

**Second Part: Word APPLICATION FORM FOR SPECIAL PROCEDURES  
MANDATE HOLDERS**

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples**

How to start the application process:

- The application process has been split into 2 parts, the first part is a Web-based survey and the second part is an application form in word which can be downloaded, completed and returned by email. Both parts and all sections of the application form should be filled in for the application to be processed.

The **first part**, i.e. the Web-based survey is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate/s applying for and nominating entity. **The web-based survey should only be completed once**, i.e. multiple selection allowed to indicate if the candidate is applying for more than one mandates.

This is the **second part, i.e.** of the application form in Word which can be downloaded, completed and saved in word format and then submitted as an attachment by email. Information provided in this form, includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words, will be used as received to prepare the public list of candidates who applied for each vacancy and will be made available to concerned parties, including through the OHCHR Internet.

Once completed the application form in Word should be submitted by email to [hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)

If the candidate is applying for more than one mandates, an application form needs to be completed and sent for each mandate.

- A maximum of 3 reference letters can be attached, in pdf format, to the application sent by email. No additional document is required.
- **Application Deadline: 31 OCTOBER 2013 (midnight, GMT).**
- Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

Family Name: Dodson	Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
First Name: Michael (Mick)	Date of birth ( d-MMM-yy): 10-Apr-50
Maiden name (if any):	Place of birth: Katherine, Northern Territory
Middle name: James	Nationality(please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Australian
	Any other nationality:

**II. MANDATE - SPECIFIC COMPETENCE/QUALIFICATION/KNOWLEDGE**

**NOTE: Please describe why the candidate's competence/qualifications/knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:**

<p>QUALIFICATIONS (200 words) Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)</p>	<p>Professor Dodson has many relevant tertiary qualifications that would make him an outstanding candidate for this position. He is a vastly experienced and effective communicator and has been part of the negotiating team during the development of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the 'drafter' for the Pacific Region in the development of the recent Alta Outcome Document for the UN high-level plenary meeting known as the World Conference of Indigenous Peoples 2014.</p> <p>He completed a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and a Bachelor of Laws at Monash University, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters from the University of Technology Sydney in 1998 and also holds an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of NSW. He worked with the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service from 1976 to 1981; when he became a barrister at the Victorian Bar. He joined the Northern Land Council as Senior Legal Adviser in 1984 and became Director of the Council in 1990.</p> <p>From August 1988 to October 1990 he was Counsel assisting the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. Professor Dodson is presently a member of the Publications Committee for the</p>
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	<p>University of New South Wales Indigenous Law Reporter. He is a member of the New South Wales Judicial Commission and a former special commissioner with the Western Australian Law Reform Commission.</p>
<p><b>RELEVANT EXPERTISE (200 words)</b>          Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired).          Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations' work in the area of human rights. (Please state how this was acquired).          Proven work experience in the field of human rights. (Please state years of experience).</p>	<p>Professor Dodson has a vast knowledge of international human rights principles and instruments.</p> <p>Professor Dodson participated in the crafting of the text of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United Nation Working Group on Indigenous Populations and the Inter-sessional Working Group of the Human Rights Commission adopted overwhelmingly in 2007 by the United Nations General Assembly.</p> <p>He was the Co-Deputy Chair of the Technical Committee for the 1993 International Year of the World's Indigenous People. He was also chairman of the United Nations Advisory Group for the Voluntary Fund for the Decade of Indigenous Peoples.</p> <p>He served for period of 5 years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Indigenous Voluntary Fund. In January 2005 Prof Dodson took up a 3 year appointment as a member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and was reappointed for a further 3 years to December 2010.</p>
<p><b>ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)</b>          Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired).</p>	<p>Professor Dodson has been a vigorous advocate of the rights and interests of the Indigenous Peoples of the world for over twenty years and domestically in Australia for nearly forty years.</p> <p>In Australia he has worked with the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service from 1976 to 1981; when he became a barrister at the Victorian Bar. He joined the Northern Land Council as Senior Legal Adviser in 1984 and became Director of the Council in 1990.</p> <p>He has a long and outstanding record as a powerful advocate for the human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and has been recognised</p>

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	<p>for this work in many ways, including being named as Australian of the Year in 2009.</p> <p>In 1993, Professor Dodson was appointed as the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner within the Australian Human Rights Commission. In 1998 he was Counsel Assisting on the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. In these roles he advocated for justice for Indigenous children separated from their families and to seek to uncover the underlying reason for the over-representation of Indigenous Australians who die in prisons respectively.</p>
<p><b>FLEXIBILITY/READINESS AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME (200 words)</b> to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. (Indicate whether candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approx. three months per year to the work of a mandate)</p>	<p>As stated above in several of the categories above, Professor Dodson has a long experience of advocacy of Indigenous issues at both the domestic and international levels. He has given freely of his expertise, time and commitment to advocate the human rights and interests of Indigenous peoples in Australia and around the world.</p> <p>He has always prioritized these issues above and beyond his own personal interests and advancement to advocate any possible advantage that could be obtained by Indigenous peoples around the world. His great contribution to the advancement of the human rights of Indigenous peoples is evidenced during his membership of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.</p> <p>He has a proven track record of managing these competing interests and providing his energies to the areas where he can have the greatest effect.</p> <p>He has done this time and again at the international</p>

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	<p>level, where at great personal cost he has put the interest of his people above his own.</p> <p>We believe he will similarly approach the responsibilities of the Special Rapporteur in a similar vein. He can rely upon the support of the Indigenous Peoples Organisation Network (the IPO) in Australia and the Pacific Indigenous Caucus as he advocates for the human rights of Indigenous peoples across the world.</p>
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**III. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

Please indicate all language skills

<u>Languages</u>	<u>Read</u>		<u>Write</u>		<u>Speak</u>	
	<u>Easily</u>	<u>Not Easily</u>	<u>Easily</u>	<u>Not Easily</u>	<u>Easily</u>	<u>Not Easily</u>
<u>Arabic</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Chinese</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>English</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>French</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Russian</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Spanish</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Mother tongue:</u> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**IV. Motivation Letter (600 word limit)**

Professor Dodson has been a vigorous advocate of the rights and interests of the Indigenous Peoples of the world for over twenty years and domestically in Australia for nearly forty years.

From humble beginnings, born in a remote community of Katherine in the Northern Territory, Australia, he has risen to be one of our great leaders, not only within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, but also across the wider population. This leadership has been founded on a human rights approach and has seen him at the forefront of many significant battles for our inherent rights as First Peoples of Australia.

He was a member of the team of Indigenous leaders who negotiated the passage of the Native Title Act through our national Parliament. At the time Professor Dodson said that: 'the recognition of native title [i]s more than a recognition of Indigenous property interests, it is also about the recognition of our human rights'.

He was appointed as the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commission in 1993, a position described by the current Special Rapporteur as an 'exceptional model for advancing the recognition and protection of rights of indigenous peoples'.

In this position, together with the President of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, Sir Ronald Wilson, he brought the plight of the removal of Indigenous children from their families to national attention with his landmark Bringing Them Home Report. This Report uncovered the dark shame in Australia's past about the treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and led a healing process that culminated in the National Apology given by Prime Minister Rudd in February 2008.

His work in the Australian community more generally was recognised and celebrated in 2009 when he was named Australian of the Year, by the independent National Australia Day Council.

Internationally, Professor Dodson has made significant contributions to the advancement of the human rights global Indigenous populations. He was a key participant in drafting the text of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations (WGIP), and the Inter-sessional Working Group of the Human Rights Commission which was adopted overwhelmingly in 2007 by the United Nations General Assembly.

Professor Mick Dodson was appointed to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) for an initial three-year term commencing in 2004, and for a further three-year term in 2007.

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During this period, Professor Dodson reinforced his reputations as a leading advocate and scholar of Indigenous human rights working on issues such as the customary laws pertaining to indigenous traditional knowledge and the extent to which these laws be reflected in international and national standards, Indigenous fishing rights in the seas with case studies from Australia and Norway, a draft guide on the relevant principles contained in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, International Labour Organisation Convention No. 169 and International Labour Organisation Convention No. 107 that relate to Indigenous land tenure and management arrangements, and the implementation of the recommendations of the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum and on the Millennium Development Goals

For over forty years, Professor Dodson has worked tirelessly to improve outcomes for Indigenous peoples around the world based on the advancement of our human rights.

He has dedicated his life selflessly to this cause and the experience and wisdom he has attained over these years equips him ideally to take up the role and responsibilities of the position of Special Rapporteur to advocate and advance the rights of indigenous peoples.



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**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate's academic qualifications: (university level and higher)**

<b>Name of degree and name of academic institution</b>	<b>Years of Attendance</b>	<b>Place and Country</b>
Bachelor of Jurisprudence, Monash University		Melbourne Australia
Bachelor of Laws, Monash University		Melbourne Australia
Visiting Scholar Udall Center for Studies in Social Policy – University of Arizona	1 year	Arizona, USA
Gough Whitlam & Malcolm Fraser Harvard Chair in Australian Studies - Harvard University.  Visiting Professor Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, Malcolm Weiner Center for Social Policy, John F Kennedy School of Government.	1 year	Cambridge, USA

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**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held, beginning with the most recent one:**

Name of Employer Functional Title Main functions of position	Years of Attendance/ Work	Place and Country
<p>Director - ANU National Centre for Indigenous Studies Professor of Law – ANU College of Law - Australian National University</p> <p>Major responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– To foster and encourage excellence in training, professional activities and research in the general field of Indigenous Studies within the Australian National University.</li> <li>– To develop links between the University scholarly community and outside organizations within the general area of Indigenous Studies.</li> <li>– To work effectively and collaboratively with other staff across a broad range of disciplines to further enhance the University’s overall reputation and standing in Indigenous Studies.</li> <li>– Supervise and mentor students at Honours and Post-graduate level.</li> </ul>	2003-Present	Canberra, Australia
<p>Director – Indigenous Law Centre – Faculty of Law University of New South Wales.</p> <p>Major responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Act as the public face of the ILC.</li> <li>– Supervise staff and manage the Centre</li> <li>– Provide advice on policy and strategic directions to the Advisory Committee, the Management Committee and Centre staff</li> </ul>	1998-1999	Sydney, Australia

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<p>– Provide advice and support to ILC research projects and activities</p>		
<p>Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission Sydney, NSW</p> <p>Major Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Managing and supervising all human, physical and financial resources.</li> <li>– Taking collegiate responsibility for all aspects of the Commission.</li> <li>– Producing an annual report to the Federal Parliament on Social Justice under the provision of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Act 1986.</li> <li>– Producing an annual report to the Federal Parliament on Native Title under the Provision of the Native Title Act 1993.</li> <li>– Implementing the National Community Education Project pursuant to recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Report.</li> <li>– Implementing the National Indigenous Legal Curriculum Project pursuant to a recommendation of the Royal Commission into Aboriginals Deaths in Custody Report.</li> <li>– Providing expert advice to government, government agencies, non-government organisations and other policy units of the Commission on indigenous human rights issues.</li> <li>– Raising awareness of the general public through education on indigenous human rights issues.</li> <li>– Provide advice on policy and strategic directions to the Advisory Committee, the Management Committee and Centre staff.</li> </ul>	<p>1993-1998</p>	<p>Sydney, Australia</p>
<p>Director - Northern Land Council</p> <p>Major Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Co-ordinating the financial and personnel management of the</li> </ul>	<p>1990-1993</p>	<p>Darwin, Australia</p>

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<p>staff of the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Implementing Council policy relating to Aboriginal land matters.</li><li>- Providing timely and comprehensive advice to the Council on matters affecting Aboriginal land-based issues in the Council's region of responsibility.</li><li>- Representing Council publicly in the media, conferences, and seminars. Locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.</li></ul>		
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**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS (of  
Council Resolution 5/1)**

1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause him/her to limit the extent of their inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.

No

2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate's ability to act independently in discharging his/her mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

3. Is there any reason, currently or in that past, that could call into question the candidate's moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which she/he discharges his mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the Annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1?

*Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.*

*Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate-holders will act in their personal capacity*

Yes

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5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, he/she will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the Annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.

Not Applicable

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Thank you for your interest.