a number of national, regional and multilateral events that have been organized to address the many issues constituting indigenous issues. In this context, he has taken up the cause of the defence and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples and his contributions in this area have been used in the drafting of key legislative instruments at the national and regional levels. He has also written a number of articles and publications relating to indigenous issues and pre-Columbian cultures. The Government of Bolivia is convinced that, with this background, Mr. Condori will make a significant contribution to the tasks entrusted to the group of governmental experts, thereby ensuring that the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues has before it concrete proposals yielding tangible results, in order to ensure, in turn, that the international community has the resources and guiding principles it requires to respond to the expectations and needs of the world's indigenous peoples.

**United Nations languages spoken:** Spanish

## **Bartolomé Clavero Salvador (Spain)**

Professor/Head of Department

### **Education and academic qualifications**

1969 Bachelor's degree in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville

1972 Doctor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville

### **Work experience**

1969-1973 Assistant professor, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville

1973-1976 Associate professor, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville

1976-1980 Senior professor, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville

1988-1989 Professor/Head of Department, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cadiz

1989-present Professor/Head of Department, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville

### **Other relevant experience**

Dr. Clavero, Professor/Head of Department at the University of Seville and Director of the programme entitled "Indigenous Peoples and Legal Multiculturalism" at the International University of Andalusia, is well known for his work on the research, promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples, both nationally and internationally.

**United Nations languages spoken:** English, French



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**Carsten Smith (Norway)**

Professor of Law, President of the University of Oslo (1993-1998), and Former Chief justice of the Supreme Court of Norway

**Education and academic qualifications**

1956 Law degree, University of Oslo

1956 Attorney

1964 Doctor juris

**Work experience**

1957 Assistant Professor

1960 Deputy Judge, Associate Professor

1964-1991 Professor of Law, University of Oslo

1987, 1989-1990 Supreme Court Justice (temporary)

1991-2002 Chief Justice

**Other relevant experience**

Chairman, Law Commission on agency, Central Bank Law Commission, Law Commission on interest on payments, Commission for revising the law on private banks; Chairman of Saami Rights Commission, Commission on human rights in Norwegian legislation; special adviser to the Commission for general revision of banking and monetary law; Chairman of the Commission for reviewing the Norwegian court system; Chairman on Nordic Saami Rights Convention; Chairman of the Commission on fishing rights in the ocean north of Norway. Has lectured at a number of universities, been editor-in-chief of legal journals and member and chairman of a number of committees dealing with the organization of research and education.

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